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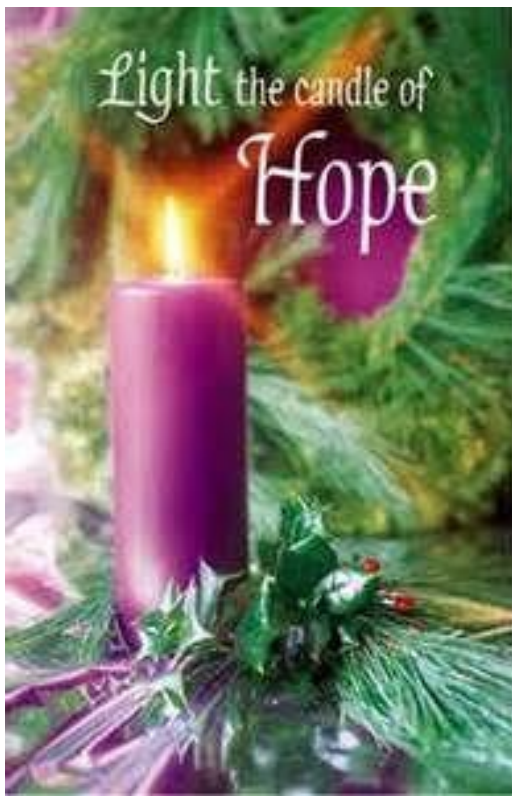
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*A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

**First Sunday in Advent**

**November 27, 2022**



**LISTENING DEVICES** and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available, please speak with an elder 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.

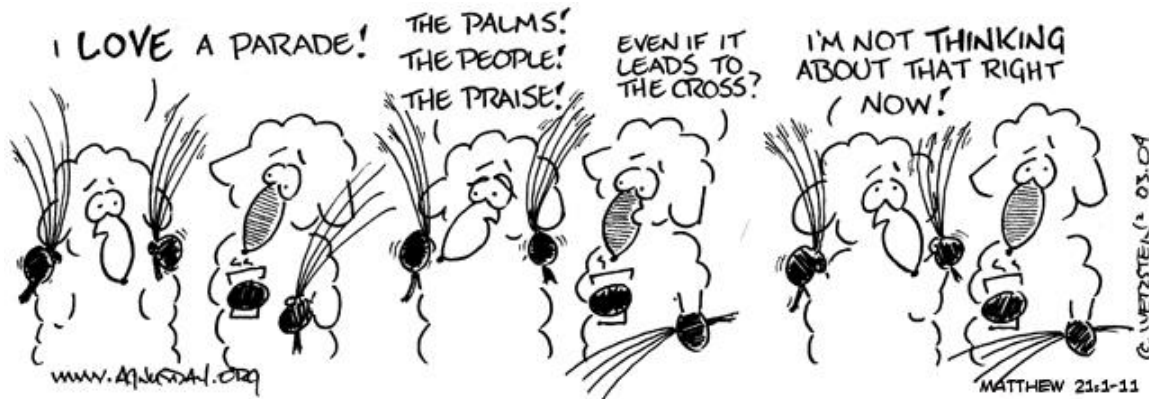
**ATTENDANCE CARDS:** Please fill them out and put them in the offering plate. (St. John's)

**OUR WORSHIP BEGINS WITH PRAYERFUL MEDITATION**

**AS WE GATHER:** Today you are in a most important waiting room—every church sanctuary or other holy space in which God's people gather is, in its way, a waiting room. Together we are waiting for the greatest of all events—the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the mountain of the house of the Lord, where two or three are gathered in His name. Here God dwells and is enthroned and reveals Himself to His people. Here we keep alert, joyfully anticipating the advent of our King.

**WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN PRAYER:** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us to bring the joy of Your salvation. Bid all shadows and darkness in our lives be gone that we may walk in the light of the Lord. Keep us faithful to the work that You have given us while it is day as we share the hope and the joy that we have within us as people of Your kingdom. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our bright and Morning Star. Amen.

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TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH November 20, 2022			
Adult Bible Study	5	Offering	\$ 8.00
Worship Attendance	48	Offering	\$ 1,013.00
Total for Orphanages (as of 11-20-2022 \$2,045.00)		Needed for goal	\$ \$560.00/mo.
		Monthly Average	\$ 185.91
Budget for 2022	\$167,648.00	(needed per week: \$3,224.00)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2022	\$ 108,272.75	(47 week avg: \$2,303.68)	

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH November 20, 2022			
Worship Attendance	66	Offering	\$ 1,378.00
		Mission	\$ 20.00
Budget for 2022	\$ 64,531.19	(needed per week: \$ 1,240.98)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2022	\$ 51,462.75	(47 week avg. \$ 1,094.95)	

# This week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Eldon & Lois Ann Bartels (62 <sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary .....	27 <sup>th</sup>
Les & Linda Branting (52 <sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.....	27 <sup>th</sup>
Janene Bartels, Ashley Harms.....	29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Debra Buehler</b> .....	30 <sup>th</sup>
Sharon Bohling, Billy Borrenpohl .....	3 <sup>rd</sup>

## Worship Assistants

**Greeters Today:** ..... Lindy Drum (St. John's)  
..... Jeff & Sarah Dean (Immanuel)

Greeters Next Sunday: ..... Marcus Griess Family (St. John's)  
..... Merlyn Saathoff (Immanuel)

**Today's Acolytes:** ..... (St. John's)  
..... Emma Thies & Sierra Goracke (Immanuel)

Next Sunday: ..... Reese McDonald & Caden McDonald (St. John's)  
..... Wyatt & Jocelyn Rathe (Immanuel)

**November 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:** ..... Marcus Griess (402) 209-2283 (St. John's)  
..... (Immanuel)

December Trustee: ..... Aaron Kinney (402) 335-0751 (St. John's)  
..... (Immanuel)

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

**November Flower Committee:** .... Sandy Weyers & Laura Heiden (Immanuel)  
December Flower Committee: . Women of Immanuel & Elaine Harms (Immanuel)

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

**Organist/Accompianist Today:** .. Steve Bartels & Kevin McKinney (St. John's)  
..... Donna Rathe (Immanuel)

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**Needing Urgent prayers:** Linda Blessing (*cancer*), Rod DeBur (*health issues*), Amanda Baumert (*health issues*), Rev. Jason Wolter (*brain cancer/ tumor*), Tracy Wolter (*kidney issues*), Bryan Whitney (*broken leg*), Billy Frye (*broken foot*), Lavern Bartels (*health issues*), Sally Bartels, LeRoy Buethe, Arlene Bohling (*mother of Lisa Bartels*), Josephina Schlabach, Jennifer Steele (*cancer – Duane & Betty Krause’s niece*), Tony Lintz (*fractured hip/recovery*), Shirley Frey (*Cindy Lierman’s sister – cancer*), and Shawn Othmer (*pancreatic & stomach 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:** Haleigh McDonald (*health issues*), Darlene Dinse, Jim Borrenpohl, Cliff Lacey, Rev. Dale Kaster (*cancer*), Mary Jo Foetisch (*Alzheimer’s*), Lois Ann Bartels (*health issues*), Rev. Donald Cooper, Brianna Podtburg (*cancer & leg amputation*), Arlo Miesbach (*cancer*), Josh Wilkins (*spinal cancer – Dave & Paula Carnagey’s former foster child*), Karen McCoy (*Cancer*), Deb Lance (*cancer – Katie Griess’s mother*), Mindy Johnston (*kidney issues –Shirly Hestermann’s great niece*), Eldon Bartels (*health issues*), Shari Boudle (*cancer – Lisa Bartels’ sister*), Ron Rathe (*cancer*), Dwayne Bartels, Ray Bartels, Suzanne Hughes (*niece of Dwayne and Laverne Bartels – cancer*) and all others who look to God in their time of need.

†**We pray for the family and friends of Carol Minchow** (sister-in-law of Janet Lueders), 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: Tony Lintz, Esther Buethe, Eldon Bartels, Gary Wilhelm, LeRoy & Evelyn Buethe, Vicki Mandrey 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 **Ryan Haughton, Laura Heiden, Julie Hoke, Christopher Bartels and Lowell Nolte** who celebrates their baptismal birthdays (this week). May God continue to bless them 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

**Pastoral Care:** While Pastor is gone from November 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, if you need emergency pastoral care please call Pastor Cornelius (402) 335-2686 or (402)921-8090 or Pastor Warneke (402) 519-8924. You can also call one of the Elders. **St. John's Elders:** Kirk Bartels (402) 921-0774, Dave Borrenpohl (402) 429-5463, Kevin McKinney (402) 335-8271; **Immanuel Elders:** Jim Williams (402)866-4586, Jon Rathe (402) 866-2142, Galen Bartels (402) 866-1057.

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

**Christmas Cantata:** On December 18<sup>th</sup>, St. John Lutheran Church in Tecumseh will host its annual Christmas Cantata. Our music director Kevin McKinney will conduct the choir, accompanist will be Loretta Kerchal. We are 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kevin.mckinney421@gmail.com) if you have questions.

### Immanuel's Announcements

**Women of Immanuel:** Will have a box in the annex for collection of food and other products for the Thanksgiving bags we are filling for the schools at Sterling and Freeman to distribute to families that can use help in feeding their families. The deadline for contributing is November 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Poinsettias:** If you wish to donate a poinsettia for church, please have it in the annex by November 30<sup>th</sup> so we can have them out by the Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> church service. Thanks. Elaine Harms

### St. John's Announcement

**Priscilla's Meeting:** The Christmas party to decorate the tree and a time of fellowship will be November 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

**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.

**Food Shelf Challenge:** Thank you to everyone who donated the non-perishable food items for the drive. We collected 648 items and more are still coming in. The food drive will be supplemented with a Generosity Multiplier Gift, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network – Nebraska Region.

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

# **This Week With God**

## **Sunday, November 27** (*First Sunday in Advent*)

- ✠ Divine Service w/o Communion (Immanuel) .....8:30 am
- ✠ Sunday School (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 28**

- ★ Pastor's Family Day .....

## **Tuesday, November 29**

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

## **Wednesday, November 30**

- ★ Preschool Chapel .....9:00 am
- ✠ Faith Train / Midweek Class (St. John's)..... 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- ✠ Confirmation Class (Immanuel)..... 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- ✠ Advent Service (Immanuel) .....7:00 pm

## **Thursday, December 1**

- ★ No Activities.....

## **Friday, December 2**

- ★ No Activities.....

## **Saturday, December 3**

- ★ No Activities.....

## **Sunday, December 4** (*Second Sunday in Advent*)

- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (Immanuel).....8:30 am
- ✠ Sunday School (Immanuel) .....9:30 am
- ✠ Adult Bible Study (St. John's).....9:30 am
- ✠ Divine Service w/ Communion (St. John's)..... 10:30 am
- ♪ Cantata Practice (St. John's).....7:00 pm

# FAMILY WORSHIP REFLECTION

WHERE THE FAMILY SAVORS GOD'S WEEKLY FEAST

Bring Church  
Home

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Elder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_