

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- MISSOURI SYNOD

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 1, page 151

HYMNS: 370, 410, 781 v.1, 540, 602, 864, 384

SERVICE OF THE WORD: Psalm 119:97-104 (read responsively)

LESSON: 1 Kings 3:4-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52

WORSHIP LIFE: 57

WELCOME: We are happy to have you worship with us today. It is our prayer that you will receive spiritual profit from your fellowship with us. If you have no church home, you are welcome here.

HOLY COMMUNION

- **If you are a member of St. John's**, see page 329 for help in preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins.
- **If you are a guest**, welcome! Communion at St. John's is reserved for members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with the Pastor about Communion before participating.
- **Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?** If you're a member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail.

2026 INSTALLATION TODAY

Today we will be installing members elected into office during our October Voters' Meeting. We invite these people to come up to be installed during worship.

2026 Officers: Luke Hamdorf (President), Jason Wold (Vice-President), Teri Hiller-Baty (Secretary), Debbie Schultz (Treasurer), and Gina Wold (Financial Secretary).

Deacons: Dan Borseth & Jacob Redepenning (both re-elected) & Greg Neutz (filling vacancy).

Trustees: Scott Wold (re-elected) and Ray Kaiser (filling vacancy)

Money Counters: Rachel Bartz and Jolene Quale.

We thank these individuals for their willingness to serve and lead our congregation into the future. We appreciate everyone's service and commitment to making St. John's Church an inviting place to worship.

APPOINTMENTS WITH GOD – WE SERVE IN LOVE

Sunday, Jan 4	9:00 am	Worship / Communion OFFICER INSTALLATION Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30 am	BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:45 am	Bell Choir
Tuesday, Jan 6	9:00 am	Quilting
	1:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, Jan 7	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	3:30 pm	Confirmation
	5:00 pm	ACT
Thursday, Jan 8	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday, Jan 11	9:00 am	Worship / Communion Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30 am	Sunday Bible Study
	10:30 am	Centennial Committee Meeting
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:45 am	Bell Choir

WE PRAY FOR...

Those battling cancer – Lisa Baty, Pam Collins, Rev. Robin Collins, Ruth Ferguson, Darlene Horvath, Shirley Klitzke, Fritzie Lamke, Marcus Marsh, Jeff Moe, John Pearson, Carol Stevens, Tim Wegner and Ray Williams.

Those dealing with other health issues – Maggie Borseth, Marilyn Boucher, Betty Bulhmann, Lois Du Chane, Yvonne Erdman, Rowan Grage, Lori Hawkins, Claire Hill, Linda Hollingsead, Ian Hughes, Rodney Larson Jr., Ardis Lillestol, Jordin Mae, Jake Mehr, Michele Messetler-Mondry, Ginger Peterson, Shirley Renstrom, Clark Sadlo, Deborah Sergot, Joseph Schuelke, Pat Scott, Colton Blake Shoemaker, Clyde Swanson, Roy Van Horn, Chuck Virginia, Adah Williams, and Connor Wood.

Our sister congregations in Puerto Rico: Prince of Peace in Mayaguez, Fountain of Life in Ponce and Lamb of God in San Juan and Our Together in Mission Missionaries, Rev. James & Deaconess Christel Neuendorf, and Lutheran Island Camp.



LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION

If you would like to subscribe to *The Lutheran Witness*, please let Greta, in the office know by the end of January. Your name will then be added to the list. The cost is \$27.65.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 4, 2025

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #370 – *“What Child is This”*

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION – page 151

PSALM 119:97-104: read responsively

KYRIE – page 152

GLORIA IN EXELSI – page 154

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY: Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Kings 3:4-15

EPISTLE: Ephesians 1:3-14

ALLELUIA – page 156

GOSPEL: Luke 2:40-52

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CHILDREN’S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #410 - *“Within the Father’s House”*

SERMON

INSTALLATION

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING: #781, v.1 - *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

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LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI – page 163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #540 – *“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”*
#602 – *“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”*
#864 – *“Shepherd of Tender Youth”*

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CLOSING HYMN: #384 – *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*



Year-long
BIRTHDAY
Celebration

Join us as we kick off a year long celebration of St. John's 100th Birthday.

**BIRTHDAY
BREAKFAST TODAY!** FOLLOWING
WORSHIP

Freewill offering to raise money for the big event on September 13, 2026

CHILL & THRILL

CHURCH SLEDDING PARTY



ALL AGES WELCOME!

**JAN
18**

12:00 pm

POTLUCK LUNCH

Bring a dish to share
Hot Apple Cider and Cocoa provided.

**BRING A SLED
and a FRIEND!**
snow tubes work the best!

Bruce & Debbie Schultz's
32310 420th Place, Aitkin
218-839-4322

ARE YOU READY FOR
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY?



SUPER BOWL SUB & SNACK SALE IS BACK!

This event is hosted by the St. John's Centennial Committee. Money raised goes to the St. John's Centennial Celebration on September 13, 2026.



ANYONE CAN BE A PART OF THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT
 Make snacks and goodies to sell (bring them the day of the sale, February 8, marked with a price) and/or order a sub and purchase snacks. Your participation is greatly appreciated in planning our big 100th Birthday Celebration.

SUPER BOWL SUB SANDWICH ORDER FORM

(place this form in T & G Rose mailbox after completing)

	SANDWICH MEAT			TOPPINGS							
\$10 per sub	choose 1			choose as many as you want							
NAME / PHONE #	TURKEY	HAM	ROAST BEET	CHEESE	LETTUCE	TOMATO	ONIONS	MAYO	MUSTARD	ITALIAN DRESSING	
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Pre-Order Debbie's Famous Molasses Cookies

\$8 per dozen

_____ Dozen

TOTAL \$ _____

ORDERS DUE BY SUNDAY, FEB 1.

Please pick up your subs following worship on Sunday, February 8.

Snacks will also be available for purchase.

Thank you for your support!