

## **News and Notes**

- From the week of December 14 –

### **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!

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** - Children's Service 10am (There will only be one service this Sunday)

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Candlelight Worship 4pm

**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>** - Festival Worship 10am

**New Year's Eve Worship Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** – Worship at 4pm

### **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/>

### **Choir Rehearsals**

Considering sharing your voice! Choir Rehearsals will be held on: Sunday, December 14 9:45-10:15am; and Wednesday, December 17 6:45-7:30pm to prepare music for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

### **Ruth Circle Christmas Party – All women welcome!**

Ruth Circle is having their Christmas Party at Broadway Pizza on Wednesday December 17, at 5pm. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Jean Hoeft by December 14 if you plan to attend so we can make a reservation.

### **Christmas Caroling - TODAY December 14**

Join us next Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3:30pm 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!

### **Parking**

It is great to see more people of all ages coming to hear God's Word in worship and family Bible hour. That's why we are here! Increasing participation can create one challenge- parking. We don't want anyone turned away for that reason. Please consider this: if you could benefit from an adjacent angled parking spot please take one! For those who still are blessed with strong legs consider using street parking on 8th or Eddy Streets. You can also enjoy some options in the Carriage House lot where parking is always free! Thanks for thinking of other members and guests as we Come.Grow.Live. together.

## Share a ride?

Can you help with transportation to worship services on Sunday? Let one of the Pastors know or a member of the In Reach committee know if you would like to help.

## Church Directory Updates

Would you like to add or update your directory photo? Here are a few ways to do so:

- **Scan the QR code on this page**
- **Text the word: photo to the number 651-401-1400**
- **Email your photo to: [admin@stjohnslutheran.com](mailto:admin@stjohnslutheran.com)** (please be sure to include any updates to your contact information if needed)

## This week at St. John's:

Today:	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Family Bible Hour
	9:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	3:30 PM	Christmas Caroling with potluck to follow
Tuesday:	12:30 AM	Leisure Club
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Grow Group – Dunn Bros.
	1:00 PM	Grow Group – Bierstube
	5:00 PM	Ruth Circle Christmas Outing (Broadway Pizza)
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
Saturday:	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ El Mexican
	10:00 AM	Children's Christmas Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Children's Christmas Eve Service (one service only)
Next Sunday:	5:00 PM	Teen Night (grades 7-12)
	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
Wed 12/24	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Festival Worship
Thur 12/25		(Please note: The church office will be closed on 12/26)

## Upcoming Greeters –

Dec 14: Henry & Jean Hoeft (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)  
Dec 21: Deb Grenstein & Kristi Murtaugh (8am); Tony Johnson & OPEN (10:30am)  
Dec 28: Larry & Julie Rosenow (8am); Rita Bremer & Shirley Munger (10:30am)

## Upcoming Ushers –

Dec 14: Henry Hoeft & Dorothy Wiltermuth (8am); Jeanne Schumann & Charlotte Pierce (10:30am)  
Dec 21: Deb Grenstein & Randy Wills (8am); Tony Johnson & OPEN (10:30am)  
Dec 28: Larry Rosenow & Isaiah Rosenow (8am); Eric & Rebecca Tessmer (10:30am)

## Upcoming Junior Ushers –

Dec 14: Cora Schweich & Lyla McClellan (8am); Jackson Walter & Jacob Wood (10:30am)  
Dec 21: Tyler Olson & Livie Schmidt (8am); Cora Tessmer & Laney Tessmer (10:30am)  
Dec 28: Finn Larson & Riley Klebe (8am); Annika Hauck & Nevaeh Straka (10:30am)



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