

Messenger

St. John

January 2024 | ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH | NASHUA, IA



Biblical Reflection for a New Year

In 2 Corinthians 5:17-18a, the Apostle Paul says, “Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ.” (NLT)

And, in part 4 of his Small Catechism, Martin Luther says this about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, “What does Baptism mean for daily living? It means that our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance; and that day after day a new self should arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever.”

Many people view the new year to be a chance to press the “reset” button on their life; a chance to make important changes to their life or correct something in their life they wish was different. This is one way of looking at the new year to give a person hope that this year will be better than the last.

If we consider what both the Apostle Paul and Martin Luther are saying in their respective quotes and apply them to the celebration of the new year, we can see that as followers of Jesus, our faith calls us to assess our words and behaviors on a daily basis; to “die” to yourself every day. When we do this, we wake up every morning a new person, ready to do the works of God; daily repentance, daily forgiveness, a daily “reset” of one’s life.

I am making this my goal for not just this year but the rest of my life; to daily assess my words and behaviors, ask for God’s forgiveness, and wake up the next morning a new person ready to give God the glory and do ministry in His name. Who will join me?

- Pastor Todd



The January WELCA meeting and Bible Study will be held Wednesday, January 3 in the Social Hall. Joan Lore will be lesson leader and Nancy Poppe will be hostess. All women of St. John are welcome to attend this meeting.

WELCA has purchased 6 chairs with arms for the Social Hall. We request that these chairs remain in the Social Hall.

Officers for 2024 include:
Co-Presidents: Nancy Poppe and Joan Lore
Secretary: Jan Hannemann
Treasurer: Myrna Ross

We wish health and wellness to your family in 2024. We welcome new members to our group.

- Joan Lore



- 1—Becky Zwanziger
- 2—Todd Burrichter
- 3—Kelli Haut, Levi Bridges
- 4—Rhett Miller, Catherine Mahlstedt
- 6—Brian Poppe
- 7—Ann Senner, Rowan Hoffman
- 9—Verna Wiebke, Joel Gray
- 10—Vickie Demro, Elizabeth Kalvig, Alicia O’Neill
- 11—Alicia Martin
- 13—Elexa O’Neill
- 15—Jeanne Patterson, Edward Mahlstedt
- 17—Ann Harvey
- 19—Huxley Stille
- 20—Sarah Leonard
- 21—Samuel Blum, Wayne Hicok, Krew Stille
- 22—Christopher Kalvig, Katelyn Wolf, Jamie Baldwin
- 23—Lola Stiles, Jeremy Wolf
- 24—Alecia Liddle, Jaxson Mahan
- 25—Linda Mahlstedt
- 26—Amanda Lienemann
- 27—Loralee Patterson, Derek Potratz, Amanda Hanson
- 30—Nathan Harvey, Wallace Ross
- 31—Tyler Klobassa

New Year, Renewed Energy and quilts to make.



Sewing dates:

January 8, 9, 10
22, 23, 24



9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All are welcome!
No experience needed!



Men’s Breakfast
Sat., January 13th

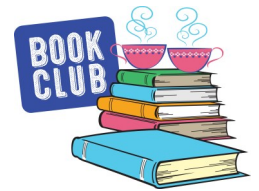
@ 7 AM

Come join us for food and fellowship

Book club will meet on
Thursday, January 11th

@ 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome!



Save the date!

Will we see you on Wed., January 31, 2024 from 1 to 5 p.m. at St. John Social Hall to donate blood? A reminder that football and basketball fans can score big for patients in need. Health emergencies don’t pause for holidays or game day. If you gave at the school’s drive in November, you are eligible again next year!

- Myrna Ross



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

- At Home: Liz Arends
- Nora Springs Care Center: Shirley Goddard
- Whispering Willow, Fredericksburg: Joyce McMichael, Shirley Frost
- Evergreen Arbor, Waverly: Ida Schloemer, Cary Griffith
- 11th Street Chautauqua, Charles City: Dorothy Janssen, Linda Haut
- 9th Street Chautauqua, Charles City: Glenn George, Dorothy Campbell
- Riverside Senior Living: Evelyn Kapping
- Bella Vita Assisted Living, Tampa, FL: Shirley Fosse
- Linden Place: Verna Wiebke

Lutheran World Relief 2023

The women and men of the St. John Lutheran Church served 25 days during 2023 and completed the following things for Lutheran World Relief:

Quilts 686 Personal Care Kits 108
School kits 40 Baby Care Kits 49

A huge "THANK YOU" to Irene Koob's family for their generous donation for our sewing projects and also to Beth Waller for her generous donation so we can build more quilts.

A big "thank you" to everyone that donated material; the congregation for the towels and soap for personal care kits; the men who set up, taped boxes and helped with everything they could; and all the ladies that sewed, pinned, and tied all the quilts. Thank you to Bruce Becker for delivering our quilts and kits to Waverly.

Thanks to all who helped with our Mission Work over the years. This is one of the ways St. John loves as Jesus Loves.

- Quilting Committee

First of all, Happy Holidays to you all! I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your church council President this past year. I appreciate all the members I've talked to about their life, their church concerns, and how we can help. Our amazing church council has been there with:

- Fixing doors, taking down trees, fixing parsonage property
- God's Work, Our Hands projects
- 125th anniversary celebration
- Bible studies
- Outdoor services
- Planning fun activities for our Sunday School kids
- Mercy Meals
- Plus many more activities!

We appreciate each and every one of you for being involved by being a greeter, working the sound system or computer, reading, serving communion, quilting, Operation Christmas Child boxes, and any I missed. It takes a village and I'm proud of each of your efforts!

- Angie Dietz

January 2024 Worship Servants

January 7, 2024 – Traditional w/ comm

Head usher: Megan Stille
Lector: Jill Kalvig
Sound: Lisa Acton
Computer: Eva Foelske
Camera: Lyla Burrichter
Communion: Wyatt B. & family
Acolytes: Elizabeth K. / Allison Miller
Greeters: Dan & Megan Miller

January 14, 2024 – Jubilee w/ comm

Head usher: Megan Stille
Lector: Kathy Cerwinske
Sound: Troy Stille
Computer: Cathy Haut
Camera:
Communion: Eva Foelske
Acolytes: Tate Demro
Greeters: Dennis & Zelda Demro

January 21, 2024 – Traditional

Head usher: Megan Stille
Lector: Katie Burrichter
Sound: Kif Richmann
Computer: Joan Lore
Camera: Lyla Burrichter
Acolytes: Hailey & Sophie Wilkens
Greeters:

January 28, 2024 – Jubilee

Head usher: Megan Stille
Lector: Nancy Poppe
Sound: Greg Henn
Computer: Katelyn Wolf
Camera: Eva Foelske
Acolytes: Wyatt Burrichter
Greeters: Dave & Luci Fober



From the Church Office

December 2023 Statistics

Sun., December 3

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 75 Giving: \$2,563.00

Sun., December 10

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 115 Giving: \$4,849.00

Sun., December 17

9:00 a.m. Attendance: 65 Giving: \$3,395.00

** Note: The remainder of December will be in the February Newsletter.



USHERS

January Head Usher:
Megan Stille

Pastor

Rev. Todd Burrichter

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Office hours: Monday—work from home

Tuesday—Thursday

8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Deacon Intern

Jackie Schilling

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Office Hours: Tuesday: 9:30 a.m.—8:30 p.m.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 1:00 —8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

2024 Council Members

Lori Bruns

Karen Sinnwell

Bruce Becker

Kathy Cerwinske

Rick Drewelow

Megan Stille

Kif Richmann

Dan Miller

Finance: Mark Rodruck

2024 Committee Chairperson:

Administration: Lori Bruns

Building & Grounds: Bruce Becker

Education: Karen Sinnwell

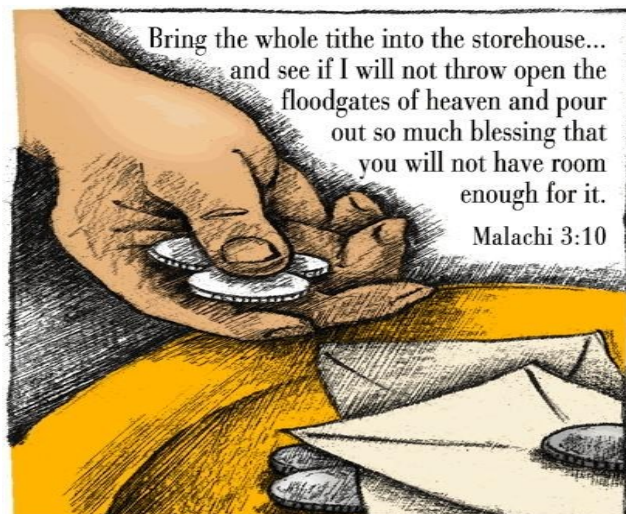
Evangelism: Kathy Cerwinske

Social Concerns: TBD

Stewardship: Megan Stille

Technology: TBD

Worship & Music: Rick Drewelow



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Church office closed Happy New Year!	2 Pastor Todd's Birthday	3 2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation Class	4 6 PM Bible Study	5	6
7	8 5:30 PM Boy Scouts Mtg	9	10 2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation Class	11 6:30 PM Book Club	12	13 7 AM Men's Breakfast 1 PM Boy Scouts- Raingutter Regatta
14	15 Pastor Todd out - Moses Project Sewing Days 9 AM to 3 PM	16	17 2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation Class	18 6 PM Bible Study	19	20 Hall reserved - Beth Wilson
21	22 5:30 PM Boy Scouts Mtg 7 PM Council Mtg	23	24 2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation Class	25 6 PM Bible Study	26	27 Hall reserved- Zelda Demro 11am to 4pm
28	29 9 AM Jubilee 9:15 AM SS & LL	30	31 1 to 5 PM Blood Drive 2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation Class	1	2	3
4	5	Notes				

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

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ALL PEOPLE MAY
TAKE
REFUGE

IN THE SHADOW

OF YOUR WINGS.

PSALM 36:7,
NRSV