

News and Notes

- From the week of November 23 –

Thanksgiving Eve Worship – Nov. 26 @ 6:30pm

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Worship service the Wednesday night prior to Thanksgiving. The Teens will be serving a pie social after the service. Join us this Wednesday for Thanksgiving Worship Service and be sure to stick around after for fellowship and delicious food! Are you able to donate a pie? A sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship hall!

Advent Devotions: "All Things New"

As we gather around the manger this year, we'll ponder Jesus' words in Revelation 21:5, "I am making everything new!" Is that even possible? How can God fix this world, so marred by sin? How can he possibly make something good out of so much evil, something new out of so much brokenness? In these devotions, we'll see that through the coming of Christ – his birth at Christmas, his presence in our hearts through faith, and his triumphant return at the end of the world – God indeed makes all things new. Please enjoy these devotions gifted by MLC. There are hard copies in the back of the church today, and also available online, or even emailed to your inbox each day.

Visit: <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/>

Christmas Worship Services: The Children's Christmas Worship Service will be held on December 21st @ 10am. Rehearsals will be held each Saturday morning from 10am-11:30am beginning November 29th. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for all our Christmas Worship Services!

Children's Christmas Service
Sunday December 21 10am

Christmas Eve, December 24th
Candlelight Worship 4pm

Christmas Day, December 25th
Festival Worship 10am

Teen Night – Tonight!

On Sunday, November 23th, we will be meeting from 5-7pm for dinner, a Bible study, and then we will be spending some time decorating the Fellowship Hall for our Thanksgiving Eve pie social. On Wednesday the 27th, we will be serving pie after the 6:30pm service. Any teens that want to help serve pie are invited to join us!

Christmas Wreaths

Christmas wreaths from the teen fundraiser will be available for pick-up in the gym on Wednesday evening following Thanksgiving worship! Thank you for supporting our teen fundraiser!

2026 Offering Envelopes

The 2026 offering envelopes are available for you to pick up today in the fellowship hall. If you are unable to locate your envelopes or if you received a packet and no longer need them due to online giving, please contact Michelle at the church office 651-438-37370 or email: michelle.schulte@stjohnslutheran.com

Giving Tree

Ruth Circle is working with Hastings Family Service to collect gift items for those less fortunate this Christmas. If you would like to help, just choose a tag(s) off the Giving Tree, make your purchase and leave your tag and unwrapped gift under the tree by November 30. Gift cards can also be purchased through Ruth Circle which also helps our church's ongoing fundraiser. (Return purchased gift cards to a Ruth Circle member. Please do not leave under the tree).

Sliding Doors

Our Sunday School ministry does so many great things each week. We learn songs, hear a devotion from our pastors, and study a new section of God's Word! To help us get Sunday School started on time we'll be closing sliding doors to the social hall at 9:15AM. We will open them again after the announcements in the 10:30 AM service. This should help cut down on distractions. We hope this helps everyone to better focus on praising our Lord at the late service.

Living Nativity: December 6, 2025- 5pm – 7pm

On December 6th, performances will be held on a continuous basis, every 20 minutes beginning at 5pm. The last performance will be at 6:40pm.

Kitchen Helpers Needed During Live Nativity Event. Kitchen helpers will be needed on December 6 to plate Christmas cookies, serve beverages, and clean-up after the event. Sign-up sheets are posted in the entry way for three work shifts: 4-5:30pm; 5:30-7pm; 7pm for clean-up. Feel free to sign up for more than one shift if you'd like!

Request for Christmas Cookies for Live Nativity Event. Please consider donating one or two dozen Christmas cookies to serve after the Live Nativity performances. A sign-up sheet is posted in the entryway. Cookies should be brought to the church kitchen between noon and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6. Please inform a kitchen helper if the cookies contain nuts. Gluten Free items are also needed. Please mark them accordingly. Thank you.

Help us Advertise! Lawn signs are available! Please consider posting a sign in your lawn to help get the word out on this event! **Business card sized invitations** are available now for you to pass out to your friends, neighbors, or even acquaintances at the grocery store! Pick up a supply at church to hand out! Do you have your own business or able to post a flyer where you work? Full **color flyers** are available in the church office! **Find us on Facebook** and **share the post with your friends online!**

This week at St. John's:

Today:	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Teen Night (Grades 7-12)
Tuesday:	6:00 PM	Board of Education
	7:00 PM	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
	7:30 PM	Maintenance Committee
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros. NO AFTERNOON GROW GROUP
	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving Worship – Pie Social to Follow
Thursday:	Thanksgiving	Day
Friday:	Church Office	Closed
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ El Mexican
	9:15 AM	Take-down Thanksgiving decorations
	10:00 AM	Children's Christmas Rehearsal
Next Sunday:	8:00 AM	Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	10:30 AM	Communion Service

Upcoming Greeters –

Nov 23: Deb Grenstein & Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Deb Grenstein & Randy Wills (10:30am)
Nov 30: Larry & Julie Rosenow (8am); Rita Bremer & Shirley Munger (10:30am)
Dec 7: Rich & Linda Myklebust (8am); Carol Berneche & Marilyn Lee (10:30am)

Upcoming Ushers –

Nov 23: Tony Johnson & OPEN (8am); Tony Johnson & OPEN (10:30am)
Nov 30: Larry Rosenow & Isaiah Rosenow (8am); Eric & Rebecca Tessmer (10:30am)
Dec 7: Rich & Linda Myklebust (8am); Tony Johnson & OPEN (10:30am)

Upcoming Junior Ushers –

Nov 23: Finn Larson & Riley Klebe (8am); Cora Tessmer & Laney Tessmer (10:30am)
Nov 30: Grady Schweich & Lakyn Hoeft (8am); Annika Hauck & Nevaeh Straka (10:30am)
Dec 7: Paisley Bechel & Lily Herrmann (8am); Clara Hochmuth & Lena Bauer (10:30am)



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