**Circumcision & Name of Jesus – New Year’s Day January 1, 2023**

 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 T.A.A.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’re in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn of the Day (Memory):** “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” ~ ***LSB* #900**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 3”* ***LSB* pp.184ff.**

 *Introit* (see 1st 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).

(The Gospel is read from the center of the aisle to represent Christ’s Incarnate Presence in our midst.)

**Hymn of the Day (Memory):** “Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year” ~ ***LSB* #896**

**Sermon:** “Free from the Guardian” *Luke 2:21*

**Distribution Hymns:** “Let All Together Praise Our God” ~ ***LSB* #389**

 “O Sing of Christ” ~ ***LSB* #362**

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” ~ ***LSB* #386**

**Closing Hymn:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” ~ ***LSB* #549**

Postlude

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 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Galen Young, Kevin Arndt / Don Clark

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

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Logan Iseler / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave

**NEXT SUNDAY****Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (****8/10):** Galen Young, Kevin Arndt / Don Clark

**Elder(s) (****8/10):** Rick Finkel / Don Clark

**Acolyte** **(****8/10):** Kuper Musolff / Maddix Thoms

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY (NEW YEAR’S DAY)**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 8 900

 **O.T.:** Numbers 6:22-27 896

 **Epistle:** Galatians 3:23-29 389, 362, 386

 **Gospel:** Luke 2:21 549

**January - March *Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway.

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

 **January newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**A friendly reminder: In writing or via email, newsletter submissions** are due to the church office by the 15th of the prior month and **bulletin announcements** by Wednesday (9:00am) prior to Sunday.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
| Mon. – Fri. |  | Pastor Vacation |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Finance |
| Sat: |  | **New Year’s Eve** |
|  | 4:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184“Commemoration of the Faithful Departed” |
| Next Sun: |  | **New Year’s Day** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |

**The office will be closed all this week.**

**THANK YOU**: Many thanks to all those who were involved in any way with keeping the church and school grounds looking so neat and well kept this past year. Whether you mowed, trimmed, swept the lawns, or cleaned up the leaves, your efforts are greatly appreciated. – Ray Emerick

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Total Needed: $190,000.00

Received so far $153,455.00 Finance Board (11-28-22) $ 100.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 36,545.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2022** |
| Needed per count Received (11-28-22) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,235.00 $6,160.00 $182,935.00 $156,500.00  |

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**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**

**SHUT-INS**

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| Arnold Brown | Jack Noble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Jeffrey Schave |
| Yvonne Fuhrman   | Jeanette Piotter(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |  Jeannie Woodke, (Huron Co. Medical) |
| Charlie Koglin  | Sandy Struble(Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Arlene Zelz, (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |
| Elmer/Ruth Leese  |  Gary Schave(Meadow Lane, B.A.) |  |

**FRIENDS**

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

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Sally Brade (friend of Marv & Vicki Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Lori Pedrotte (daughter of Rodney & Janet Weiss)

Suzi Smith (daughter of Linda & Darwin Krueger)

Natalie Morgan (2-year-old daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

Kurt Reinke (son of Ramona Reinke)

Ainsley Hamilton (4 month old niece of Brooke Maurer & Ryan VerEllen)

**In Honor of his mother, Bernadine Putnik (neé Rink), and in Memory of his grandmother, Alice Rink, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Martin Putnik

**In Memory of Jeff Farmer, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Joyce Koglin

**In Memory of John Schubel, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Ray & Sue Emerick, Kathy Mausolf

**Ladies Aid would like to thank** the following individuals who helped with the fruit baskets this year: Denee Schave (organizer), Linda Schave, Darla Pankow, Kari Ann VerEllen, Sandy Landenberg, Lori Kowaleski, Harold & Carolyn Collings, Nancy Schelke & Darlene Tyler. 43 baskets were packed and delivered to our shut-in members and those over 80.

If you missed the Ladies Aid Christmas party, you missed a great time and a wonderful opportunity to be giving. 15 generous ladies and 2 auctioneers (Harold Collings and Pastor Dodge) convened for a night of chuckles and charity and raised $707. Ladies Aid has matched that amount and donations have been made to St. John Barnabas Fund, Huron County Safe Place and Harbor Beach - Port Hope Food Pantry. Hope to see the rest of you next year!