



# St. John's Lutheran CHURCH & SCHOOL

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
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*St. John's Lutheran Church exists to BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST so that we might know Christ and make Him known.*

## THE GUIDE

*Weekly Announcements and News from St. John's for*

**November 23, 2025**

**LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

### Call Returned:

*Dear members, friends, and school families of St. John's,*

*Regarding my call to St. Paul's Lutheran in Plymouth, Nebraska: thank you for your kind words of encouragement as I have juggled another call away from St. John's. The greater ministry of our beloved Wisconsin Synod is always on my mind, as is the current pastoral shortage. Many factors led me to the decision to return this call and remain here at St. John's. Let us continue to work together for the spread of the Gospel here in our Burlington community, with the blessing of Christ and the presence of his Holy Spirit as our comfort and guide.*

*At peace, Pastor Kirk Lahmann*

**Thanksgiving Worship Services:** We have two opportunities for worship this Thanksgiving—November 26 at 6:30 pm and Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 am. Please join us to give thanks to the Lord for all his goodness!

**Midweek Advent Services:** Sunday, November 30 marks the beginning of our Advent season. Please join us in worship at our midweek Advent services beginning Wednesday, December 3 with a special Lessons & Carols Worship Service. Other midweek Advent services will be held on Wednesdays, December 10 & 17 at 3:30 & 6:30 pm. **New Sunday Bible Study:** You know it well. The Christian Church has been saying it for 1,700 years. But do you know why the Nicene Creed was written? Do you know the false teachings the Church was struggling against at the time? Do you know why it's still so important for the Christian Church to recite creeds today? Please join us for Sunday Morning Bible Class as we study the Council of Nicea, its Creed and its continued importance.

**LAST WEEK—Forward in Christ Subscription:** The *Forward in Christ* Magazine Subscription renewal envelopes are in your offering envelope boxes. If you would like to renew your subscription for 2026 or would like to begin a new subscription please use the envelope provided by the end of November.

**Parenting Article:** For a short but excellent article about parenting our children, and how our children are primarily God's children, [click here](#). Hard copies are available in the narthex and near the school entrance.

**Sunday School & Adult Bible Class:** Please make plans for your family to study God's Word between the Sunday services (9:20-10:15). The adults will begin a new class on Sunday, November 16 led by Pastor Rodrigue entitled *The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed*. Teens are invited to the adult class. Sunday School for PK-8th grade meets at the same time. Blessings overflow when we make Bible study for our family a part of our Sunday morning routine.

**Advent Devotionals:** Martin Luther College is again providing daily devotionals for our use throughout the Advent season. Visit [mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/](http://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/) to view or download the digital booklet or sign up to have the devotionals emailed to you. Printed copies are available in the church entryway.

**Burlington Christmas Parade Donations Needed:** Outreach Ministry is seeking donations of 1000 hand warmers to be handed out with information about our Christmas worship services at this year's Burlington Christmas Parade on Friday, December 5 at 6:30 pm. Donations can be dropped off at church by November 25.

**Christmas Cards for Sale:** St. John's Women's Ministries is once again selling Christmas cards. A box of 12 is \$6 and a box of 20 is \$8. Visit the table in the church entryway to view the selection of cards available or to make a purchase. Jesus is the reason for the season! Spread the Word with your Christmas cards!

**Church Christmas Decorating:** Please consider helping to decorate the church for Christmas on **Thursday, December 4 at 6:00 pm**. Many hands make light work, and we'd appreciate all the help.

**LAST WEEK—Women's Ministries Collection:** For the month of November, Women's Ministries will again be collecting Christmas wish list items to assemble 75 gift boxes for the Lighthouse Youth Center. This is a WELS supported ministry serving ages 10-18 youths in inner city Milwaukee. This ministry operates an after school program during the academic year and has extended hours for summer programs. You can pick up a flyer in the church entryway with a list of suggested items to donate. Cash donations can be placed in the box located by the display or given to Karen Bird or Regena Bilitz.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Class:** The Wednesday Morning Bible Class is studying the Old Testament book of Ezekiel. This is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a Bible study with your fellow sisters and brothers in Christ. We meet Wednesdays, 9:45-11:00am, in the church meeting room or in a school classroom. Please note there will be no classes on November 26 or December 3. Class will resume on December 10.

**Men's Bible Study:** Gentlemen, please come, grow in faith, and enjoy the fellowship of your church brothers. Classes are held on Mondays, from 5:30—6:25 pm in the church meeting room. Note there will be no classes on November 24, December 22 & 29 and January 5.

**St. John's Blankets Available for Sale:** SPICE is selling plush 60"X70" blankets with the St. John's logo on them for \$35. These are sure to make a great Christmas gift! A sample blanket is available for viewing in the school hallway and purchases can be made through the school office or during home basketball games.

**Women’s Bible Study:** We meet on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 pm in the church meeting room to read *In God’s Orchard, Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit-filled Life*, a study of Galatians 5:22-23, written especially for women. Each lesson emphasizes the truth that roots sunk deeply into God’s Word will yield a harvest. Please note that Bible class will not meet November 26-December 31. Class will resume on January 7.

**Shoreland Expansion Project Matching Gift:** A member of the congregation has offered to match donations for the Shoreland Expansion Project, up to \$5,000, from now through December 31, 2024. If you would like to contribute to this project in 2025, there are special envelopes available in the narthex, use your regular giving envelopes and write in “SLHS Expansion Project” or, an on-line giving icon has been added to the church website’s online giving page. As a reminder—the congregation previously approved supporting this project with \$20,000 per year from 2025-2029. This support is outside of the normal church budget.

**Shoreland “President’s Pen”:** Check out the latest monthly newsletter from Shoreland Lutheran High School. Copies can be found on the table in the church entryway or you can view the [electronic version here](#).

**Holiday Office Hours:** The church and school offices will be closed November 26-28 for Thanksgiving break.

**Lutheran Chorale Christmas Concert:** The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee presents their annual Christmas concert, “Emmanuel Lives” on Sunday, November 30 at 2:00 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church (4500 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee). The concert will feature the Great O Antiphons, which focus on seven names for the Messiah found in God’s Word, which corresponds with the seven stanzas of the Advent hymn, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

**Christmas Treat Bag Donations Needed:** We will again be providing Christmas treat bags for the children which will be distributed to St. John’s students at their Children’s Christmas service on December 14. We are seeking donations of candy, snacks, fruit, or fun treats to be included in the bags. In keeping with the celebration of our Lord’s birth, please refrain from any Santa items. Donations may be dropped off in the box located in the meeting room. All donations need to be received by December 12.

**Advent by Candlelight at First, Elkhorn:** The ladies of First Lutheran, Elkhorn have invited the ladies of our congregation to their Advent by Candlelight program on Sunday, December 7 at 2:30 pm. Invitations are located on the table in the narthex and use the sign-up sheet to RSVP if you plan on attending. Carpooling options are also available. St. John’s will not be hosting our own Advent by Candlelight program this year, so this is a wonderful opportunity to still take part in this event.



**Monday, November 24: Counting Team 3**  
**Thanksgiving Eve: Usher Team A, Thanksgiving Day: Usher Team B**  
**Sunday, November 30: Usher Teams – D & H, Stream Team – Nigel**  
**November Altar Guild: Laurie Jensen (763-3471) & Sue Sriver (939-5461)**  
*Please call one of the women listed if you will be placing a plant in the church in memory of a loved one or to honor an event. Please contact the church office if you would like the event listed in the Guide. Due to floral allergies, we would ask that you either choose*

St. John’s Sunday School & Bible Studies			
	Sunday School (Starts in the gym then moves to the classrooms)	Adult Bible Class (Led by Pastor Rodrigue in the Meeting Room)	Membership Class (Led by Pastor Lahmann in the School STEM Room)
Nov. 23	The Plot to Kill Paul	The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed	New Life in Christ
Nov. 30	Paul’s Shipwreck	The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed	NO CLASS TODAY

**Budget Update For Week 20 November 9, 2025**

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	11,592	12,000	(408)	260,648	266,300	(5,652)	728,000
SLHS Expansion	0			1,925			
Capital Projects	450			14090			
Unspent Funds for Capital Projects				102,152			

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**How to Contact Your Staff**  
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**Worship Schedule**  
Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 am  
Mondays at 6:30 pm  
Summer: Sundays at 8:00 and 9:30 am  
Mondays at 6:30 pm  
Live Streaming on YouTube (SJB Videos) every Sunday at 8:00 am