## **News and Notes**

- From the week of December 4 -

**Living Nativity!** We give thanks to God for all the people who helped share the gospel of Jesus with our Live Nativity Event held yesterday - whether you helped with the planning, prayed for the event, donated cookies, served refreshments, participated as an actor, or shared it with a friend, we thank you and give thanks to God for you!

**Advent Devotions:** "Word Made Flesh" is a free advent devotional book from MLC as a gift to us - to help remind us of our need for a flesh-and-blood Savior, one who stepped into human history, changing it—and us—forever. There are 25 Advent devotions, one for each day December 1-25. There are hard copies in the back of church for you to take home as well as digital options for viewing. Visit: <a href="https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/">https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/</a> or look for the link in the weekly eMessenger for more info.

## **The Christmas Project 2022**

With the holiday season officially upon us, we've once again begun that time of year where our lives are especially full...even while perhaps feeling empty. It's our joy to offer you a resource that we've put together which we pray will help your holiday season be full: full of hope, love, joy, and peace. Visit <u>stjohnslutheran.com/Christmas Project</u> or scan the QR code to receive a free copy. It's also a great way to invite family, friends and neighbors to consider joining us for Christmas this year at St.

John's. Share or like the Christmas Facebook page when it comes on your feed!

**Invite Others to Join Us This Christmas!** Take time out from the holiday hustle and bustle to focus on the one true reason for the season – Jesus! We are asking everyone, young and old, to embrace the privilege and responsibility of sharing Christ with unchurched friends, relatives, and neighbors. A simple way to do that—invite them to come with your family to our Christmas worship services! Postcard invitations are available today. Please take some to invite others!

Christmas Eve, December 24th

Children & Choir Service 4pm Candlelight Worship 6:30pm Christmas Day, December 25th

Festival Worship 10am

**Teen Night – NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 11.** Grades 7-12 are invited for some Christmas fun baking and decorating cookies next Sunday at 5pm!

**Fall Boutique.** The Christian Women's Fellowship appreciates the donations and purchases by church members for the Fall Boutique. Thank you. The sale proceeds of \$445 have been gifted to Camp Croix.

**Christmas Caroling – December 18.** Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3pm to do some Christmas Caroling. We will visit some of the nursing homes and assisted living places in town as well as our shut-in members. The group will return to church for a potluck dinner. Everyone is welcome!

## This week at St. John's:

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Today:	8:00 AM	Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Communion Service
	1:00 PM	Live Nativity Stable Take-down
Monday:	5:30 PM	GriefShare
	6:30 PM	God & Me
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Culvers
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ El Mexican
	10:00 AM	Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal
	11:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Teen Night at St. John's

## **Upcoming Greeters –**

Dec. 4: Larry & Julie Rosenow (8am); Rita Bremer & Carol Oertel (10:30am)

Dec 11: Hank & Lois Nieland (8am); Deb Grenstein (10:30am)

Dec 18: Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Shirley Munger & Jeanne Schumann (10:30am)

Scan the QR code for the full schedule and to sign up for other serving opportunities!