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A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023



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: Why do the Beatitudes resonate with us? Yes, we who follow Christ are poor in spirit, we hunger for righteousness, and we know some persecution; but so do others, those who follow other gods. The difference is that, at the deepest level, God has promised blessings while we experience all those human emotions and take what action we think best. Those blessings come to us by grace, simply because God has chosen us, without any merit or worthiness in us. We are not worthy, just as God's Old Testament people did not merit His attention, but we and they received it nonetheless. God has chosen to make us worthy by sending His Son in our place. In today's Readings, He explains what pleases Him. Only Christ lived the perfect life, but the Gospel certainly moves us to respond to God's choosing us, as best we can, in love and service.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN PRAYER: Almighty God, You have told us what pleases You and how we should live. Help us to do justice and love kindness in response to Jesus' life of perfect obedience and sacrificial death on our behalf; 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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WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS & MINDS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, bids us to examine ourselves before taking Holy Communion. Therefore, to faithfully prepare to receive our Lord's TRUE body and blood, we

- ▶ **CONFESS** that we are sinful people- unwilling and unable to be righteous according to God's just Law.
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that Jesus shed His Blood for us on the cross for the forgiveness of our sin;
- ▶ **BELIEVE** that, in the Supper, Jesus gives us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine – that is, the bread and wine are NOT merely symbols of the body and blood of Jesus, but truly are united to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, as He said, "*Take eat; this is My BODY... Take, drink; this is My Blood.*"
- ▶ **INTEND**, by the power of the Holy Spirit, repent of our sinful lives and strive to walk according to God's will.

In joyful obedience to the teaching of Holy Scripture, we ask that only those who share unity with us in our confession of doctrine and faith join us at the altar. Guests who are members in good standing in fellow congregations of the Missouri Synod are invited to join us in the Holy Supper. If you have questions or would like to have information about joining our fellowship, please visit with an elder or the pastor. Thank you.

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP			
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH			
January 22, 2023			
Adult Bible Study	3	Offering	\$ 6.00
Worship Attendance	54	Offering	\$ 825.00
Total for Orphanages (as of 1-1-2023 \$200.00)		Needed for goal	\$ 560.00/mo.
		Monthly Average	\$ 200.00
Budget for 2023	\$172,870.00	(needed per week: \$3,324.42)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2023	\$ 9,585.00	(4 week avg: \$2,396.25)	

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND STEWARDSHIP			
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH			
January 22, 2023			
Worship Attendance	40	Offering	\$ 773.00
		Mission	\$
Budget for 2023	\$ 65,189.00	(needed per week: \$ 1,253.63.)	
Total Giving to Budget in 2023	\$ 5,512.00	(4 week avg. \$ 1,378.00)	

This week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Steven Klein, **Sarah Dean** 30th
 Kirk Bartels, Rich Lowther 31st
 Loretta Kuhl, **Ed Heiden** 2nd

Worship Assistants

Greeters Today: Myron & Barb Jenkins (St. John's)
..... Jim Williams (Immanuel)

Greeters Next Sunday: Loretta Kuhl Family (St. John's)
..... Shirley Bartels (Immanuel)

Today's Acolytes: Madalyn Kohlmeyer & Jackson Haughton (St. John's)
..... Wyatt & Jocelyn Rathe (Immanuel)

Next Sunday: Andrew Kohlmeyer & Wesley Schmid (St. John's)
..... Emma Thies & Natalie Dean (Immanuel)

January Elder: David Borrenpohl (402) 429-5463 (St. John's)
..... Jon Rathe (402) 866-2142 (Immanuel)

February Elder: Kevin McKinney (402) 335-8271 (St. John's)
..... Jim Williams (402) 866-4586 (Immanuel)

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

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

January Altar Guild: Fred & Petey Pooch (St. John's)
February Altar Guild: Kirk & Lisa Bartels (St. John's)

January Flower Committee: Patty Harms & Rosie Sugden (Immanuel)
February Flower Committee: Donna Rathe & Joyce Moss (Immanuel)

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

Accompanianst Today: Loretta Kerchal (St. John's)
..... Donna Rathe (Immanuel)



Needing Urgent prayers: Brianna Podtburg (*cancer*), Myron Jenkins (*knee surgery – recovery*), Gary Wilhelm (*health issues*), Bob Saeger (*surgery – recovery*), Linda Blessing (*cancer*), Amanda Baumert (*health issues*), Rev. Jason Wolter (*brain cancer/ tumor*), Tracy Wolter (*kidney issues*), Lavern Bartels (*health issues*), Sally 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:** Darlene Dinse, Jim Borrenpohl, Cliff Lacey, Rev. Dale Kaster (*cancer*), Mary Jo Foetisch (*Alzheimer’s*), Lois Ann Bartels (*health issues*), Rev. Donald Cooper, Arlo Miesbach (*cancer*), Josh Wilkins (*spinal cancer – Dave & Paula Carnegie’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*), 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 God’s loving and gracious care for those homebound, assisted living and nursing home** including: Elaine Harms, Tony Lintz, Esther Buehe, Eldon Bartels, Gary Wilhelm, Evelyn Buehe, 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 orphans – Smiltene & Togliatti #5.

† **We give God thanks for the gift of Baptism**, as we celebrate with **Kim Bartels and Christian Frerichs** who celebrate 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

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

For future Church cancellations: – Messages will be on Facebook and an email will be sent out. We will also be notifying TV Channel 10/11. Elders will also be contacting people by phone if they do not have internet access.

Pancake Feed: Tecumseh Fire Department is having a Pancake Feed on February 12th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. They will be serving Biscuits & Gravy, Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Orange Juice and Coffee. Free will offering to support equipment purchases. Free Blood Pressure check from the Tecumseh Rescue Squad will also be available.

Soup Luncheon: Immanuel is having their Soup Luncheon on February 26th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. They will be serving Chili, Vegetable Beef, Chicken Noodle and Potato Soup, Sandwiches and Pie. Free Will Offering. Proceeds to go towards local missions.

Pastor Wolter's Update: The surgery went well, Pastor was sent home on Sunday. He has had speech therapy and is taking it nice and easy. He had a Zoom conference with the oncologist at Mayo on Friday. Jason & I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your prayers, support, cards & letters. We both can feel the love & support coming from Nebraska! Blessings to you all! Pastor, Tracey and family.

Pastor Wolter's address: Rev. Jason & Tracey Wolter, 613 12th Street S, Benson, MN 56215.

Immanuel's Announcements

Greeters: If you would like your name to be added to the list for greeting or if you would like your name to be removed, please talk to Patty Harms (402)580-8146 by February 5th.

St. John's Announcement

Potluck Meal: We will be having a fellowship potluck meal today after church. St. John's will provide plates, tableware and drinks. Even if you forgot to bring a dish, please stay anyway and enjoy the time of fellowship, there is always plenty of food.

Valentine's 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 is names are on the table – any questions please talk to Cheryl Grove. We will be delivering/ mailing them on February 10th.

This Week With God

Sunday, January 29 *(Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)*

- ✠ 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
- ☉ Potluck Fellowship Meal (St. John's)11:30 am

Monday, January 30

- ★ Pastor's Family Day

Tuesday, January 31

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

Wednesday, February 1

- ✠ Preschool Chapel9:00 am
- ✠ Faith Train / Midweek Class (St. John's)..... 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- ✠ Confirmation Class (Immanuel)..... 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- ★ Bible Study (St. John's)7:00 pm
- ★ Joint Elders' Meeting (St. John's) 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 2

- ★ No Activities.....

Friday, February 3

- ★ No Activities.....

Saturday, February 4

- ★ No Activities.....

Sunday, February 5 *(Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)*

- ✠ 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

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: _____

Elder Signature: _____