



St. John's Lutheran CHURCH & SCHOOL

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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 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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.

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). A new adult class is being 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/ 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: Anyone interested in walking in the Christmas parade will need to line up at Kane St. by 5:30 pm entering via Market St. No additional vehicles will be allowed where they are staging the parade and there will be someone there to direct you to our location.

Offering Envelopes: Offering envelopes for 2026 are now available for pick up in the church entryway. Please contact the church office if you are having difficulty locating your envelopes.

Calendar: The December birthday and anniversary calendar is available on the back table.

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.

Preschool Power Hour: The next session of Preschool Power Hour is Wednesday, December 3 at 9:30 am in the church's meeting room. This is a fun-packed program designed for parents and children ages 18 months—4 years old. You'll enjoy a Bible lesson, music time and gym fun with other parents and tots. The cost is \$15 per family for the semester. Register in person or online at stjohnsburlington.org.

Christmas Giving Tree: It's that wonderful time of year—our Christmas Giving Tree us up! This year's tags include gift cards for recipients to use for groceries, gas, clothing, and Christmas gifts, plus "action tags" for those who want to give through simple acts of kindness. If you feel inspired to help, stop by the tree in the church entryway and grab a tag (or two!). Your generosity—whether through giving, serving, or praying—will brighten someone's life in a meaningful way. If you or someone you know needs assistance this season, please reach out to one of our pastors. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Borchardt (cmborchardt@wi.rr.com) or the church office.

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, 2025. If you would like to contribute to this project, 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.

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 December 22 & 29 and January 5.

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.

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 December 3. Class will resume on December 10.

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 from now through December 31. Class will resume on January 7.

Monday, December 1 Counting Team 4
December 3, Lessons & Carols Service: Usher Teams I & G
Sunday, December 7: Usher Teams—E & F, Stream Team—Tom & Dan
December Altar Guild: Paula Nolte (661-6128) & Rachel Peterson (492-3591)

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 a plant or artificial flowers to put in church.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Midweek Advent Services
Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17 at 3:30 & 6:30 PM

Children’s Christmas Service
Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Wednesday, December 24 at 4:30 & 6:30 PM

Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion
Thursday, December 25 at 9:30 AM

New Year’s Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion
Wednesday, December 31 at 4:30 PM

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.

Christmas Concert Opportunities: 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). Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (11831 N. Seminary Dr., Mequon) will present their concert on Sunday December 14 at 3:00 & 7:00 pm in the auditorium. For more information visit wisluthsem.org

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. 30	Paul’s Shipwreck	The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed	NO CLASS TODAY
Dec. 7	Christmas Party	The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed	New Life in Christ

Budget Update For Week 21 November 16, 2025

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	16,708	12,000	4,708	277,356	278,300	(944)	728,000
SLHS Expansion	0			1,925			
Capital Projects	2,300			16,390			
Unspent Funds for Capital Projects				104,502			

Give Online!

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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