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Website: stjohnstjames.com Times of Worship: Sunday—8:00 am & 10:15 am

Send Bulletin Information to kjanssen@stjohnstjames.com—Thursday Deadline

Sunday, December 11, 2022

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—■ **Sunday, December 11—8:00 am Ushers**—Dan/Paula Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel **10:15 am Ushers**—Terry Prochnow, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners—12/12-12/25** Gary/Deb Bernhardt & Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Joan Sheahan & Val Jean Link ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—**Sunday, December 18 8:00 am Ushers**—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton and Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners—12/12-12/25** Gary/Deb Bernhardt & Joe/Judy Hoyer ■ **Flower Committee**—Joan Sheahan & Val Jean Link

BUDGET SHORTFALL—Our budget shortfall was \$30,000.00. We are holding a special offering to pay this back to Charities within our church. We thank you very much for your offerings. We are presently doing better with offerings now. Budget Shortfall Needed—\$30,000.00. Given—\$28,915.00. Remaining needed—\$1,255.00.

HEATING SYSTEM—Present amount given—\$30,237.00

VOLUNTEER NEEDED—Looking for an AV booth coordinator. Coordinator will be responsible for managing and coordinating a schedule to cover the AV booth for our weekly services. More details available for anyone interested, please contact Randy Denor—rdenor@stjohnstjames.com.

USHERS NEEDED—There is a sign up sheet on the usher's podium to fill our needs for selected holiday services. Please make sure all the ushers on your team are looking at it and have them sign up if they will be in attendance for any of these services. Thank you.

POINSETTIA ORDERS—Thank you to everyone who ordered a poinsettia this year. Our church and gym are going to look amazing for Christmas this year, yet again! As a reminder, you are welcome to take your poinsettias home with you after the Christmas Day Service. Thank you again!

CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS—We are again offering Christmas greeting cards for the Christmas Season. Christmas cards will be available in the Commons this year. Please pay Amanda Schrubbe in the school office for your cards.

SCRIP NEWS—The SJSJ Scrip Program would love to help you with your Christmas shopping! SCRIP gift cards make excellent gifts. If you are not familiar with our SCRIP Program, please contact the school office for more information or visit www.raiseright.com. The enrollment code for our organization is: A755918L7794. Please remember that if we do not have what you need in our inventory or you need a large amount, we can certainly order it and have it available for you within a week.

CALL UPDATE—On November 17, we called Pastor Nathaniel Timmermann from Peace Lutheran in Otsego, MI, to be our Youth and Outreach Pastor. Pastor Timmermann is 39 years old. Please keep Pastor Timmermann and his family in your prayers as he deliberates our call. Feel free to reach out to him at (651)491-7280.

OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION—NOW HIRING! We are looking for some extra help to fill a position as Office Assistant. You will be fully trained for the position and we can be flexible with hours. If you are interested please pick up a job description and application in the School or West Church office. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Aden (920) 277-0101, Dan Duchow (920) 860-9379 or Amanda Schrubbe (920) 754-4432.

DOOR OFFERING—A free will door offering will be collected again **TODAY, Sunday, December 11th** at our worship services to help support David and Dawn Krepline after a fire on November 5th destroyed their workshop and all their equipment for their business.

DONATIONS FOR A FAMILY IN NEED— St. John-St. James is collecting donations to purchase Christmas gifts for a family in need who lives in Manitowoc County. We have been assigned a family with 8 children this year and need your help to make their Christmas a blessed one! If you would like to shop & donate a specific gift, please pick up a tag from the board in the back of church. Cash donations & gift cards (SCRIP) are also welcome. Please drop off your donations (**unwrapped**) in the collection boxes in the back of church or the school commons by **TODAY, December 11th**.

NEW MEMBER POTLUCK—St. John-St. James will be hosting a new member potluck **TODAY, December 11th**, after the 10:15 service. Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert. We will have welcome gifts for new members. All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship today.

HELP NEEDED—Next **Sunday, December 18th**, we will be setting up the stage for the Christmas Eve service following the 10:15 service. Please consider coming to help—many hands make light work.



OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS



Today	Preacher, Pastor Sievert Music Today—Kristen Hillmann Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Study @ 9:05 am New Member Potluck @ 11:15 am
12/12	BB @ Two Rivers (B-Boys 5:00; A-Boys 6:00) Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
12/14	Praise Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm
12/16	BB vs Bethany (B-Girls 4:30; B-Boys 5:30) BB @ Wayside vs Bethany (A-Girls 7:00)

MINISTRY RESERVE FUND—We have started a fund for our Second Pastor to help defray costs involved in adding another Pastor. If you wish to give to the Ministry Reserve Fund, please place your offering in an envelope and clearly mark it as **Ministry Reserve Fund** or **2nd Pastor Fund** and place it in the offering plate. As of October 31st we have \$37,885.50 in the Ministry Reserve Fund. We lost some because of the drop in the stock market.

TIME AND TALENT SHEETS—If you haven't already returned your Time and Talent sheet, please fill them out and drop them off in the west office of church. There are more available in the back of church as well, if you haven't received one yet.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS—Advent devotions are now available to be picked up from the table in the West Office of Church.

HOMEBOUND LIST—Homebound lists are now available in the west office of church for anyone interested in sending a card or letter.

MLHS HAPPENINGS—The MLHS Jr. Lancer Band would like to invite everyone to their Holiday Concert today, December 11 from 3-4:30pm in the MLHS Gymnasium. This concert will feature the Jr. Lancer Band, Concert Winds, Beginner Band, Jr. Lancer Youth Choir, and the MLHS Jazz Band. Please come out and show your support for these young musicians.

MLHS is proud to present Let Earth Receive Her King, A Sacred Christmas Concert. This is a free event, welcome to the community being held on Thursday, December 22 at the Capital Civic Centre in Manitowoc, WI. There are 2 showtimes for this wonderful event: 4:30pm and 7:30pm. Come and celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus!

OFFERING ENVELOPES—Offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the West Office of the church, They are in alphabetical order to ease in picking up. Feel free to stop in and pick up your envelopes at your earliest convenience.

NEWSLETTER—Please have all articles and reports for the upcoming January-February newsletter to Katie Janssen by Wednesday, December 21st. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Katie directly via call/text at (920)681-1541, or email kjanssen@stjohnstjames.com.

THANK YOU—"On behalf of the Collins State Bank, we all want to say THANK YOU for letting us have a donation box at St. John St. James Church & School. Without your donations we would not have been able to donate an extra \$100.00 to St. Peters Church. St Peters was able to help out 9 families, all from Manitowoc Lutheran High School and the Reedsville Area School District." -Gail Haas

NEW OFFICE ASSISTANT—Katie Janssen is taking over the role of office assistant, as Cindy Bubolz pursues her career elsewhere. Please send any correspondence to Katie's email at kjanssen@stjohnstjames.com, and be sure to wish Cindy well and keep her and her new work venture in your prayers.

SPECIAL DECEMBER SERVICES

Children's Christmas Eve Service (In the Gymnasium)-Friday, December 23 at 8:30am &
Saturday, December 24 at 5:30 pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service-Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship Service-Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 am *Holy Communion*

New Year's Eve Worship Service-Saturday, December 31 at 1:00 pm

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 6, 2022

Church Attendance: Sunday 8:00am—171 Sunday 10:15am—151 Total: 322

Offerings: General Fund—\$10,087.75* Synod—\$499.00* MLHS—\$439.00* —Total \$11,025.75*

Special Offerings: Building Fund: \$2,255* (needed each week \$2,312) ■ Budget Shortfall—\$50.00

Heating System—\$500.00 ■ Ministry Reserve—\$145.00* ■ Other (School)—\$1000.00 ■ Door Offering—\$400.00

*Electronic Offerings Included