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Send Bulletin Information to [kjanssen@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:kjanssen@stjohnstjames.com)—Thursday Deadline**

## Sunday, December 18, 2022

**SERVING YOU THIS 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

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK**—■ **Friday, December 23 8:30 am Ushers**—Nick and Jonathan Schrubbe, Arlie and Pat Olp ■ **Saturday, December 24 5:30 pm Ushers**—Dave Hoida, Andy and Zack Bubolz, Nick and Jonathan Schrubbe, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz ■ **7:00 pm Ushers**—Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoepfner ■ **Sunday, December 25 9:00 am Ushers**—Scott Bubolz, Brian and Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **Church Cleaners—12/26-1/8** Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger and Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee**—Joan Sheahan & Val Jean Link ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take Down**—Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan

**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—\$28,765.00. Remaining needed—\$1,235.00.

**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](mailto:rdenor@stjohnstjames.com).

**USHERS NEEDED**—There is a signup 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!

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto:kjanssen@stjohnstjames.com).

**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.

Phil Stuebs, who currently serves as SJSJ's 3-5 grade teacher and Athletic Director, received a divine call from MLHS to serve as their industrial arts and STEM teacher. Please keep Phil and his family in your prayers as he deliberates this call.

**OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION**—St. John—St. James is still in need of additional office help. Hours are flexible—approximately 10-15 hours/week. If you are interested, please pick up a job description and application in the School Office or West Office in church. If you have any questions regarding this Office Assistant position, please contact Pastor Aden (920) 277-0101, Dan Duchow (920) 860-9379 or Amanda Schrubbe (920) 754-4432.

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

**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. **Please stop in and pick up your envelopes as soon as you can. Due to the high cost of postage, we will not be mailing them out this year if you don't pick them up.**

**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 November 30th we have \$38,854 in the Ministry Reserve Fund.

**THANKS FROM CAMP PHILLIP**—“We're sending this letter to let you know that we received your donation. Since we stay a year ahead in updating our membership status, your church is now listed as **active for 2023. Thank you! We're so glad that you continue to support us.** We hope that we've been able to serve your members and meet your needs. God continues to bless this ministry and work through it to grow His Kingdom. For that we praise Him. Since you're “active”, there's nothing more you need to do for your membership in 2022. Just continue to spread the word and consider how we can serve your members!” -Colleen Zahn (Camp Phillip Office Manager)



## OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS



Today	Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden Music Today—Judy Mangin Sunday School, CREW & Adult Bible Study @ 9:05 am
12/21	Praise Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm
12/23	Children's Christmas Eve Service @ 8:30 am
12/24	Children's Christmas Eve Service @ 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7:00 pm

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

**THANK YOU**— On our church steeple, we have 4 round tower seals on each side of the steeple. Over the years they got weathered and had to be replaced. Delmare Knier made the new Tower Seals. The material and his labor were all donated by the Knier family. This past week we put up the new Tower Seal on the east side of the steeple. It looks very nice. Thank you, Delmare for making these beautiful Tower Seals. Thank you, James Kiesow for going up in the bell tower to loosen the old one and bolting the new Tower Seal in place. Thank you to the member who wishes to remain anonymous for providing the lift and his labor to put the new Tower Seal in place.

**MLHS HAPPENINGS**—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. The Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale will be singing as well. There are 2 concert times for this wonderful event: 4:30pm and 7:30pm. Come and celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus!

**CHRISTMAS BAGS**—It is that time of the year when we begin to think about filling the Christmas bags that the children receive after our Christmas Eve Worship Services. If you would like to donate towards the candy, oranges and apples for the bags please leave your donation in the box labeled "Christmas Bags" on the table in the West Church office. Thank you for your kindness!

**GRIEFSHARE**—GriefShare is a program to help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one whether recent or in the past. Each session is about 2 hours long. There is a short video on various topics presented by people who have gone through the grieving process and mental health experts. There is then group discussion time, though sharing is not required. Between each weekly session there is a workbook that has daily exercises that point you to God's Word and help you work through your grief. We will be having the GriefShare program starting **Thursday January 5th to Thursday March 30th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM**. We will be meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 916 Pine St, Manitowoc, WI in the church office conference room. The entrance is across the covered area from the church entrance. If you are interested in getting more information or know someone who we should personally invite please contact [Larry Verlinden](mailto:larry.verlinden@comcast.net) at 920-323-2297 or [verlinden@comcast.net](mailto:verlinden@comcast.net). You also can get more information or register at the GriefShare website [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). Please register by **December 27th** so we can make sure we have enough workbooks. We will be charging \$20 per person to cover the cost of workbooks. People are free to join our group at any time during the GriefShare cycle.

**THANK YOU! - DONATIONS FOR A FAMILY IN NEED** - Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts and/or donated cash or gift cards for our family in need! We pray that your generosity has blessed their family this Christmas season!

**DONATION TO SCHOOL**—Bergetta Bubolz, Brian and Susie Bubolz, Scott and Cindy Bubolz, and John and Cindy Isajiw have given gifts to our school in memory of Karl Bubolz.

**MISSION BOXES**—LWMS Mission Boxes are located at each entrance for the monthly monetary collection. \$15 was given last month. Monies will go toward World and Home Missions. Thank you for your support.

**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."

**WORSHIP CHANGE REMINDER**—Due to the upcoming holidays, there will only be **(1) 9:00 am Service** on both **Sunday, December 25th and Sunday, January 1st**. May God bless all of you as you celebrate Christmas and welcome in the new year.

### 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 \*Holy Communion\*

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—DECEMBER 7-13, 2022**

**Church Attendance:** Sunday 8:00am—109 Sunday 10:15am —151 Total: 260

**Offerings:** General Fund—\$6,648.75 Synod—\$73.00 MLHS—\$63.00 —Total \$6,784.75

**Special Offerings:** Building Fund: \$2,170.00 (needed each week \$2,312) ■ Budget Shortfall—\$20.00

■ Memorials: School—\$5,500.00 ■ Door Offering: David and Dawn Krepline—\$346.00