

St. John's Lutheran Church Newsletter - January 2018



"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 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. As a congregation, we also touched the lives of many, many people beyond our walls through our gifts to the Mendota Food Pantry, the "Angel Tree" project, and our numerous other outreach ministries.

Also, thank you for all the cards and calls and special greetings you have shared with Dan and I during these past weeks. We are blessed by your kind and generous spirits. As we look ahead to a year of transitions, we are aware of what a privilege it has been to participate in God's mission in our world with all of you here at St. John's.

God's blessings to all of you,
Pastor Janet

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 2nd Grade Students, any older students who have not received Communion instruction, and their Parents will be held Sunday, January 7th and Sunday, January 14th during the Sunday School Hour at 10:10am in the upstairs Children's Library. **First Holy Communion** for those who attend these two sessions will be held during 9am worship on Sunday, January 21st.

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Congregation is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th following our 9am worship service. Rev. Marilyn Hanson, assistant to the Bishop, will lead worship for us that day; and will join us at the meeting to discuss the next step in calling a pastor to St. John's.

St. John's Annual Youth Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser begins Sunday, January 7, 2018 with order forms available from Mission Trip participants, in the bulletin, and on the Information Booth. All proceeds go toward our Mission Trips and other youth activities. The assembly date and pick up or delivery (in town) date is February 3, 2018. Thank you in advance for the support!

St. John's Church Council Highlights

- Opened with Bible study
- Pastor Marilyn Hansen will be the Synod liaison through the Interim Process
- Approved putting on hold going to 3 worship services and recruiting a new Youth Director
- Covered Pastors report – acknowledged written team reports

Worship Schedule Update
Saturday 5pm Chapel Worship
Sunday 9am Sanctuary Worship