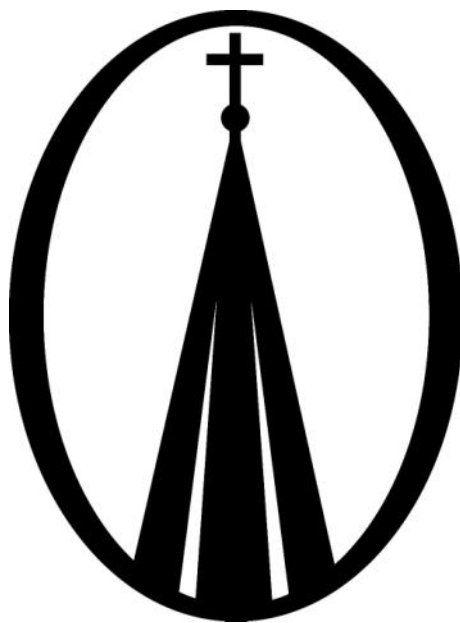


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**News & info for the family of St. John  
Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill**



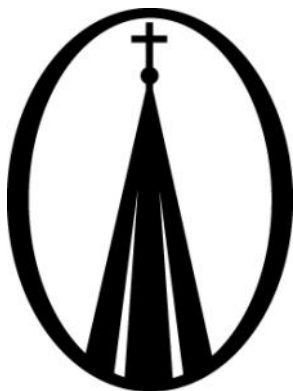
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The deadline for the  
February newsletter is:

**Monday  
January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Submissions received after  
this date will be included if  
time and space allow. If ma-  
terial is still relevant, late  
submissions will be included  
in the next month's newslet-  
ter. Thank you!



Pastor Shea Berbaum will begin his first service on **January 5<sup>th</sup>**. He is very excited and looking forward to joining us in ministry! We hope everyone got a chance to meet him in November and if not you are in for a treat! We are looking forward to his installation and to welcoming him to St. John and to Washington County. Please keep Pastor Shea and his family in your prayers as he prepares to join us.

St. John would like to say thank you again to our Call Committee. All their time, hard work, and dedication has paid off and we could not have done it without them! We appreciate you!

# READINGS FOR JANUARY

JANUARY		FIRST READING	RESPONSIVE	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
5	Christmas 2	JEREMIAH 31:7-14	PSALM 147:12-20	EPHESIANS 1:3-14	JOHN 1:1-18
12	Baptism of Our Lord	ISAIAH 42:1-9	PSALM 29	ACTS 10:34-43	MATTHEW 3:13-17
19	Epiphany 2	ISAIAH 49:1-7	PSALM 40:1-11	1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9	JOHN 1:29-42
26	Epiphany 3	ISAIAH 9:1-4	PSALM 27:1, 4-9	1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18	MATTHEW 4:12-23



Jan.	Acolyte(10:05AM)	Layreader	Flowers Given By
5	Robert Spinn Adilynn Lange	Connie Rohde Jean Seeker	<i>Don &amp; Regina Holtkamp</i>
12	Kinley Antkowiak Corbin Janner	Riley Moehlmann Karen Rosenbaum	--OPEN--
19	Morgan Westerfeld Swayzee Huckert	Camryn Finke Joseph Ordner	<i>Brandy Moehlmann</i>
26	Randa Tillman Lucas Flynn	Connor Himly Bethany Janner	<i>Trey &amp; Cathy Boeker</i>

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# Baptismal Anniversaries



1/01/1946	Allen Parker	1/18/1987	Rachel Church
1/01/1953	David Stegent	1/20/2002	Lea Alcala
1/01/1959	Mark Williams	1/21/1996	Hunter Seeker
1/01/1970	Robert Fairlie	1/24/1965	Mark Marburger
1/01/1979	Alexandra Amann	1/24/2010	Logan Boeker
1/02/1949	Judy Wagner	1/26/1936	Dolores Seeker
1/04/2004	Kayla Rosenbaum	1/26/1969	Sandra Tillman
1/05/1969	Lisa Chavelas	1/27/1946	Carol Westerfeld
1/08/1936	Myrtle Randermann	1/29/1970	Jerome Cavner
1/08/1950	John Haarmeyer	1/29/2012	Colt Kmiec
1/08/1956	Anne Merkel	1/30/1949	Charles Gaskamp
1/08/1995	Colby Seeker	1/30/1983	Wayne Ehlert
1/09/2000	Kory Moehlmann	1/31/1960	Gayle Bednar
1/12/1986	Justin Reuter	1/31/1988	Lauren Davis
1/13/1980	Trenton Kuecker	1/31/1992	Garrett Schramme
1/15/2012	Wyatt Davis		
1/15/2017	Oliver Schramme		

# Wedding Anniversaries



1/01/2005	Ryan & Linda Tosta	1/15/1983	Brian & Pam Knebel
1/13/2001	Lance & Shannon Altman	1/17/1998	Mark & Karen Eckert

*You are in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate your special day. May God richly bless you!*

**Thanks  
for Your  
Help!**

Thank you to Glenda Stegent for taking the orders,  
delivering the poinsettias and keeping them watered  
for all of us who purchased and gave donations.  
We appreciate you and couldn't have done it without you!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed spending quality time with their family and friends celebrating the birth of Jesus.

The children of St. John did an exceptional job performing in our annual Christmas program. It is truly a blessing to see the youth of our congregation engaged in the true meaning of Christmas. The program would not have been such a great success without the help of several people. First, a big thank you to Jennifer Schroeder who was the mastermind and director of the program. It was a wonderful, thoughtful, and engaging performance, sharing the reason behind the season. A special thank you to our pianist, Linda Schulze for her time and dedication to the many practices of the Christmas program. She plays the music beautifully and the kids love being greeted by her warm smile each week. The program would not be possible without the parents and children. We appreciate the time you dedicated to ensuring we had a successful program. Last but certainly not least a big thank you to all of the congregation for the Christmas bag donations and those who helped prepare those bags. The children look forward to receiving these bags every year, and we couldn't do it without you.

Christmas in the Country was a huge success. Kids of all ages enjoyed laughter and fellowship together by making snow globes, and enjoying hot chocolate and homemade cookies! Thank you to Kelly Antkowiak and to everyone who helped to make this event exciting and memorable for all.

I want to take a moment and thank Jennifer Schroeder for a wonderful job as Sunday School Superintendent for the 2019 year. We appreciate your time and dedication to the youth of St. John's. I would also like to welcome our new Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Brooke Huckert. Brooke is excited to serve our congregation and has so much to share with us at St. John's. I am looking forward to a wonderful 2020 Sunday School year which will kick off January 12<sup>th</sup>.



Heather Myers  
Sunday School Superintendent



St. John and Sunday School would like to say a huge "Thank You" to Emery & Helen Schulze for their 50 + years of service. We appreciate all their time, hard work and dedication in recording and depositing Sunday School offerings.



# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 <b><u>Special Envelope:</u></b> <b>Lutheran Disaster Response</b>			<b>1</b> Office Closed 
<b>5</b>  <b>8:00AM</b> Holy Communion <b>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</b> <b>10:05AM</b> Holy Communion	<b>6</b>  <b>6:30PM</b> Executive Committee Meeting	<b>7</b>  <b>9:30AM "Weekly Word"</b>  <b>6:30PM</b> Rachel	<b>8</b>  <b>6:00PM</b> Confirmation
<b>12</b>  <b>8:00AM</b> Holy Communion <b>9:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:05AM</b> Holy Communion	<b>13</b>  <b>6:00PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>14 FOOD PANTRY</b>  <b>9:30AM "Weekly Word"</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>6:00PM</b> Confirmation
<b>19</b>  <b>8:00AM</b> Holy Communion <b>9:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:05AM</b> Holy Communion	<b>20</b>  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>9:00AM</b> Quilting <b>9:30AM "Weekly Word"</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>6:00PM</b> Confirmation
<b>26</b>  <b>8:00AM</b> Holy Communion <b>9:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>9:15AM Semi- Annual Congregational Meeting</b> <b>10:05AM</b> Holy Communion	<b>27</b>	<b>28 FOOD PANTRY</b>  <b>9:00AM</b> Quilting <b>9:30AM "Weekly Word"</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>6:00PM</b> Confirmation

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>2</b> Office Closed <b>Annual Reports Due</b>	<b>3</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b>	<b>COMMUNION BREAD</b> Debra Westerfeld  <b>SCREEN</b> Brandy Moehlmann  <b>ALTAR PREPARATION</b> Connie Rohde Janet Wehring  <b>FAMILY AID</b> Carolyn Kessel  <b>MEMORIAL COMMITTEE</b> Deanna Giese Patty Schroeder  <b>SANCTUARY PREP</b> Virginia Altman <i>Replacement needed</i>  <b>USHERS</b> Fred & Debra Westerfeld Larry Pieper  <b>TELLERS</b> Donna Skrla Gary Schulze
<b>9</b> Office Closed <b>10:00AM</b> Naomi Circle  <b>2PM</b> Ladies Aid	<b>10</b> Office Closed	<b>11</b> <b>Men's Breakfast</b>	
<b>16</b> Office Closed	<b>17</b> Office Closed	<b>18</b>	
<b>23</b> Office Closed	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b>	
<b>30</b> Office Closed	<b>31</b> Office Closed		

## POINSETTIAS 2019

<i><b>Given by...</b></i>	<i><b>In Loving Memory of...</b></i>
Bobby & Susi Bentke	Christine Bentke
Donna Bentke (3)	Herman Bentke, Jr.
	Herman & Emma Bentke
	Ernest Kolwes & Elsie Haevischer
Tom Bentke	Myrtle Bentke
David Bryan (2)	Linda Bryan; WJ & Blanche Bryan
	Fred & Bernice Harper
Phyllis Bickham	Kenneth L. Bickham
Kristy Wolff Cochran (2)	Alvin & Esther Schawe
Audrey & Callie Dismukes	Alexander E Grote; Freddie & Esther Dahmann
Kevin, Anna, Camryn & Owen Finke (3)	Kervin Finke; Biddy Kettler; Tracy Krumrey
Ruth, Lisa & Kallie Finke (2)	Kervin Finke, Gilbert & Erna Finke;
	Theo & Anna Rau
Ruth Finke (2)	Kervin Finke; Gilbert & Erna Finke;
	Theo & Anna Rau
Delores Gaskamp	Floyd Gaskamp & Robert Keith
Barnay & Connie Glaesmann	Loved Ones
Alex & Cullen Grote	Alexander E Grote; Freddie & Esther Dahmann
Judy Grote	Alex Grote; Freddie & Esther Dahmann
Gerald & Brenda Herrmann (3)	Loved Ones
Kevin Hill Family (2)	Kevin Hill
Darrell, Gayle & Connor Himly (2)	Kervin Finke; Gilbert & Erna Finke;
	Theo & Anna Rau
Alvin & Allene Holtkamp	Loved Ones
The Janner Family (2)	Gilbert & Kathryn Janner
Tyler, Austin & Taylor Klatte; Sam An	Herbert Klatte Sr.
Tyler, Austin & Taylor Klatte; Lucas Anderson	Naomi Zopfi
Kimberly Kraft (3)	Sonny & Geneva Ehlert; Esther Ehlert;
	Pat & Dee Schroeder
Glenn & Connie Mueller (2)	Karen & Dennis Brown; Jim & Ruth Brown;
	Authur & Rosalie Mueller
Ronnie & Glenda Neutzler (2)	Elmer & Lillie Neutzler
Danney & Connie Rohde	Milton & Elvera Janner; Clinton & Genell Rohde
Lydia Rust	Family

Emery & Helen Schulze	Allen Schulze
Butch Seeker Family (2)	LaNell Seeker
Charles & Ellen Spinn (2)	Our Parents
David & Glenda Stegent	Walter Thielemann
John & LaVerna Wegner	Raymond & Anita Jeske
Dorothy Wiesepape	Loved Ones
Steven & Margie Witt (3)	Edwin & Anna Preuss; Erich & Lillie Witt
James & Florence Wolff (2)	Alvin & Esther Schawe; Glenwood Schwartz;
	Agnes "Andy" & Elton Anderson Sr.
<b><i>Given by...</i></b>	<b><i>In Honor of...</i></b>
Kristy Wolff Cochran	Burnie & Nellie Wolff
Audrey & Callie Dismukes	Judy Grote (GiGi)
Audrey & Callie Dismukes	Poncho & Julie Dismukes
Ruth Finke	Children and Grandchildren
Alex & Cullen Grote	Judy Grote (GiGi)
Tyler, Austin & Taylor Klatte; Sam An	Esther Mae Klatte
Tyler, Austin & Taylor Klatte; Lucas Anderson	Michael & Janice Anderson
Linda Schulze	Ladies Aid
Butch Seeker Family	Pastor Jill for her caring service to St. John
Al & Audrey Steinbach	Children and Grandchildren
Steven & Margie Witt	Clarence Witt
James & Florence Wolff	Burnie & Nellie Wolff
<b><i>DONATIONS TO HOSPICE</i></b>	
<b><i>Given by...</i></b>	<b><i>In Loving Memory of...</i></b>
Phyllis Bickham	Kenneth L. Bickham
David Bryan	Linda Bryan; WJ & Blanche Bryan
	Fred & Bernice Harper
Ben & Carolyn Kessel	Loved Ones
Tyler, Austin & Taylor Klatte	Herbert Klatte Sr.
Kevin, Anna, Camryn & Owen Finke	Kervin Finke
Danney & Connie Rohde	Milton & Elvera Janner; Clinton & Genell Rohde
Lydia Rust	Family
Evelyn Thielemann	Walter Thielemann
<b><i>Given By...</i></b>	<b><i>In Honor of...</i></b>
Linda Schulze	Ladies Aid

## Coffee & Doughnuts

On the first Sunday of the month there will be doughnuts and coffee. Please stay after the 8 o'clock or come early to the 10 o'clock for a time of fellowship. See you January 5<sup>th</sup>!



## Men's Breakfast Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

We would like to invite all men of St John to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month for breakfast starting at 7:00am.

With a short meeting following.

## Prairie Hill Food Pantry Upcoming Dates:

January 14 & 28

7-8:30AM



**2020 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex!**

## Flower Chart

The 2020 Flower Chart has been posted in the Annex. Please sign up for your altar flowers for next year!



There will be no Senior Party in January.  
Please save the date for their next event:  
February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM in the Activity Center.

## January Quilting Schedule

We will meet on **January 21 and 28.**

Deanna Giese will host. We meet at 9AM to noon.

Come join us for quilting, sewing and tying LWR quilts.



## **Council Highlights**

The Church Council of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church met for its monthly meeting on December 9, 2019, at 6:00 pm in the Church annex. Council President, Jon Westerfeld, called the meeting to order. Pastor Jill Vivroux opened the meeting with prayer. All members were present except Grayson Marburger and Christin Seeker.

**MSC to approve** the November minutes.

### **New Business**

**MSC to approve** new member James Antkowiak.

**MSC to approve** bonuses for secretary and Pastor.

**MSC to approve** Vice Chairman, Jon Westerfeld for 2020

**MSC to approve** Blood Drive dates for April 26<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup> 2020.

**MSC to approve** Pastor appreciation gathering after both services on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**MSC to approve** one service on November 15, 2020 for Good Neighbor Sunday.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Community Concerns Report**

**Becki Schawe**

Served 11 members at Senior Day. Served 135 people at Kervin Finke funeral, 85 at Kevin Hill and 96 at Linda Bryan. Food Pantry served 93 families and 267 people. Blood drive had 14 donors. Next year blood drive dates are set for April 26<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Youth Report**

**Charles Gaskamp**

Thanks go out to the youth for delivering food on Good Neighbor Sunday to 119 members.

### **Evangelism Report**

**Chad Westerfeld**

Good Neighbor Sunday will be November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with only one service.

### **Property Report**

**Grayson Marburger**

Carpet has been removed and paint crew will be starting soon.

### **Pastor's Report**

**Pastor Jill Vivroux**

Report as submitted.

**MSC to accept all reports as given.**

**MSC to adjourn.**

**Thank you to all the 2019 Council Members for  
donating their time and serving St. John!**

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**Semi-Annual  
Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:15AM**

Pastor  
Church Secretary  
Sexton  
Accompanists

The Rev. Shea Berbaum  
Johanna Becker  
Sherry Randermann  
Mary Longhofer,  
Linda Pieper, Linda Schulze

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