



OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS



Today	Preacher, Pastor Darin Aden Music — Judy Mangin No—Adult Bible Study / Teen Bible Study / Sunday School
12/24	Children's Service 5:30pm (Gym)
12/24	Candlelight Service 7:00pm (Church)
12/25	Christmas Day Service 9:00am (Church)

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES—2024 offering envelopes can be found in the west office of church. They are in alphabetical order for easy pick-up. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience, as they will not be mailed out.

DIVINE CALLS RETURNED —Mr. Andrew Mantz has returned the call we extended to him to serve as our Principal & Teacher for grades 6 -8. Mrs. Emily Mantz (Andrew's wife) has also returned the call we extended to her to teach grades 6-8 (Administrative Release) & Exceptional Learners. Please keep Mr. & Mrs. Mantz Family in your prayers as they continue their ministry in Florida.

SHOP SCRIP—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. **SCRIP UPDATE: We now have Walmart \$10 & Amazon \$10 cards available for a limited time!**

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 **Thursdays January 4th to March 28th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM**. We will be meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 916 Pine St, Manitowoc, 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 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 26th** 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.

POINSETTIA ORDERS—Thank you to everyone who ordered a poinsettia this year. Our church and gym are going to look amazing for Christmas! As a reminder, you are welcome to take your poinsettias home with you after the Children's Service (5:30pm) for the blue & white poinsettias and Christmas Day Service for the red poinsettias. Plastic sleeves to protect the poinsettias when you transport them, can be found in the west office of church. Thank you again!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES—Donald J. Pennings, 89, passed away on December 17th. Donald is the grandfather to Sarah (Corey) Marohn. Our most sincere condolences to the Marohn family.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—SJSJ Night at DQ, Brillion, Wednesday, January 10th from 4:00pm—7:00pm. 20% of **all** sales (10% when Scrip is used) from 4:00pm-7:00pm are donated to our school! (Eat-in, take-out or use the drive-thru!) Pay with DQ Scrip & you can earn an additional 20% back through our Scrip program! (*DQ Scrip is available to purchase in the school office from 7:30am—3:00pm on school days & at church on Sunday mornings*). SJSJ Faculty & Staff Members will be there to greet you & serve your food! SJSJ students artwork will be on display at DQ that evening. Come enjoy the FOOD & FUN!

CONGRATULATIONS!—Ivy Mae Kocourek was born on Sunday, December 17th at Aurora, Two Rivers to Kayla (nee Sheahan) & Eric Kocourek. Ivy joins big sister Jolene at home. Grandparents are Tim & Joan Sheahan of our congregation. God's blessings on your new little one.

SPECIAL DECEMBER SERVICES

Children's Christmas Eve Service, Sunday, December 24 at 5:30 pm (Gym)

Candlelight Christmas Service, Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 pm (Church)

Christmas Day Worship Service, Monday, December 25 at 9:00 am (Church) *Holy Communion

New Year's Eve Worship Services, Sunday, December 31 at 8:00 am & 10:15 am (Church) *Holy Communion



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Times of Worship: Sunday 8am & 10:15am ~ Adult Bible Study /Teen Bible Study /Sunday School 9:05am
Church Office Hours: 1:00pm—3:00pm Monday thru Wednesday

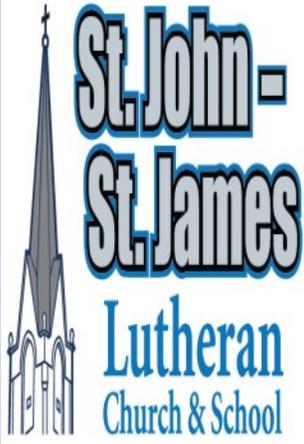
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Wednesday Deadline

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School Office Hours: 7:30am – 3:00pm M-F Scrip available for purchase during office hours.



Fourth Sunday in Advent - Sunday, December 24, 2023

SERVING YOU THIS WEEK ■ **Sunday, December 24 — 9:00am Ushers** - Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Zac Bubolz, Joe Bubolz, Jon Winkel
Candlelight Service, Sunday December 24 — 7:00pm Ushers: Gary Bernhardt, Randy Denor ■ **Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 — 9:00am Ushers** Scott Bubolz, Brian/Susie Bubolz, Bill Voeltz ■ **Communion Set-up/Take-down** — Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, Joan Sheahan ■ **Flower Committee** — Tim/Joan Sheahan ■ **Church Cleaners 12/11—12/24** Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail/Randy Denor; **12/25-01/08**—Sarah/Rick Zimmerman, Carissa Hillmann, Vicki Rolf

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK ■ **Sunday, December 31 — 8:00am Ushers** - Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Brad Busse, Jade Busse, Marshall Kirkpatrick **10:15am Ushers** — Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton Kasten, Nathan Kasten
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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, during school hours. Prices for the cards are on each box. Payment box will be available on Sundays by the cards.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY— Acts 20:35b “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” What a blessing it was to share so many gifts with a family in need! Thank you to all of our church & school families who donated to our Adopt-A-Family over the past few weeks.

CHRISTMAS BREAK CHURCH/SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

- Monday, December 25—CLOSED
- Tuesday, December 26—CLOSED
- Wednesday, December 27—8:00am-12:00pm
- Thursday, December 28—8:00am-12:00pm
- Friday, December 29—8:00am-12:00pm
- Monday, January 1st—CLOSED
- Tuesday, January 2nd-8:00-12:00pm
- Wednesday, January 3rd—Normal Office Hours resume

Church Attendance

Sunday, 12/17 8:00 am — 109 10:15am — 98 TOTAL — 207

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE				
<i>12/17/2023 *Electronic Offerings Included</i>				
FUND	NEEDED WEEKLY	GIVEN THIS WEEK	WEEKLY Over/(Under)	FISCAL YTD Over/(Under)
General Fund	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,876.50	\$ (123.50)	\$ 1,773.89
Synod	\$ 538.00	\$ 665.50	\$ 127.50	\$ (1,977.00)
MLHS	\$ 452.00	\$ 176.50	\$ (275.50)	\$ (1,960.00)
Building Fund	\$ 2,312.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ (612.00)	\$ 4,438.20