

St. John's Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
(The green hymnal (LBW) will be used during worship)
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*Hymn ~ *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* # 29
*Greeting p. 57
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Prayers and lessons can be found in Celebrate insert

*Prayer of the Day ~ *in unison*
Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ congregation sings
Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel Verses 1 and 2 # 34
The Lessons
*Gospel Acclamation ~ *Alleluia. Lord...* p. 62
*The Holy Gospel # 30
Hymn ~ *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
Message ~ *A Caring Pastor and A Caring Congregation*
*Apostles' Creed p. 65
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*Offertory ~ *Create in me...* p. 75
*Prayers
*The Lord's Prayer p. 76
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*Closing Hymn ~ *The First Noel* # 56
*Dismissal
Congregational Meeting

Today

Greeters: Mike and Michele Harshbarger; **Elevator:** Ed Bilich
Lay Reader: Mike Harshbarger; **Sound:** Joe Kanagy

Next Sunday, December 15

Comm: Carol Fultz; **Greeter/Lay Reader:** Chelsea Reed
Elevator: Mike Harshbarger; **Sound:** Jay Byler

Pastor: Rev. Mike Sigler Ph. # 717-437-7007
Office Hours ~ Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00am-Noon
(Subject to change to accommodate meetings, hospital visits, etc)
Organist: Rick Cole
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 Don and Rosalie Smith in memory of their parents,
and in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Please remember in prayer ~ Patty Loudenslager, Joe Kanagy, Jim Buchanan, Bob Keller, Jed Smith, Charlie Murphy, Anne Peachey, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Samantha Smith, members ~ Dorie Remensnyder (VVH), Reba Harmon (Elmcroft), Joyce Stuck and Betty Harmon (Greenwood Village).

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY Congregational meeting following the service
MONDAY 9:00am Filling Belleville Christmas bags in blue room
TUESDAY No Bible Study, will resume next Tuesday
FRIDAY 6-8:00pm Belleville Family Christmas Celebration at VFW
NEXT SUNDAY Holy Communion ~ **Poinsettia orders due**

Pastor Sigler will be away this afternoon through Saturday. Pastor Ken Longfield is covering for emergencies and can be reached at (717-250-6696, or contact the church office.

December Council meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, December 19 at 6:30pm.

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

Bill Kester died this past Tuesday, and wife Ann in October. Please keep his family in your prayers, as they grieve the loss of both parents.

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

The Lions Club sponsored *Belleville Family Christmas* celebration is being held this Friday, December 13 at the VFW. Flyers with more information can be found in the narthex.

Thank you to the volunteers who volunteered to help fill the Christmas Good Bags. We will meet tomorrow morning at 10am in the blue room.

The 2025 offering envelopes are available in member mailboxes. Please contact the church office if you did not receive one.

The 2025 church birthday calendars will be available in the narthex next Sunday, December 15.

The *Mitten Tree* can be found in the narthex for your donations of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and slipper socks for children/adults.

There are still quite a few dates available to place Altar flowers. Please sign-up in the narthex if interested. The cost remains at \$40.00.

St. John's has Meals on Wheels the end of this month beginning of January. Please sign-up in the narthex if you can help provide any of the needed desserts, or see Sue Lynch if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of pies/cheesecake.

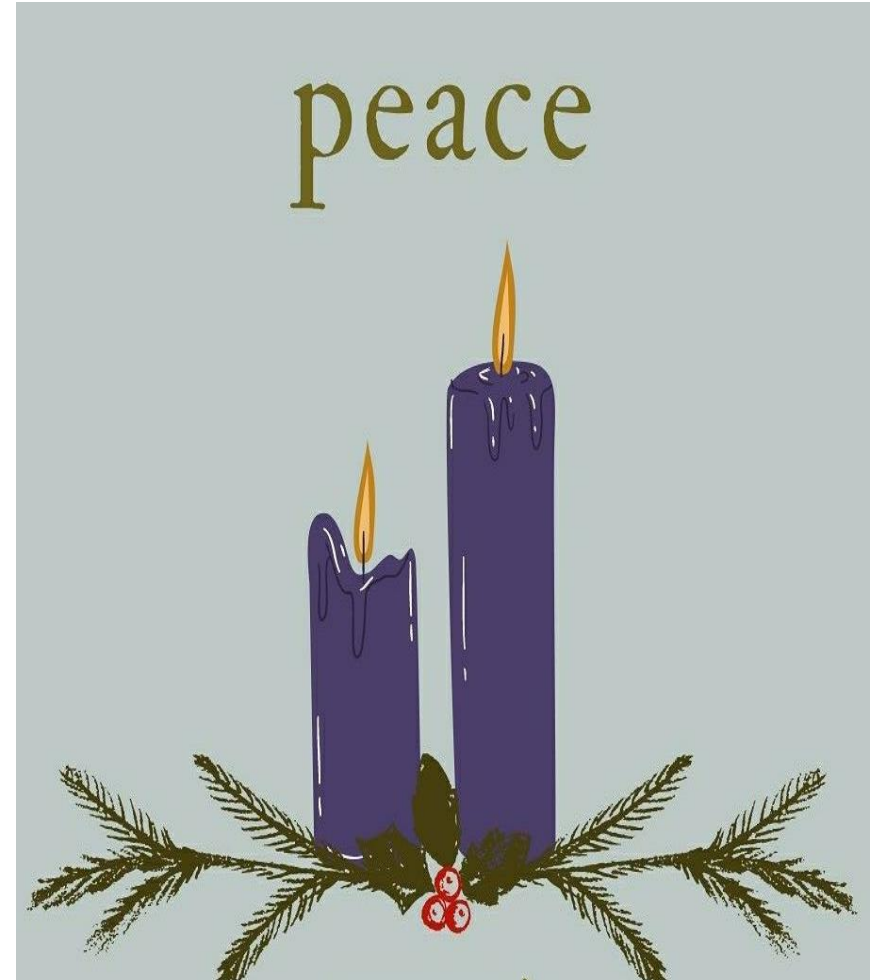
Social hour sign-up is also available in the narthex for anyone interested in hosting this monthly time of fellowship.

We have received notice that Susie Yoo will no longer be serving as our organist. Please remember her in your prayers. We wish her well as she moves forward in her life. Cards may be sent to ~

Seulki Yoo
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Last week's attendance ~ 31 Offering ~ \$3,745.00

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