**The Baptism of Our Lord January 12, 2020**

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

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**WELCOME**! It’s our privilege to have you join us in being in the Presence of our Lord and Savior! At St. John, we follow the historic Liturgy of the Christian Church, which highlights the Biblical understanding of the True worship of God: *first and foremost*, that He Comes into our presence to give us His Saving Gifts (“Divine Service”) in His Word and Sacraments; and then in *response* we thank and praise Him in word and song, and pray for His continued Blessings.

**Who should receive Holy Communion at St. John?:** *All Confirmed members* are invited to Commune, who are sorry for their sins and wish to be Forgiven and Strengthened. Also, *visitors from other L.C.-M.S. and A.E.L.C. churches*, who fit the same description, are welcome. So that no one else might eat and drink in Judgment of their sins (1 Cor. 11:29), *all others are asked to refrain* from Communing. If you are in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn: *LSB* #401** ~ “From God the Father, Virgin-Born”

**ORDERS OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 4”* ***LSB* pp.203ff.**

*Introit* (see white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

“Growing as One” (see 2nd white insert)

Readings (see back of 1st white insert)

Gradual (see front of same insert; read responsively by half Verse).

**Hymn of the Day: *LSB* #407** ~ “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord” (**memory**)

**Sermon:** “Water-Marked” Matthew 3:13-17

**Distribution Hymns:**

***LSB #*410** *~* “Within the Father’s House” (Hymn of the Day: Epiphany 1)

***LSB* #862** ~ “Oh, Blest the House”

***LSB* #405** ~“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

***LSB* #404** ~ “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #402** ~ “The Only Son from Heaven”

Postlude

**Alternate O.T. Reading**

Isaiah 42:1-7 (“The LORD’s Chosen Servant”)

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 1-05-20: 8:00 | 58 | 56 |
| 1-05-20: 10:30 | 55 | 48 |
| 1-05-20: Total | 113 | 104 |
| 1-05-20: SS/ Bible Class | 0/ 5 |  |
| 1-06-20: Epiphany Day | 20 | 15 |
| 1-08-20: Bible Study | 11 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/10:30): Galen Young, Kevin Arndt / Don Clark, Dylan Burton, Randy Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/10:30): Greg Schave / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/10:30): Wyatt Hoody / Jentry Zimmerman

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave and Irene Pilaske

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/10:30): Galen Young, Kevin Arndt / Don Clark, Dylan Burton, Randy Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/10:30): Galen Young / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/10:30): Jordan Schave / Olivia Woodke

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave and Irene Pilaske

**Readings for Epiphany 1**

Psalm 50:1-15 (“God Himself is Judge”) O.T.: 1 Kings 8:6-13 (“The Ark Brought into the Temple”/“Soloman Blesses the LORD”)

Epistle: Romans 12:1-5 (“A Living Sacrifice”/“Gifts of Grace”)

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52 (“The Boy Jesus in the Temple”)

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm 67 or 111 408 O.T.: Exodus 33:12-23 or Amos 9:11-15 402

Epistle: Ephesians 5:22-33 or Roman 12:6-16 394; 396; 398; 409

Gospel: John 2:1-11 400

Jan. – March ***Portals of Prayer*** are available on the entryway magazine table.

The January ***Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) is available on the entryway table.

**Barnabas Fund:**  This fund is for the purpose of providing financial help for those in emergency need. Please consider donating toward this endeavor.

**A friendly reminder…**newsletter submissions are due to the church office by the 15th of the month preceding the month to publish. Bulletin announcements are due to the church office by Wednesday (9:00 am) before the Sunday to be published.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
|  | 9:15 | Sunday School & Bible Class (Epistle) |
|  | 10:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 5:30 | 7th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” here |
|  | 7:00 | Trustees |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
|  | 9:15 | Sunday School & Bible Class (Epistle) |
|  | 10:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
|  | 11:45 | Quarterly Voters’ Meeting |

**Office Hours:** Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday & Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm; 1-2pm**Friday (Pastor & *Kathy*): **9am – 12pm** Please call ahead to make sure that someone is in.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

**Total Needed: $124,000.00**

**Received so far $ 77,585.00 Finance Board (12-30-19) $ 680.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 46,415.00**

**BUDGETED FINANCE REPORT - *Not Including Special Accounts***

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| **2019-2020 Fiscal Year** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (12-30-19)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,060.00**  **$ 12,910.00**  **$ 96,720.00**  **$92,605.00** |

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***In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners***

Our Lord Jesus is baptized “*to Fulfill all Righteousness*” (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the Judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His Righteousness becomes our Righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in “*Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . Righteousness and Sanctification and Redemption*” (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the “*Chosen*” One Sent from the Father to Release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, Beloved of the Father. We “cross the Jordan” with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the Promised Land of New Life with God.

**PRAYER LISTS** The following members and friends areknown to be in the

hospital, ailing or recovering and are in need of our prayers, cards, and visits.

**MEMBER PRAYERS**

Charlie Koglin; Bob Witherspoon; Mary Eggert; Ramona Reinke; Heldt family

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Yvonne Fuhrman | Willard Reinke |
| Arnold Brown | Patricia Griffore | Jeffrey Schave |
| Wade Cohoon (Colorado) | Beverly Hartz | Gloria Schmalz |
| Nelson Erbisch | Nathan Kaufman | Helen Schultz |
| Howard/Della Finkel | Elmer/Ruth Leese | Arlene Zelz |
| Mary Forbing |  |  |

**FRIENDS**

Roman Jock (toddler cousin of Harold Collings)

Brendan Durkee (16 yr. old grandson of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Riley Durkee (8 yr. old granddaughter of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Carol Wessels (friend of Joyce)

Ruby Maschke (Meadow Lane Assisted Living)

Isabel Mix (toddler old great-granddaughter of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Jean Eggert (sister-in-law of Gary and Elain Eggert)

Staff Sergeant Ricky Holtz (recently deployed to South America; son-in-law of Garth and Shannon Popour; grandson-in-law of Emerson & Irene Pilaske), wife Kayla, and two sons.

**Quilting** at the school will NOT be held through Jan 15th.

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available for pick up in the entryway. Please sign up on the numbered clip-board sheet on the bulletin table and take the corresponding numbered envelope box.

Your **2019 contribution sheets** are now in your mailbox. Any questions direct to Larry Finkel 989-551-9570.

**January 19th,** Amvet’s Post 115 in Port Hope will be having an **all you can eat breakfast** Adults $8.00 children 5 to 12 $3.00 and under 5 is free 8:30 a m till 1:00 p m eggs and all the trimmings. Auxiliary will also be having a bake sale.

**NEEDED** – someone to do **Altar Guild Duties** for the month of February. Duties include washing communion ware and changing paraments when needed. Call Carol Woodke at 989-428-4440 if interested.

The **Choir** will practice **on January 13th and 20th** at 7pm in the school in preparation to lead the Gospel Sing.

**Ladies Aid says Thank You to Darla Pankow** for her donation of a commercial kitchen mixer.  She has donated it in memory of her husband, Ponch, and Marla Kriewall.  Mashing those potatoes for the Harvest Home Dinner just got easier!  Thank you, Darla!

**Ladies Aid is sponsoring a Gospel Sing** led by Kristen on Sunday, January 26th, at 3 PM in the school gym.  We will be singing songs from Alan Jackson's Precious Memories collections.  Hope you can join us.

What are you doing on Jan. 24, 2020? I hope you’re making plans to join your church at the **47th Annual National March for Life in Washington, D.C.** I’ll be there leading what I hope will be the largest contingent of Lutherans ever to march together in this life-affirming event. At 11 a.m. EST, we’ll start gathering at the corner of 12th Street and Madison Drive to hand out hats, signs and hymn sheets. Then we’ll join other marchers from around the world to walk up Constitution Avenue to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. If you’re able to come early, please join us the day before, on Jan. 23, for a 7 p.m. rally at the Renaissance Washington D.C. Downtown Hotel. The pre-march Divine Service will once again be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Va., starting at 9 a.m. on Jan. 24. A continental breakfast will follow.

**Huron Country Right to Life** will be holding its annual **Memorial Service** on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 1:30pm on the steps of the Huron Country building to remember all the innocent lives lost to the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. Immediately following the short program, refreshments will be served at the K of C hall. Any questions, please contact Jeanne at 989-658-8701.

**Memorial for Amy Reinke, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** from Dale & Diane Reinke, and Ed & Jane Isbey

**2020 Flower Chart** is now up on the wall in the entryway. Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel.