



LOVE ONE
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CONSTANTLY
FROM A PURE
HEART.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
(MEMBER OF WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD)
36620 COUNTY 4 BLVD. GOODHUE, MN 55027

December 31, 2023

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. Let us know if we can be of any spiritual service to you in the future.

Opening Hymn: CW #367 “Across the Sky the Shades of Night”

P: I will exalt You, my God and King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever.

C: Every day I will praise and extol Your name.

P: It is fitting, O Lord, in the final hours of this year, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from You.

C: You have been faithful to Your promises and loving toward all You have made.

P: You clothe Your creation with beauty; You feed even the birds and tell us that we are much more valuable than they.

C: You know what we need, and You give us all good things.

P: Lead us in the light of Your Word that we may live our lives to Your glory and be prepared to die in peace..

C: We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In His name we began this year; in His name we bring it to a close. Amen

Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-25 “If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, ¹⁸ because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Since you have purified your souls by obeying the truth,^[a] resulting in sincere brotherly love, love one another constantly from a pure heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not from perishable seed but from imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For: All flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like a flower of the field. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

Gospel: Luke 13:6-9 “He told them this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, ‘Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?’ ⁸ But the gardener replied to him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. ⁹ If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.’”

Hymn: CW #820 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Sermon

Offering Hymn: CW #880 “For All the Saints

Prayers & Lord’s Prayer & Benediction

Closing Hymn: “Father Let Me Dedicate”

Communion Schedule: The Lord’s Supper will be offered Jan. 7th and 21st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you from the Robbert Family this Christmas for remembering us with your prayers and gifts and greetings. May God continue to bless us all in 2024!!

The church offering envelopes are available to pick up for 2024. If you are using a check, please still put it in your envelope if you want to get credit for that donation. Also, if you want to skip checks and envelopes, online giving is available at stjohnsgoodhue.com .

New Year’s Eve service tonight at St. John’s, **Lake City** at 7:30. If you are not going to that service, come out to Welch ski hill and watch the fireworks for free across the street from the slopes at 7:00pm.

Youth Lock-in-Grades 8-12 on January 14th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Christ, Zumbrota. Meet at St. John’s at 5:30 for a ride. Please RSVP for the 6 p.m. meal.

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. stjohsoffice4773@gmail.com or put a picture in the mailbox at church.

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! stjohsoffice4773@gmail.com.

Calendar

- Jan. 14 Youth Lock-in at Christ Zumbrota
- Jan. 21 Annual Meeting after church
- Jan. 28 Youth Sledding from 2:00-4:00 Location TBD.

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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 January Group 1

Rob Ringeisen, Dan Agenten, Tim Hinrichs, Brandon Lexvold, Justin Thomforde, Jerrod Thomforde, Shane Matthees, Todd Brinkman, Justin Hinrichs

GREETERS

12/31 Ed and Meg Stumpf 1/7 Mike and Dorothy Lodermeier

Happy Birthday
1-2 Alexis Callstrom, Duane Matthees
1-3 Tom Pasch, Gary Lohmeyer
1-4 Andrew Schilling
1-6 Jonathan Voth