

St. John's Lutheran Church
Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023

- Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
(The green hymnal (LBW) will be used during worship)
*The Entrance Hymn ~ *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* # 30
*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 4 and 5
- *The Holy Gospel
Sermon ~ Pastor Doug Pierce (*based on Matthew 3:1-12*)
*Apostles' Creed p. 65
*Prayers ~ *see Celebrate*
*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 ~ *Joy to the World* # 39
*Dismissal
Postlude

Today

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

Next Sunday ~ December 24

Greeters: John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** John Boring
Sound: Jay Byler

Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

Church Office: 935-2032; **Email us** 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 Marjorie Shilling in loving memory
of her husband, Dick Shilling.

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 Third Sunday in Advent ~ Pastor Doug Pierce

Poinsettia Orders Due

MONDAY 6:30pm Property Committee Meeting

FRIDAY Church Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ Pastor Randy Traxler

7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Pastor Doug Pierce presiding

We welcome Pastor Doug Pierce to St. John's again this morning. Doug is delivering the message and leading communion. He will also be presiding over our Christmas Eve service. Thank you to Ed for leading worship last week, and to Joe for leading this week and next.

Poinsettia order forms are due **TODAY**. They were included in the newsletter and extras can be found in the narthex.

Please note ~ Kelly will be out of the office next Friday. Please have ANY bulletin information (both services) by Wednesday AM.

Jerry Hummel died last Sunday. He and Molly moved to Indiana last year to be closer to Molly's daughter, Jennifer. Cards and other expressions of sympathy can be sent to ~ Molly Hummel

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2024 offering envelopes are available in member mailboxes. Please contact the church office if you did not receive/or would like one.

The 2024 church birthday calendars are available in the narthex.

There are still about a dozen dates available to place Altar flowers. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex. **Please remember to notate** whether you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered.

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.

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

January 1 thru December 14, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 24 Offering ~ \$1,970.00

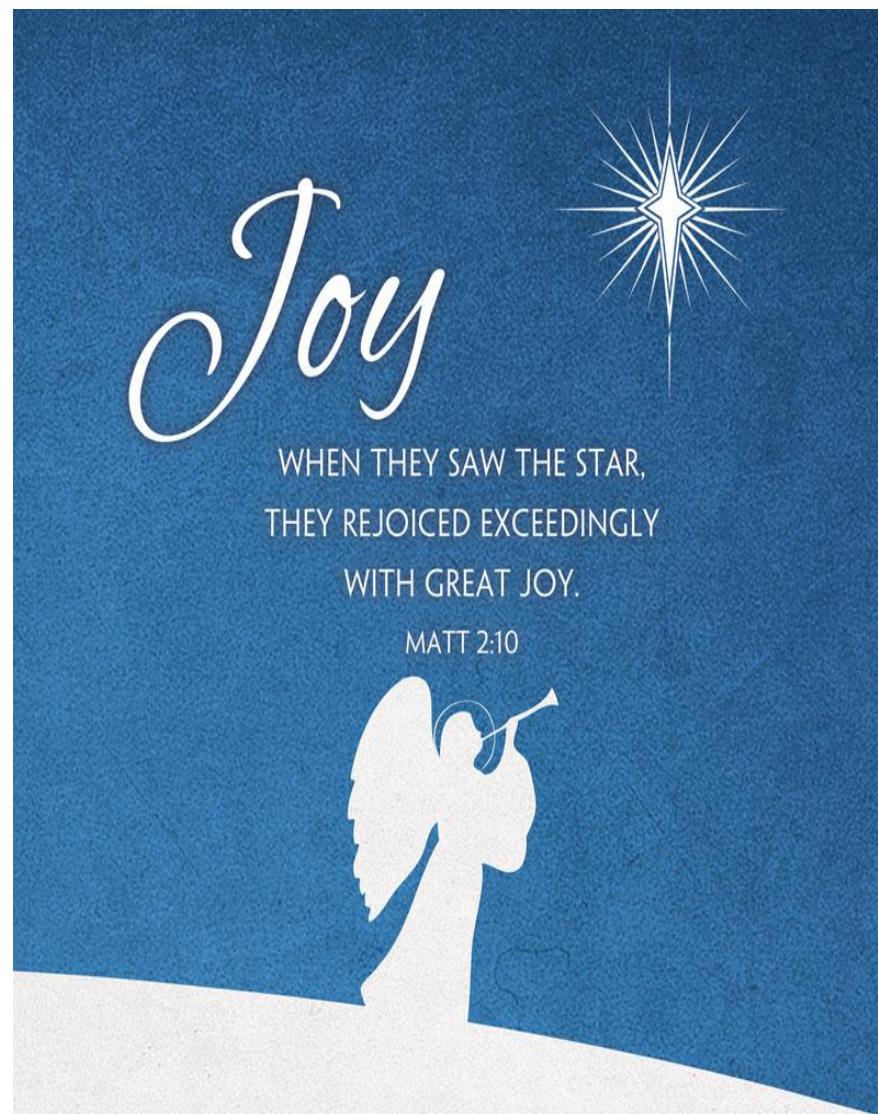
Income \$ 213,469.37 Expense \$ 223,082.88

Net Income \$ -9,613.51

Daycare ~ Income \$ 326,605.96 Expense \$ 332,868.34

Net Income \$ -6,262.38

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