

NEWS NOTES

December 28, 2025

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As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. We invite you to visit our website, www.stjohnsmc.org for more information about our church and our activities. **ATTENDANCE:** Last Sunday, 10 am: 62

MITTEN TREE THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who so very generously donated to our Mitten Tree! We will have a count of the donated items in next week's News Notes. Thank you for helping keep our community's little ones warm this winter!

MEALS ON WHEELS—HELP NEEDED!!

Please consider joining the St. John's Meals on Wheels team! We are in need of several reliable people to volunteer to deliver meals to those who are unable to provide for themselves. We need both drivers and runners (people who take the meals to the door). The schedule is every two months from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. If you are able to help in this rewarding and worthwhile activity, please contact Dale at 872-5904 or at church on Sundays after the service

2026 GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2026 Giving Envelopes are out by the office entrance. Please note, your giving number may have changed. These envelopes will not be entered until 2026. If you would like a box, please contact Nicole (872-9121).

Also, please note that contributions for 2025 must be to the office by December 31st in order to be included in your 2025 Giving statement.

2026 PLEDGE CARDS AVAILABLE – IN NARTHEX

Pledge cards for 2026 will be located on the table in the narthex for those who would like to pledge for the year 2026.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP

(Classes resume Wed., January 14th)

All members and friends are invited to join in our Bible Study group which meets each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. If you have questions, please talk to some of our members--Ernie Dingler, Dolores Van Ulzen, or Karen Lawrenz. We have chairs and booklets waiting for you!

CHURCH CLOSINGS/WEATHER WATCH TEAM

Our "Weather Watch Team" will make the decision to cancel Sunday service in case of inclement weather. Those on the Team include Les Ast, Kent Lange, and Larry Sadenwater. They will determine if conditions exist that would make travel hazardous enough to cancel 10 a.m. service. The decision will be made no later than 8 a.m. Sunday morning. Closings will be posted on our church Facebook site and on our St. John's website, <http://www.stjohnsmc.org>. Of course, please do not venture out if you feel conditions will compromise your safety! Services are livestreamed on Facebook.

MUSICIANS NEEDED

Do YOU or someone you know play piano, organ or guitar and would like to help provide joyful and engaging music for our Worship services?? We are in need of guest musicians in January and beyond! Please contact Lora Gohn (219.877.8391) or Carla Zancha (630.479.3992) if you are interested. *"I will sing and make **music** to the Lord!" Ps 27:6*

COFFEE HOUR—BEFORE THE 10 A.M. SERVICE—YOUR HELP NEEDED!

Please join us in the narthex before the 10 a.m. Sunday service for Coffee Hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board if you would like to help. Any questions? Please contact Kim Russell, Don Briggs, or Devin Glanz.

2026 GREETERS/USHERS NEEDED

We need YOUR presence and your smiling face to help make our Sunday visitors feel welcome! Please add your name to the list of Greeters/Ushers on the bulletin board so that we can keep the wonderful tradition of Sunday Greeters/Ushers alive at St. John's.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (office hours, Mon. & Thur. 9 – 12 p.m.)

SUN. – DEC. 28: Food Bank **THURS. – JAN. 1** **SUN. – JAN. 4: Communion**, 8:30 Christ. 101; 10 Worship
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