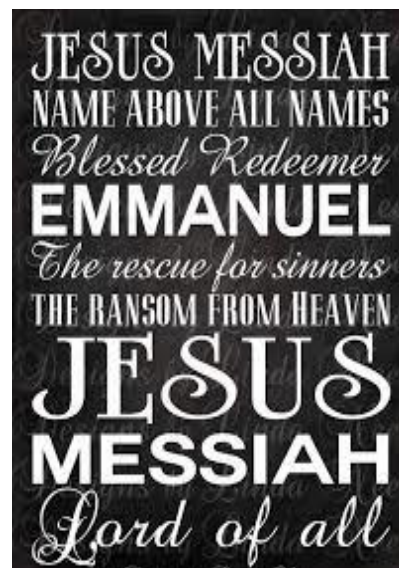


TRINITY/ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, DECEMBER A.D. 2022



REDEEMED SINNERS IN CHRIST, TO WHOM JESUS CAME AS IMMANUEL, “*GOD WITH US*,” TO SAVE FROM OUR SINS,

We have begun the season of Advent, marking the start of a new church year. In Advent we focus on the threefold coming of Jesus to us: *in the flesh, in Word and Sacrament, and in glory*. This Advent let us ask ourselves what Martin Luther did as he pondered the first Christmas: “*Why would the Lord of the universe care enough about us mortals to take our flesh and share our woes?*” In addressing this, Luther focused on Jesus’ manger and the cross, stained with the sin of God’s creatures. Jesus came among us to save us from our sins. Immanuel, “*God with us*,” has come to redeem us as a people belonging to God.



Our God split the heavens to come down to us not just for the joyous time of Christmas; He gifts us with His presence throughout every season of life. God desires loving relationship with us always, and gifts us with His embracing presence every moment of every day of every year. He gives us His Holy Spirit to grant us faith’s saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior and our very life. Advent is a time to celebrate Jesus’ comings into our lives as Savior and Lord. We recall how He came to us, how He still comes to us, and anticipate His last coming to gather us to our everlasting home with God.

Take time this Advent and coming Christmas to embrace the God beyond space and time who comes in space and time to deliver the fruit of Jesus’ saving work of cross and empty grave. He does this through His instruments of the water and the Word of God. Bread and wine, and the mouth of the pastor, forgiving sins and making God and His rich love fully accessible to you. In these ways receive Immanuel now, along with God’s peace on earth for you.

Join us in the Lord’s worship this month.

REJOICING IN GOD’S UNMATCHED LOVE FOR US IN JESUS,
Pastor Kramp

ST. JOHN / TRINITY LUTHERAN PARISH WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

St. John Lutheran Church, Hillsboro – Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

- 11/30 **First Wednesday in Advent** 7:00 p.m.
12/04 **Second Sunday in Advent, Divine Service 1**
12/07 **Second Wednesday in Advent** 7:00 p.m.
12/11 **Third Sunday in Advent, Divine Service 4, Holy Communion**
12/14 **Third Wednesday in Advent** 7:00 p.m.
12/18 **Fourth Sunday in Advent, Order of Matins**
12/18 **Children's Christmas Program** 5:00 p.m.
12/24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Printed Service** 7:00 p.m.
12/25 **Christmas Day, Divine Service 1, Holy Communion**
01/01 **New Year's Day – the Name of Jesus, Divine Service 3**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope – Sunday Services at 8:30 a.m.

- 12/04 **Second Sunday in Advent, Divine Service 3**
12/11 **Third Sunday in Advent, Divine Service 3, Holy Communion**
12/18 **Fourth Sunday in Advent, Divine Service 3**
Children's Christmas Program during Service
12/24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Printed Service,** 4:00 p.m.
12/25 **Christmas Day, Divine Service 3, Holy Communion**
01/01 **New Year's Day – the Name of Jesus, Divine Service 3**

St. John and Trinity on Facebook and You Tube.

Tune in for Weekly Worship Services live-streamed, aired on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. from St. John sanctuary at: www.facebook.com/stjohnhillsboro/ and YouTube Channel - St. John and Trinity Lutheran Parish. *If willing to be in a rotation of people recording our Services, please speak with Randy Rust.*



Adults at St. John meet after Worship Service on Sundays, December 4, 11 & 18 in the fellowship hall. Pastor's leading our study of Isaiah, whose prophesy points us to Jesus, Immanuel.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS are on **Sundays, Dec. 4 & 11**. At Trinity, rehearsals will be at 9:30 a.m. At St. John, lunch followed by rehearsals will be after our Sunday worship. Parents, please have your children present for these. **Programs are on Sunday, December 18.**



Midweek Advent Services are at **St. John** on **Wednesdays, Dec. 7th and 14th at 7:00 p.m.** The theme: “*Who is Jesus?*” is based on Matthew 1. Come; prepare room for Jesus’ coming.

Catechism classes meet at **Trinity on Mondays at 7 p.m.** and at **St. John on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.** before Advent Services. Keep these 7 youth in prayer.



St John LWML meets on Saturday, December 10, at 9:30 a.m.
Ladies of St. John, please join us for time in God’s Word and service!



LWML MITES –Mite Box donations total millions of dollars to fund district and national mission grants. Contribute to their missions by placing monies in the LWML Mite Box at the back of St. John’s sanctuary.

St. John LWML is gathering these items to aid the needy: tabs from cans

- eyeglasses & cases UPC codes from Our Family products
 - trial size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste Coke rewards points
- St. John’s members: drop off items in the library, using the white plastic drawers on the west end wall. Trinity members: give items to Pastor to take to St. John.

Hillsboro Kiwanis Food Pantry is in need of donations.

St. John is collecting the following items in December:

Stove-Top Stuffing, boxed mashed or au gratin potatoes, apple or cranberry juices, beef and turkey gravy mixes, cookie, cake, muffin, and brownie mixes and frosting. Please bring your food items and place them in the boxes provided in St John’s narthex. Respectfully submitted, Janice Funches



St. John Members – new offering envelopes are in your church mailbox.



The annual St. John December Voter's meeting is Wednesday, December 14, at 7:45 p.m. On the agenda: 2022 reports, approval of the proposed 2023 church budget and election of officers. If you wish any items raised, please share in advance with Lee Schlichtmann or Pastor. Please join in this important work of the church. God bless St. John throughout the coming year!

Trail County Angel Tree: Select ornaments from the tree with ideas of gifts to share with families in need this Christmas. **Wrap and return with ornament by Dec 11th.** Some ornaments are for household baskets or Miller's gift cards.

Join in decorating St. John sanctuary on Saturday, December 3rd at 9 a.m. Let's beautify God's house of worship in preparation for Christmas.

Order Poinsettias using the sign-up sheet on the narthex table. Cost per plant is \$10. **Last day to sign up is Sunday, Dec. 4.** See Betty Manthey or Rachel Mulder to pay for your plants.



St. John LWML invites you to help surprise adopted Seminarian Jeff and his family for Christmas. If you wish to donate a gift card or make a monetary donation, make checks to St John LWML. Cash is okay. **Please give your gift to Ginger Kramp or Sharon Schlichtmann by Sunday Dec 11th** so the gift can arrive before Christmas break. **Please sign the Christmas Card in the Narthex.**

Seminary recommends these gifts cards as a guide: Visa, Mastercard, Costco, Amazon, Sam's Club, Kroger, Walmart, TJ Maxx, Applebee's, Burger King, Culvers, BP, Shell, Marathon, Longhorn, McDonald's, Subway, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Panera, Jersey Mike's, Dairy Queen, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks.

Ivvy Jean Grothmann, welcome to the family of God in Christ! Ivvy, daughter of Andrew and Ingrid, was received by Holy Baptism at St. John on Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2022 A.D.



ND DISTRICT LCMS MEN'S WINTER RETREAT, January 13-14, 2023
Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, N.D.

Men of the church – Join in the overnight retreat starting with supper at 6 p.m. that Friday and continuing until 2 p.m. on Saturday. The Cost – \$100 includes 3 meals, lodging, speaker, snacks, fellowship, music, fireside chats, and more. Bring: a Bible, bed roll, personal items, warm clothing, and friends.

To register, contact Corey Isaak at 701-281-0240 or corey.isaak@gracefargo.org

INTERNET CHRISTIAN PROGRAMS AND DEVOTIONS –

Lutheran Hour Ministries passionately proclaims the Gospel to more than 150 million people worldwide each week. **The Lutheran Hour®**, airs each Sunday at 7:30 on KFGO, 790 AM AND 94.1 FM radio or on SIRIUS-XM Family Talk 131 at 10:00 a.m. For daily devotions on the web, go to their website: <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>

Issues, Etc. offers weekly syndicated radio talk shows and podcasts. Programs feature expert guests, many topics, and extol Christ, hosted by LC-MS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Jeff Schwarz. Tune in via their website: <https://www.issuesetc.org/>

LCMS media ministry **KFUO Radio** shares Christ for you via chapel services, Bible studies, talk programs and sacred music. Programs are on demand at www.KFUO.org or @**KFUOradio** on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

ALL YOUTH: Do you desire to participate in a variety of fun youth activities with a spiritual component? How about a community scavenger hunt, skiing, overnight lock-in or game night. This will only happen with your involvement and the help of some parents. Interested? Please contact Pastor to express your interest at revkramp@gmail.com or text him at 701-430-7117.

Consider participating in these following future activities:

Grace Game Night - Friday, January 27th, 7-10 pm, Grace Lutheran, Fargo

Zone Ski Day - Saturday, February 4th (tentative)

Nerf Night - Friday, March 24th, 7-10 pm at Immanuel Lutheran in Fargo

**Main Street Living
December 2022**



Birthdays

- 3 Joel Fuglestad
- 3 Ellianna Gietzen
- 3 Beverly Meyer
- 6 Makaya Guenther
- 6 Kelly Salander
- 6 Esther Steinke
- 9 Larry Hertwig
- 11 Joel Hashbarger
- 13 Nick Brendemuhl
- 13 Annika Rotvold
- 16 Raphael Gietzen
- 17 Christopher Meyer
- 18 Hailey Miller
- 19 John Hertwig
- 21 James Andre
- 21 Gary Pedersen
- 21 Lowell Stevens
- 24 Madison Mueller
- 28 Linda McLaughlin
- 30 Barry DickHoff

Anniversaries

- 7 Kevin & Vicky Grothmann
- 20 Kyle & Sandy Meyer
- 30 Mike & Amy Steinke

St. John Treasurer's Report Oct. 2022

General Fund	Oct.	YTD
Receipts	\$8,544	\$71,368
Expenses	\$7,540	81,579
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$1,004	(\$10,210)

10/31/22 Building Fund Balance = \$38,296
 Year to Date Missions = \$6,188
 General Fund Balance = \$5,560

St. John Attendance for Nov. 2022

Oct. 30	46
Nov. 6	54
Nov. 13	37
Nov. 20 Meatball Dinner, 8:30 am.	33
Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Eve, 7 pm.	14
Nov. 27	41

Dec. 4. Rev. Heath Trampe, Our Savior, Minot, ND, presents the message: **“Peace? Are you kidding me?”** based on Matthew 3:1-12. *Lutheran Hour seasonal program: “Stable Boy”*- A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas.

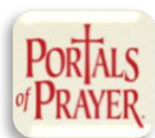
Dec. 11: Rev. Philip Beyersdorf, St. Mark’s, Minot, ND, presents the message: **“The Work of the Great Physician,”** based on Matthew 11:2-11. *Lutheran Television Special: “Red Boots for Christmas”* – A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas

Dec. 18: Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel, Grand Forks, ND, (message to be announced). *“Lutheran Television Special: “Christmas Is”* – The Shepherd in a Christmas play learns the importance of Christmas.

Dec. 25: Rev. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, presents the Christmas message. *Lutheran Hour seasonal program: “Christmas on Main Street”* – The Christmas message at a mission brings a grandson and his grandfather together.

Watch “Main Street Living” every Sunday at 9:00 am on KVRR Channel 15, or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com.

Consider making an end of year donation. Checks may be sent to “Main Street Living NORTH”, 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or Donate online at www.mainstreetliving.com.



The Jan.-March issue will be out the end of the month. Be sure to pick up a copy or two. Sharing is encouraged.

St John Meatball Dinner was held Nov. 20th. Thank you to all who helped and gave of their time. We served around 320 meals and our donation to the local food pantry will be approximately \$1500. The last meatball dinner was held Nov. 24, 2019, and our first meatball dinner was held Nov. of 1992.

St. John & Trinity Lutheran Churches

PO Box 99, Hillsboro ND 58045

Trinity, Hope: Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

St. John, Hillsboro: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

Worship Services live-streamed at 10:30 a.m. also

Midweek Advent Services at 7 p.m., Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnhillsboro>

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Dec. 2022

Thank you for purchasing poinsettias for the Sanctuary at St. John.

Brian & Janet Bohnsack in Memory of Curt & Roberta Hagert

Janice Funches in Celebration of Jesus' Birthday

Raph & Nicole Gietzen in Memory of Odessa May

Butch and Sylvia Hagelstrom

Don & Kathy Hanson

Pastor & Ginger Kramp in Honor of Our Savior's Birth

John Meyer in Celebration of Today is the 1st Day of the Rest of our Lives

Rachel Mulder in Memory of Ron Mulder

Curtis & Stacey Riemer in Memory of Our Fathers & Grandparents

Darrell & Kay Rotvold in Memory of Family

Sharon Schlichtmann in Memory of Raymond Schlichtmann

Wayne & Betty Manthey in Celebration of Christ's Birthday

Dec. 4th is the final day to sign up. Cost is \$10. Betty Manthey & Rachel Mulder are in charge. Names will be listed in Christmas Day Bulletin.

Please take your poinsettia home by Jan.1st.

