



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
December 7, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Midweek Advent Services: Sunday, November 30 marked the beginning of our Advent season. Please join us in worship at our midweek Advent services on Wednesday, December 10 & 17 at 3:30 & 6:30 pm.

Children's Christmas Service: This year's Christmas service, presented by our St. John's school children, is entitled "Hope, Love, Peace, Joy." It will be held on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 pm.

Poinsettias: The blue poinsettias that beautify our church this Christmas season are placed there to the glory of Christ our Savior and given by the Baker family in memory of Eva & Slade Baker and Paul & Tracy Warick in memory of Anita Wolski & Gary Warick.

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 has provided 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.

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. **Please note that some envelopes in the 2025 and 2026 boxes have the incorrect Advent worship dates on them.**

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!

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.

Special Voters/Call Meeting: The Church Council has scheduled a special Voters' Meeting for Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 pm to extend a call for two teachers.

Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers Meeting: All boys & girls in 2nd-8th grade are invited to join Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers. The next meeting will be December 9 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Both groups meet in church for a group devotion before their meetings.

Jesus Cares: Thursday, December 11 will be the next meeting time for the Jesus Cares Ministry, our outreach ministry for members of our church & community with developmental disabilities. They meet on the second and/or fourth Thursdays of the month, from 6:00—7:00 pm in the meeting room.

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.

Thank You, Decorators: We are very thankful for the volunteers who set up the church's Christmas trees and made our sanctuary so beautiful for the Christmas season. Volunteers will be needed in January to put all these Christmas decorations back into storage. Watch for announcements in the Guide and please consider helping

WELSSA Teams: St. John's is beginning its WELSSA (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation) self-study process, which helps our school evaluate our ministry and strive for continuous improvement in all areas of education and faith development. We are looking for people who are willing to serve on a WELSSA team to help review and analyze specific standards such as curriculum, communication, facilities, and school mission. Your input and perspective is valuable as we reflect on what we do well and where we can grow. If you are interested in serving on a team or learning more about the process, please contact the principal or visit this [link](#).

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! Purchases can be made through the school office or during home basketball games.

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.

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.

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.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Midweek Advent Services
Wednesdays, December 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

Christmas Concert Opportunities: Shoreland Lutheran

High School presents their annual Christmas concert, “Gloria!” on Friday, December 12 at 7:00 pm in the gym. The concert will feature the Concert Band, Handbells, Chamber Orchestra and the Concert Choir. **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.

Save the Date! The Shoreland Dinner Auction has been scheduled for Saturday, April 11. Gather for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fundraising—all in support of our Shoreland students! Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

Monday, December 8: Counting Team 1

December 10, Advent Service: Usher Teams I & H

Sunday, December 14: Usher Teams—A & G, Stream Team—Robert & Chris

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.

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)
Dec. 7	Christmas Party	The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed	New Life in Christ
Dec. 14	CHRISTMAS BREAK—NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR BIBLE CLASSES		

Budget Update For Week 22 November 30, 2025

	Weekly Actual	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Surplus (Shortfall)	Annual Budget
General Offerings	6,371	12,000	(5,629)	286,641	290,300	(3,659)	728,000
SLHS Expansion	0			4,225			
Capital Projects	230			16,670			
Unspent Funds for Capital Projects				105,024			

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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