St. John's Lutheran Church Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (The green hymnal (LBW) will be used during worship) *The Entrance Hymn ~ Go Tell it on the Mountain # 70 *Confession and Forgiveness p. 56 *Greeting p. 57 *Kyrie p. 57 *Hymn of Praise 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 verse 5 *The Holy Gospel Message ~ Pastor Randy Traxler Hymn ~ Angels We Have Heard on High #71 *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 ~ *What Child Is This* verses 1 and 2 # 40 *Dismissal Postlude

Today

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

Christmas Eve Worship ~ 7pm

Greeters: John and Denise Chester; **Sound**: Jay Byler **Communion**: Joy Byler and Carol Fultz

<u>Next Sunday ~ December 31</u> Greeter: Jami Zook; Lay Reader: Jami Zook Sound: Ed Bilich

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 John and Brenda Boring in honor of the Christ Child, born on Christmas Day.

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

<u>TODAY</u> Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ Pastor Randy Traxler
7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Pastor Doug Pierce presiding
<u>MONDAY Christmas Day ~ The Nativity of Our Lord</u>
Office and Daycare closed
<u>TUESDAY</u> Office Closed
NEXT SUNDAY Pastor Randy Traxler

We welcome Pastor Randy Traxler to St. John's again this morning. He will also be delivering the message next Sunday. Thank you to Joe for leading the service this week and next. Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service begins at 7:00pm this evening. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

As most of you know, Reverend Mike Sigler begins as our interim on January 1. More information will be included in the newsletter going out next week.

One of the things he is excited to begin is a Bible Study, and would like to know what time would be most suitable, along with how many may be interested in participating.

So, located in the narthex is a sign-up for anyone planning to attend. Please notate morning/afternoon or either. Pastor Sigler will provide more information once he is here.

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.

The 2024 church birthday calendars are available in the narthex.

There are still several dates available to place Altar flowers. Signup sheets can be found in the narthex.

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.

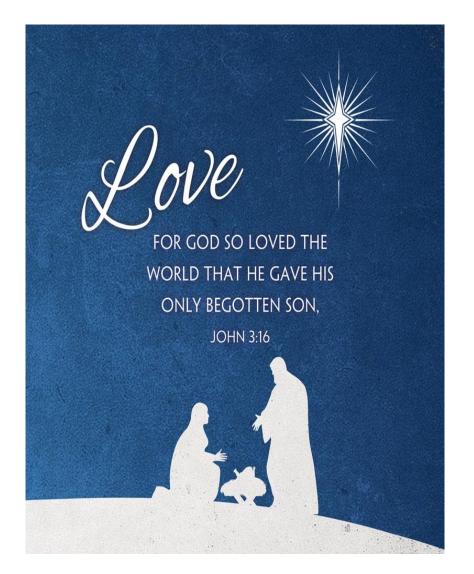
The *Mitten Tree* is out for anyone who would like to fill it with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves.

January 1 thru December 21, 2023 Last week's attendance ~ 35 Offering ~ \$3,075.00

Income \$ 216,994.37 Expense \$ 225,142.78 Net Income \$ - 8,148.41

Daycare ~ Income \$ 331,285.90 Expense \$ 342,563.85 Net Income \$ - 11,277.95

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