

St. John's Lutheran Church

Newsletter - January 2019



"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, we extend a big "Thank You" to everyone who is stepping up to provide leadership during this time of transition. We continue to pray for our church council and our call committee as the search for St. John's new pastor moves forward.

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 are being planned. More details will be shared as they are finalized. Thank you for your patience.

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Congregation is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th following our 9am worship service. Rev. Robin Brown, ELCA World Hunger, will lead 9am worship for us that day.

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. All proceeds go toward our Mission Trips and other youth activities. The assembly date and pick up or delivery (in town) date is February 2, 2019. Thank you in advance for your support!

St. John's Church Council Highlights

- Approved the proposed 2019 Budget
- Approved Call Committee revisions to the Ministry Site Profile
- Approved Roberta Wendel to be the second Council representative for the Call Committee
- Approved asking the Northern Illinois Synod for another Interim Pastor