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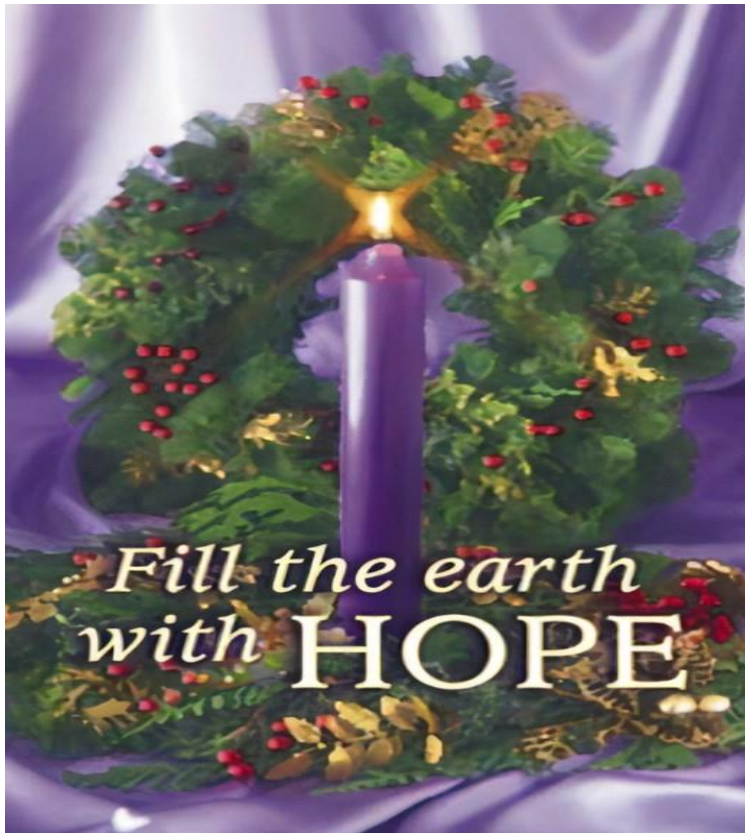
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A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

First Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021



LISTENING DEVICES and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available in the overflow area of the church. Please speak with an elder or usher to assist you. (St. John's)

PRIOR TO SERVICE: Please be respectful of those who would like to meditate and pray before the worship service by keeping conversational voices low. Thank you for your consideration and love in Christ.

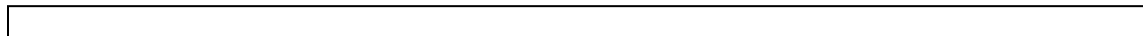
ATTENDANCE CARDS: Please fill them out and give to the usher at the end of service. (St. John's)

OUR WORSHIP BEGINS WITH PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

AS WE GATHER: Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN PRAYER: Ancient of Days, bring to all our days the hope and peace won for us by Jesus on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, that we may live by Your mercy until that day when Christ comes again to judge the living and the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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**TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
November 21, 2021**

Adult Bible Study	13	Offering	\$ 21.00
Worship Attendance	57	Offering	\$ 2,421.00
		Reserve	\$ 200.00
		Preschool	\$ 100.00
		Praise Team	\$ 100.00
		Missions	\$ 345.00
Total for Orphanages		Needed for goal	\$ \$560.00/mo
(as of 10-17-21 \$5,525.00)		Monthly Average	\$ 502.27
Budget for 2021	\$162,013.25	(needed per week: \$3,115.64)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2021	\$ 109,388.50	(47 week avg: \$2,327.41)	

**TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
November 21, 2021**

Worship Attendance	47	Offering	\$ 1,884.00
		Mission	\$ 50.00
Budget for 2021	\$ 60,539.01	(needed per week: \$ 1,164.21)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2021	\$ 50,898.27	(47 week avg. \$ 1,082.94)	

This week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Janene Bartels, Ashley Harms.....29th
 Billy Borrenpohl3rd
Donna Rathe4th

Worship Assistants

Greeters Today:Dan Bartels Family (St. John's)
.....Jackie Boden (Immanuel)

Greeters Next Sunday: Steve & Jennifer Bartels (St. John's)
..... Hannah Thies (Immanuel)

Today's Acolytes:..... Reese McDonald & Caden McDonald (St. John's)
..... Kody Goracke & Sierra Goracke (Immanuel)

Next Sunday:Andrew Kohlmeyer & Jackson Haughton (St. John's)
..... Emma Thies & Seth Dean (Immanuel)

Novmeber Elder:.....Kirk Bartels (402) 921-0774 (St. John's)
..... Jim Williams (402) 866-4586 (Immanuel)
December Elder:..... Kevin McKinney (402) 335-8271 (St. John's)
.....Galen Bartels (402) 866-1057 (Immanuel)

November Trustee:..... Del Lierman (402) 269-8004 (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)

December Trustee:Marcus Griess (402) 209-2283 (St. John's)
..... (Immanuel)

Novemver Altar Guild:..... Amy Borrenpohl (St. John's)
December Altar Guild:Luann Carmine (St. John's)

November Flower Committee:..... Deb Buehler & Heather Thies (Immanuel)
December Flower Committee: Gina Doose & Elaine Harms (Immanuel)

Transportation: Ron Rathe (402) 335-2208 (St. John's)

Organist Today:Amy Frye (St. John's)
.....Donna Rathe (Immanuel)



Needing Urgent prayers: Mary Mommens (*Back Surgery*), Shirley Bartels (*knee surgery*), Janatte Knoble, Lavern Bartels (*health issues*), Wakes Boudle (*NICU*), Sophie Carnagey (cancer – Dave’s mother), Shawn Othmer (*pancreatic & stomach cancer*), Steven Frye (*Pancreatic Cancer- Billy Frye’s brother*), Declan Heineman (great-great-grandnephew of Cindy Lierman), Brianna Podtburg (*cancer & leg amputation*), and Alan DeJonge (pancreatic cancer) in your prayers this week. May God grant each of them His protection and peace and bless them with good health.

†**Those needing our sustaining prayers:** Arlo Miesbach (*cancer*), Kevin Miesbach (*brain tumor*), Lois Ann Bartels (health issues), Karen Belding (Covid – recovery), Josh Wilkins (spinal cancer – Dave & Paula Carnagey’s former foster child), Bruce Haughton (*Lymphoma*), Kathy Gottula (*recovery*), Karen McCoy (*Cancer*), Marlys McPherson (*Cancer – Pastor’s aunt*), Addy Kohlmeyer (*Cancer*), LeRoy Buethe (*recovery-Covid*), Rose Kerner (recovery), Arlene Bohling (*mother of Lisa Bartels*), Kris Kelle (*cancer*), Deb Lance (*cancer – Katie Griess’s mother*), Mindy Johnston (*kidney issues -Shirly Hestermann’s great niece*), Sherri Sapp-Stutheit (*surgery recovery*) Eldon Bartels (*health issues*), Deb Brinkman (*surgery-recovery*), Robin Whitney (*Various Health Issues*), Haleigh McDonald (*arthritis & degenerative disk disease*), Mary Jo Foetisch (*Alzheimers*), Brian Thies (*Amputation below knee on both legs– Rick Thies’ cousin*), Kathleen Barone (*health issues*), Shari Boudle (*cancer – Lisa Bartels’ sister*), Harry Bartels (*brother of Dwayne and Lavern Bartels –severe osteoporosis & pneumonia*), Ron Rathe (*cancer*), Dwayne Bartels, Ray Bartels, Suzanne Hughes (*niece of Dwayne and Laverne Bartels - cancer*), Loren Bartels (*brother of Dwayne and Lavern Bartels – muscle disease*), Bonnie Smith (*continued good health reports*) and all others who look to God in their time of need.

†**We pray for the family and friends of Charlene Schafer** as they mourn her passing last week. May God’s peace be with them all as they remember our Lord’s resurrection and look to the future, of a heavenly reunion to come.

†**We pray for God’s loving and gracious care for those homebound, assisted living and nursing home** including: Sherri Sapp-Stutheit, Eldon Bartels, Gary Wilhelm, LeRoy & Evelyn Buethe, Vicki Mandery, (*Darla Gottula and Don Cooper*).

†**We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces** including: Bailey Bohling (Kirk & Lisa Bartels nephew).

†**We lift up all missionaries**, including: Pastor Dale & Suzanne Kaster, Andrew & Noel Schaff and all other church workers. And for those served by our adopted orphanages – Smiltene & Togliatti #5.

† **We give God thanks for the gift of Baptism**, as we celebrate with **Christopher Bartels and Lowell Nolte** who celebrate their baptismal birthdays (this week). May God continue to bless him and all of us- with complete joy and confidence, through the promises He bestowed on us through His Sacrament of the Water and the Word!



Joint Announcements

Reminder: please let pastor know when you are in hospital so he can visit with you.

Newsletters: Paper copies of the newsletter are available on the back table.

Advent Devotions are available in the back of the Church.

Christmas Cantata: On December 19, St. John Lutheran Church in Tecumseh will host it's annual Christmas Cantata. Our music director Kevin McKinney will conduct the choir and Chris Eltiste has graciously offered to be our accompanist. We will be doing "King of Love". We are now in need of singers. If anyone is interested in offering their time and talent, we'd love to have you! Our rehearsals will be on Sunday evenings with the first one on November 7th at St. John Lutheran at 7:00pm. Please contact Amy at the church (402) 335-3816 or Kevin at 402-335-8271, kevin.mckinney421@gmail.com if you have questions.

Immanuel's Announcements

Flower Committee: The sign-up sheet for the 2022 Flower Committees is on the bulletin board in the Annex. If you have any questions, contact Rosie.

St. John's Announcements

Special Council Meeting: December 1st following Advent Service. We will be nominating officers and board member & working on the proposed budget.

Special Voter's Meeting: December 5th after Church Service. We will be voting on officers and board members and approving the 2022 budget.

Christmas Goodie Bags: We will be having a free will donation on the 5th and 12th of December to help with the goodie bags to be giving out on Christmas Eve to the children. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it to the church office.

Priscillas: The December meeting will be November 30th to decorate the tree, sing carols and have refreshments.

Altar Guild: Sign-up sheet for Altar Guild for next year is on the back table.

Poinsettias: If you would like to donate towards the purchase of poinsettias for the altar, there is a donation box on the back table.

Christmas Bags: for the shut-ins are in the back. Please consider sending a card to our people in the nursing homes, assisted living or those who can't make it to church anymore. A simple card means so much to them. A list of names are on the table – any questions please talk to Cheryl Grove.

Donation Drive: We are collecting the following items to be donated for **FosterCare Closet of Nebraska:** Pull-ups in all sizes for boys and girls, new pillows, new towels, twin size fleece blankets, shampoo & conditioner, combs, brushes and hygiene products. Please put items on the table in the basement. We will be collecting until the end of the year. If you have any questions, please talk to Amy Frye or LuAnn Carmine or go to <http://fostercarecloset.org/>.

This Week With God

Sunday, November 28 *(First Sunday in Advent)*

- ✠ Divine Service w/o Communion (Immanuel) 8:30 am
- ✠ Women of Immanuel Meeting (Immanuel) 9:30 am
- ✠ Sunday School (St. Johns & Immanuel) 9:30 am
- ✠ Adult Bible Study (St. John's) 9:30 am
- ✠ Divine Service w/o Communion (St. John's) 10:30 am
- ★ Cantata Practice (St. John's) 7:00 pm

Monday, November 29

- ★ Pastor's Family Day

Tuesday, November 30

- ★ Quilting (St. John's) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, December 1

- ★ **Midweek /Confirmation (St. John's)** 4:30 pm
- ☉ Soup Supper (St. John's) 5:30 pm
- ✠ **Advent Service (St. John's)** 7:00 pm
- ★ Special Council Meeting (St. John's) 8:00 pm

Thursday, December 2

- ✠ No Activities

Friday, December 3

- ★ No Activities

Saturday, December 4

- ★ No Activities

Sunday, December 5 *(Second Sunday in Advent)*

- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (Immanuel) 8:30 am
- ✠ Sunday School (St. Johns & Immanuel) 9:30 am
- ✠ Adult Bible Study (St. John's) 9:30 am
- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (St. John's) 10:30 am
- ★ Special Voter's Meeting (St. John's) 11:30 am
- ★ Cantata Practice (St. John's) 7:00 pm

FAMILY WORSHIP REFLECTION

WHERE THE FAMILY SAVORS GOD'S WEEKLY FEAST

Bring Church
Home

REVIEW What was this week's sermon about? What grabbed your attention the most?
What is something new I learned from the sermon?

LAW How was the Law presented in the sermon? How does the Law that was presented in the sermon, apply to me?

GOSPEL How was the Gospel presented in the sermon? How did the sermon deepen my understanding of Christ & the Gospel?

RESPOND What does this mean as I live out my life as a disciple of Christ? How can I put this into practice in my life during this coming week?

Share Stories
and
Testimonies

SEE How did you see God at work in your life this past week?

SEEK What has God been teaching you in His Word?

SHARE With whom did you share something about God this week?

Encourage

SERVE Is there something we can do for someone this week?

PRAY How can we pray for you this week?

Confirmand Sunday Worship Attendance

Name: _____

Date of Service: _____

Day of Church Year: _____

Pastor or Elder Signature: _____