

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 3, 2023**

- Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
*(The green hymnal (LBW) will be used during worship)*  
\*The Entrance Hymn ~ *Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying*" # 31  
\*Confession and Forgiveness p. 56  
\*Greeting p. 57  
\*Kyrie p. 57  
\*Hymn of Praise "*Lord God...*" p. 59  
*Prayers and lessons can be found in Celebrate insert*  
\*Prayer of the Day ~ *in unison*
- The Lessons  
Lighting the Advent Wreath ~ *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* #34  
Congregation will sing verses 1 and 2
- \*The Holy Gospel  
Sermon ~ Pastor Harold Sharp (*refer to insert*)  
\*Hymn of the Day ~ *Savior of the Nations, Come* # 28  
*(Please remain seated for the hymn)*
- \*Apostles' Creed p. 65  
\*Prayers  
\*The Peace is shared  
Tithes and Thankofferings  
\*Offertory "*Let the vineyards...*" p. 66  
\*Offertory Prayer
- \*The Great Thanksgiving p. 68  
\*The Preface  
\*The Sanctus "*Holy, Holy, Holy...*" p. 69  
\*Eucharistic Prayer #32" p. 69  
The Lord's Prayer p. 71  
*The Communion Distribution*
- \*Post Communion Canticle "*Thank the Lord ...*" p. 72  
\*Post Communion Prayer p. 74  
\*The Blessing – The Lord bless you... p. 74

\*Closing Hymn – “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

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\*Dismissal

**Today**

**Greeter:** Edna Chester; **Lay Reader:** Deb French

**Altar Care:** Carol Fultz; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

**Next Sunday ~ December 10**

**Greeters:** Jim and Georgianna Buchanan; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

**Sound:** Joe Kanagy

**Organist:** Seulki Susie Yoo

**Church Office:** 935-2032; **Email us** [secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org)

**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959

***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.*

***Our Vision Statement***

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Edna Chester in loving memory of her husband, John H. Chester.

Please remember in prayer ~ Erica Hargenrader, Anne Peachey, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Samantha Smith, members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Don Wolfe (VVH).

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

**TODAY** First Sunday in Advent ~ Holy Communion

No Adult Sunday school

**THURSDAY 9:30am** Comfort Knotting

**FRIDAY 6:00-8:00pm** Belleville Family Christmas Celebration

**NEXT SUNDAY** Congregational meeting

No Adult Sunday School

We welcome Pastor Harold Sharp back to St. John's this morning. He will be giving the message. Thank you to Joe Kanagy for leading the service and Pastor Rosalie for presiding over communion.

The December newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those members who do not receive it by email.

The adult Sunday school class which gathers in the blue room will not be meeting this morning or next Sunday, December 10. They will resume again on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Advent begins today, and the devotional booklet written by our members is available in the narthex. If you know of others who would enjoy having one to use as part of their devotions, please feel free to take for them.

Our congregational meeting is next Sunday, December 10 following an abbreviated service. Information was mailed out last week. If you did not receive anything, please contact the church office.

**Plans are to decorate the church today following the service. Please see Jami if you would like to help.**

Located in the narthex are Shelter Service "House Banks" which council is hoping members will take and fill with loose change/bills, and return to the church by Sunday, December 24.

Along with the banks are "12 Months of Giving" booklets which offer suggestions on how our church and individuals can help support the homeless of Mifflin County throughout the year.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Belleville Family Christmas Celebration is being held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. St. John's is providing 200 Goodie Bags. **Volunteers are needed to pass the bags out to children attending the event. If you would like to help in this way, please contact the church office.**

Detailed information on the Christmas Celebration and December 11<sup>th</sup> Painting Party to benefit Lions Club events, were included in the December newsletter and can be found in the narthex.

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Area churches have been helping with the Belleville Family Christmas Celebration scheduled for Friday, December 8. One church is in charge of the crafts and face painting. Another is in charge of the games. St. John's Daycare is handing out gift bags. Last year, Maple Grove church provided the hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. They are doing the same again this year and have asked for some other churches to help provide cookies, if possible. Everything at this event is free of charge and people who attended had many good things to say about it.

If you are able to help in this way, please let Kelly know. They can be delivered to the VFW around 5:30 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> or, if you need to have them picked up and delivered for you, that can also be arranged.

January 1 thru November 29, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 19    Offering ~ \$1,555.00  
Income \$ 207,007.59    Expense \$ 213,889.57  
Net Income \$ -6,881.98

Daycare ~ Income \$ 307,778.26    Expense \$ 319,949.72  
Net Income \$ -11,171.46