

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
(MEMBER OF WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
SYNOD) 36620 COUNTY 4 BLVD.
GOODHUE, MN 55027
WORSHIP SUNDAY 9:00 A.M. SATURDAY 4:00 P.M.**

**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2023 9:00 a.m.**

Welcome to our visitors! We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please do us the honor of signing our guestbook, providing your full address. We ask that you speak with Pastor before the service if you would like to take Holy Communion. Let us know if we can be of any spiritual service to you in the future.

**Opening Hymn: CW #333
"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"**

Order of Service: pp. 207

Scripture Lesson: Romans 16:25-27

"Now to him who is able to strengthen you—

according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was veiled in silence for long ages past,²⁶ but now has been revealed through the prophetic Scriptures and made known to all the Gentiles, in keeping with the command of the eternal God, resulting in the obedience of faith—

to God, who alone is wise, be glory forever through Jesus Christ. Amen."

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 "In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth,²⁷ to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women."^[a]

²⁹ But she was greatly troubled by the statement and was wondering what kind of greeting this could be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favor with God. ³¹ Listen, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Listen, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age even though she was called barren, and this is her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible for God.”

³⁸ Then Mary said, “See, I am the Lord’s servant. May it happen to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.”

Children’s Message

Hymn: CW #340

“Away in a Manger”

Sermon

Nicene Creed, pg. 162

Offering Hymn: CW #345

“Where Shepherds Lately Kneled”

Lord’s Prayer (tune of Away in a Manger)

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!

Your kingdom among us, your will done the same

By mortals and angels. Come, Lord, reign alone;

Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven’s high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;

As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In times of temptation, to lead us be near;
From evil deliver your children most dear.
For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign.
And yours is the power; all things you maintain.
To you be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever! Amen.

Special Communion Liturgy

Communion Hymn: CW #346-347

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Closing Hymn: CW #951

“The Nunc Dimittis”

*Please join us at 5:00 p.m. this evening,
for a special Candlelight Vesper Service, and
again Christmas Day at 9 a.m.
May the Child born in Bethlehem grant you a
joyous celebration of His birth!*

Calendar:

Dec. 24-5:00 p.m. Candlelight Vesper

Dec. 25-9:00 a.m. Christmas Worship

Dec. 31-9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Jan. 21- Annual Voter's Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church offering envelopes are available to pick up for 2024.

New or current members information needed- If you are a new or current member and we do not have your contact information, please email to stjohnsoffice4773@gmail.com Thank you!

Photo and contact information changes – please submit a photo for a directory and please notify the secretary of contact information changes. stjohnsoffice4773@gmail.com or put a picture in the mailbox at church.

E-GIVING NOW AT ST. JOHN'S -- Our congregation now offers electronic giving! Go to easytithe.com/stjohnswels and follow the easy instructions to set up, or text GIVE and an amount to 1-218- 304-7066 (ex: GIVE 250.00) and follow the easy directions.

I need to update the birthday list. If you are a new member, or had a baby this year, or we don't have your birthday, please email your birthday to me so that we can wish you a Happy Birthday! stjohnsoffice4773@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday

12/29 Carleen Weckerling

12/30 Ethan Weckerling



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Today's Organist: Jessi Robbert

ST. JOHN'S ELDERS:

Scott Hinsch, Ken Schrimpf & Trevor Ryan

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD:

Jonathan Voth, Cameron Peterson & Brandon Lexvold

USHERS for December-Group 6

Jesse Luhman, Troy Hokanson, Gavin Hokanson, Kyler Hokanson,
Mason Voth, Dave Voth, Kyle Voth, Ryan Voth, Dave Peterson, Jake
Peterson, Darren Vieths, Mike Hinsch, Jacob Diercks, Ken Schrimpf,
Wayne Schilling

GREETERS

12/24 9:00 a.m. Nicole Betcher, 5:00 p.m. John Augustine

12/25 Jonathan and Tiffany Voth and family

12/31 Ed and Meg Stumpf

Acolyte: Charlotte Voth



MERRY
Christmas

