

St. John's Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

- Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
(The green hymnal (LBW) will be used during worship)
*The Entrance Hymn ~ *Prepare the Royal Highway* # 26
*Confession and Forgiveness p. 56
*Greeting p. 57
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 verse 3
*The Holy Gospel
*Apostles' Creed p. 65

Tithes and Thankofferings ~ *your gifts may be placed in one of the offering plates found at the end of the front and back pews.*
*Offertory "*Create in me...*" p. 75
*Prayers
*The Lord's Prayer p. 76
*The Blessing
*Closing Hymn ~ *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* # 29
Congregational Meeting

Today

Greeters: Jim and Georgianna Buchanan; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan
Sound: Joe Kanagy

Next Sunday ~ December 17

Greeter: Carol Fultz; **Lay Reader:** Joe Kanagy
Communion: Carol Fultz, **Sound:** Jay Byler

Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

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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 Buck and Sandra Metz in memory of their parents.

Please remember in prayer ~ Alexa Williams, 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 Second Sunday in Advent ~ Congregational Meeting
No Adult Sunday school

MONDAY 6:00-8:00pm Painting Party at Community Center to
benefit Lions Club events

THURSDAY 6:30pm Council meeting

NEXT SUNDAY Third Sunday in Advent ~ Holy Communion
Pastor Doug Pierce
Poinsettia order forms due

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. They will resume next Sunday.

Advent began last Sunday, 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 daily devotions, please feel free to take for them.

Poinsettia order forms are due next Sunday. They were included in the newsletter and can be found in the narthex.

The 2024 offering envelopes are available in member mailboxes. Please contact the church office if you did not receive/or would like to have one. Feel free to deliver to a member who may not be able to pick theirs up.

The 2024 church birthday calendars will be available in the narthex next Sunday, December 17.

Reminder ~ only the names of active members, along with the persons they have requested to add, will be included on the calendar

There are still dates available to place Altar flowers. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex. We will once again refrain from using them during Lent beginning Sunday, February 18 through Palm Sunday, March 24.

Please remember to notate whether you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered. At this time, the cost remains at \$40.00.

If you placed flowers this year, and still owe for them, please make sure to submit payment by the end of this month. If you are unsure whether or not you paid, please contact the church office.

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.

Thank you to the members who took time to decorate our church for the Christmas season.

The *Mitten Tree* is out for anyone who would like to fill it with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves.

January 1 thru December 7, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 32 Offering ~ \$2,520.00

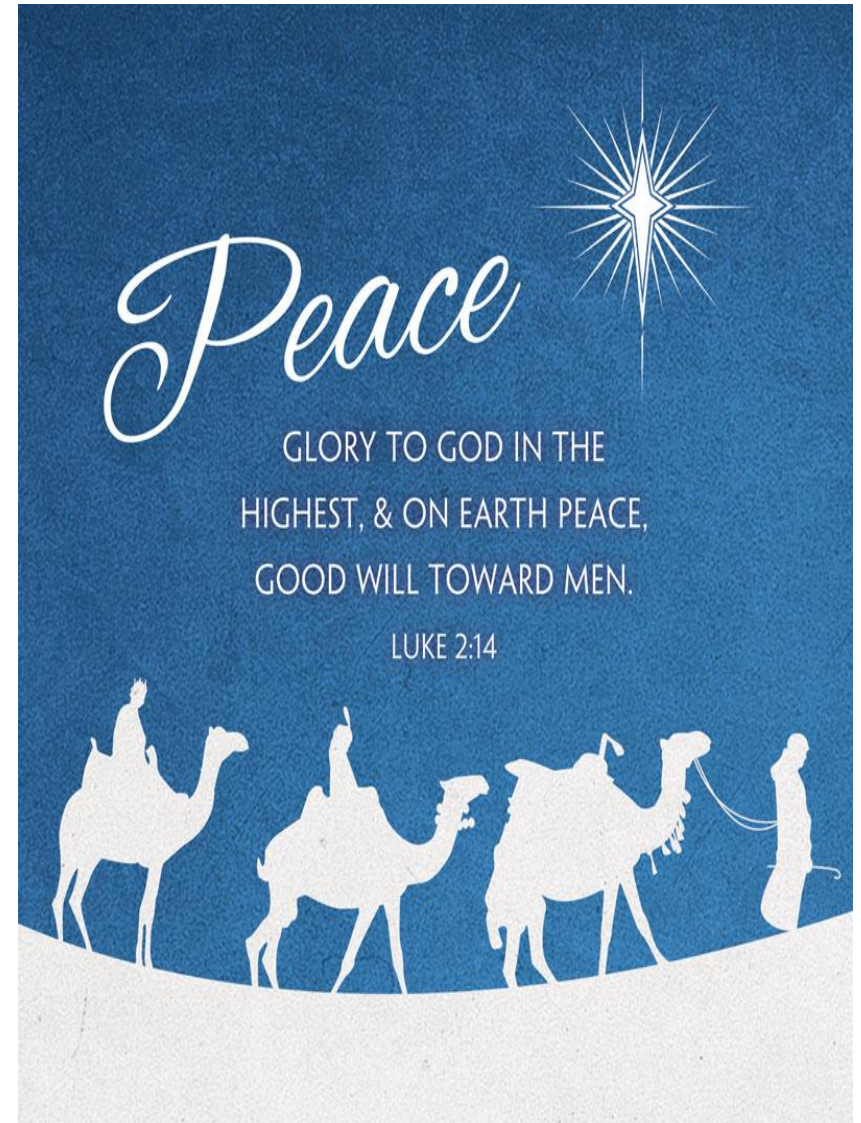
Income \$ 211,330.61 Expense \$ 220,603.25

Net Income \$ -9,272.64

Daycare ~ Income \$ 320,251.06 Expense \$ 332,519.46

Net Income \$ -10,268.40

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