

# St. John's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter - January 2017



*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*  
Jeremiah 29:11

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the Advent and Christmas preparations and events at St. John's. Our worship services were filled with beauty and inspiration, our times of fellowship were filled with warm hospitality and smiling faces, and our education classes and Christmas program were filled with a lively witness to the Lord Jesus. We also touched the lives of many, many people beyond our walls through our gifts to the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry and local nursing home residents through the Angel Tree. It has truly been a memorable season!

Also, thank you for all the cards and calls and special greetings you have shared with Dan and me during these past weeks. We appreciate your kind and generous spirits.

God's blessings to all of you,  
Pastor Janet

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**St John's staff gives thanks** to all of you for the cards, gifts and Christmas blessings so generously poured out during this holiday season! We appreciate you and pray for God's leadership and guidance for a wonderful new year of ministry together!

**Holy Communion Classes for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students, any older students who have not received Communion instruction, and Parents** will be held Sunday, January 8 and Sunday, January 15 during the Sunday School Hour at 10:105am in the Children's Library (upstairs). **First Holy Communion** for those who attend these two sessions will be held during 9am Worship on Sunday, January 22.

**St. John's Annual Youth Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser is underway** with order forms available from Mission Trip participants, in the bulletin, and on the Information Booth. Pizza orders and payment may be turned in to the

church office, to Maria, or placed in the pizza box on the information booth before January 29th. Delicious homemade pizzas will be available for pick up or delivery (in town) on Saturday, February 4th from 11am to noon. Proceeds from this annual pizza fundraiser will support our 2017 Mission Trips, March 2017 Winter Jam concert outing and other youth activities. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Staff Updates:** With sadness we say goodbye to one of our part time Custodians, Rob Guardiola. We greatly appreciated having him on our Staff Team this past year and a half. Thank you, Rob. We also welcome Tony Troyer to our Custodial Staff. When you see either of these St. John's members please say a word of appreciation. In case you don't know, Karyn Bock and now Tony Troyer take care of our facility. We are so happy to have both of them and appreciate their work.