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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 25, 2022

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK—■ **Sunday, December 25 9:00 am Ushers**—Scott Bubolz, Brian and Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **Saturday, December 31 1:00 pm Ushers**—Jeff Schneider, Jellane Schneider, Arlie Olp ■ **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

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—■ **Sunday, January 1 9:00 am Ushers**—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton and Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners**—12/26-1/8 Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger and Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee**—Jennifer Janke and Judy Mangin

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—\$29,285.00. Remaining needed—\$715.00.

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

The Heating System has arrived! Mark Behnke and Lyle Lannbrecht installed the unit on the roof on December 10th. Nick Bubolz is doing the electrical work for the unit. Payment for the Heating System will be due in January.

Thank you to Nick, Mark, and Lyle for all their work in getting the heating system set up for us.

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.

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. Please leave the brown saucers under the poinsettias. Bags will be available in the west office of church for you to safely transport your poinsettias in the cold. Thank you again!

CALL UPDATE—Pastor Nathaniel Timmermann has returned our call.

Phil Stuebs, who now serves as SJSJ's 3-5 grade teacher/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.

THANK YOU USHERS—Thank you to all those who have volunteered to usher during this holiday season, especially for our special services.

CHRISTMAS BAGS DONATION—Thank you to Janet Gollnick, who donated for the Children's Christmas Bags in memory of her grandparents, John and Emma Maertz and her parents, Walter and Elvira Piepenburg.

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.



OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS



Today	Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden
	Music Today—Judy Mangin
12/24-1/3	Christmas Break
1/4	Classes Resume
	CEC Meeting @ 7pm
1/5	Dartball @ 7pm
1/6	BB @ Sturgeon Bay (B-Girls @ 5 pm, B-Boys @ 6pm, A-Boys @ 7pm)
	BB @ Newtonburg (A-Girls @ 7pm)

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS— Due to the holidays, the school/church hours will look a little different this week. The hours are as follows: **Monday, December 26**—closed; **Tuesday, December 27**—8am-12pm; **Wednesday, December 28**—8am-12pm; **Thursday, December 29**—8am-12pm; **Friday, December 30**—8am-12pm; **Monday, January 2**—closed; **Tuesday, January 3**—8am-12pm; **Wednesday, January 4** regular office hours will resume.

USHER SCHEDULES—Hard copies of the usher schedules are available in the west office of church. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Katie Janssen kjanssen@stjohnstjames.com or Randy Denor rdenor@stjohnstjames.com

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.**

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, about 2 hours long, include a short video on various topics presented by people who have gone through the grieving process and mental health experts, then group discussion time, though sharing is not required. Between weekly sessions there is a workbook with daily exercises that point you to God's Word and help you work through your grief. The GriefShare program starts **Thursday January 5th to Thursday March 30th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM** 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. You also can get more information or register at the GriefShare website 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.

DONATION—Thank you to Mel and Judy Mangin who have given a gift in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, which was celebrated on December 16th. May God continue to bless you and your marriage.

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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY WORSHIP REMINDER—**Saturday, December 31st**, we will have a **New Year's Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion at 1:00 pm**. Join us in praising God as we prepare to welcome in the new year.

As a reminder, we will only have one service on **New Year's Day-Sunday, January 1st at 9:00 am**.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE—DECEMBER 14-20, 2022

Church Attendance: Sunday 8:00am—98 Sunday 10:15am —116 Total: 214

Offerings: General Fund—\$9,642.75* Synod—\$615.50* MLHS—\$258.50* Total \$10,516.75*

Special Offerings: Building Fund: \$1,335.00* (needed each week \$2,312) ■ Budget Shortfall—\$520.00

■ Ministry Reserve—\$128.25*

***Electronic Offerings Included**