



OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Worship	389
Sunday school	38
Adult Bible class	26
Confirmation Classes.....	12
Advent Worship	128

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for supporting God's work through St. John's.

Our offering received last weekend:
General Fund:\$10,876.50
Building Fund: \$641.03

BACK TO BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE

Eagle's Nest Families will have the opportunity to walk through Bethlehem on Wednesday, December 18th and Thursday, the 19th. The gym will be transformed into a Bible-times village.

The preschool is asking for volunteers to help from 8:45 to 11:30 one or both days. You can work in the cheese shop, fish market, carpenter's shop, at the inn, the bakery or the grape and juice market. A volunteer photographer is also needed, as well as a tax collector and census taker. Costumes will be available. Please sign up on the church bulletin board!

NOTICE TO ALL BOARDS

Please list the 2020 elected and appointed members of your board in your December minutes. Also note the chair, secretary as well as the treasurer, if applicable. Thank You!

From our Pastor

It's the Third Sunday of Advent, a day for rejoicing in the midst of waiting. We ought to be waiting – still! – For Christmas. Then, when we get there on the 25th, be ready to keep up the rejoicing. The "12 Days" of Christmas are from the 25th to The Day of Epiphany. You're going to be odd to some folks, but plan now to say "Merry Christmas" all the way to January 5th!

In January I will begin to teach an Adult Catechism class for anyone who desires to learn what we believe, and for every member who wants to review Luther's Small Catechism. When the class will be held is going to depend partly on participants' schedules. There will be ten sessions. If interested, sign up on the hallway bulletin board. I'll be polling you to find out what works well for you.

I'm still rejoicing over what the youth of our congregation prepared for this weekend. The Saturday evening "program" is more worship than performance, more of an offering than a show. Thank you, kids, for helping us "Behold The Child."

Pastor Bendick

To the Members of St. John's:

During the winter months, there is no guarantee that all sidewalks and steps can be completely free of snow and ice. Please be advised that for the safety of the Members of our Church, the Board of Trustees has decided that during the winter months, the front entrance, and east entrance of the Church will be closed when snow and ice are present. Chains or similar devices will be used to block the entrances off when there is a concern for safety. Please be aware of this change. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

TOPIC FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY **Children & Adults**

In this week's lesson, "A Nativity Night," Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where a simple stable serves as the birthplace for the promised Christ Child. Angelic hosts announce the birth of the Savior to ordinary shepherds, who hasten to worship the child. Having seen the Savior in the flesh, the shepherds quickly spread the news of His birth. Ask one another, "How can we share the message of the birth of the Savior today?"

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HOMEFIRES

Participants will meet on January 12th in the Trinity rooms at 5 p.m. to organize their groups and schedules. If anyone is interested, please join us!

LIVE NATIVITY!

On Saturday Dec. 21 from 6-8pm, we'll be having a live nativity! We need characters, carolers, a sheep and bales of straw. We're hoping to have enough people to work shorter shifts in case of bad weather. If you would like to help or have props, please sign up on the main hall bulletin board or call (or text) Donetta Ohnesorge (821-3300), Carolyn Wendte (821-6541), or Cathy Norris (821-3656).

LIFELIGHT

The first class will begin January 19 discussing the "Life of David". Orientation is Jan 12. Sign-up sheet is on the main hall bulletin board.

COOKIE WALK

December 14 & 15th before and after each service.
Look forward to seeing you.

SHOP SCRIP!

Gift cards are always the right size and color! Shop EARLY for Christmas giving. ***Kindly place an order if you want more than 5 of the same card to prevent us from running out of inventory for other shoppers.***

THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY
Is still closed due to remodeling!

DECEMBER FOOD PANTRY

Is in need of Applesauce and
Chunky Beef Soup.

The 5th Sunday, December 29th we will be taking up a collection for our Food Pantry

The Eagle's Nest Preschool

Can recycle used/clean aluminum pie pans for projects in the classrooms! Drop your donations by the church office. Thanks in advance!

PRAYER LIST

Shawn Bourland, Steven & Kathleen French, Craig Lindvahl, Deborah Wallin, Gerard Bierman, Tim Mueller, Joye Bushue, Austin Miller, Esta Johnson, Alan Phelps, Roselle McClure, Greg Lankford, Zach Fritcher, Lori Spears, Gerald Pontious, Voris Osborn, Lois Kyle, Joyce Schaefer, Craig Wolff, Nick Miller, Rochel Alwardt, John Holland, Lorri Mayberry, Marion Tolch, Ronnie Ziegler, Dave Wall, Vivian Kinkelaar, Dianne Doty, Carolyn Reynolds, Ruth Buening, Julie Scott, Cindy Myers, Janet Brinkopf, Shirley Wittenberg, Patsy Latch, Evelyn Schumaker, Prayer of Thanksgiving for Tim & Melody Schuette for the blessing of their new baby girl, Caroline Rose, born on 12/10/19



Christmas Eve Worship With Holy Communion

4:00, 6:30 and 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship, With Holy Communion

9:00 am

New Year's Eve With Holy Communion

6:00 pm

New Year's Day With Holy Communion

9:00 am



POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

Please order in the church office by December 16. This year's cost is \$20.

In coordination with the Boards of Education and Evangelism Hayden Rensner will be presenting to the adult Sunday school group on January 5th, 9:15-10:15. Hayden will be doing an extended mission in East Africa in the summer of 2020 and is coming to tell us about it. Don't miss out on this exciting presentation!!

ATTENTION

There will be no Sunday school on Sunday, December 29th

For our members who are snow birds in the winter months, please stop in or call the office and let us know that you will be gone, in case someone may need to get ahold of you. Thanks

Braille Center would like to thank everyone who worked and came to our last breakfast and our generous donor!! We raised \$1868.00

CALENDAR

December 15-22, 2019

SUNDAY	15	8 & 10:30 AM	WORSHIP
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
		7:30-12:15 AM	COOKIE WALK
		1:00 PM	YOUTH BOARD
<i>PRESCHOOL CLASSES - MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30 – 11:30 AM</i>			
MONDAY	16	8:50 AM	PRESCHOOL CHAPEL
		5:30 PM	CHOIR
TUESDAY	17	8:50 AM	PRESCHOOL CHAPEL
		3:00 – 4:00 PM	FOOD PANTRY
WEDNESDAY	18	9-10 & 10:30-11:30	BACK TO BETHLEHEM
		12:15 & 6:30PM	ADVENT WORSHIP
		1:00 PM	STAFF DEVOTION
		7:30 PM	BELL CHOIR
THURSDAY	19	9-10 & 10:30—11:30	BACK TO BETHLEHEM
THURSDAY	19	12:00 PM	GOLDEN EAGLES
FRIDAY	20		<i>PASTOR'S SABBATH</i>
SATURDAY	21	9:30AM	E.A.S.T.E.R. CLASS
		5:30 PM	WORSHIP W/HC
COOKIE WALK – BROUGHT TO YOU BY LYF - SATURDAY & SUNDAY			
SUNDAY	22	8 & 10:30AM	WORSHIP W/HC
		9:15 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12/15 Kris Wernsing
 12/16 Cathy Mellendorf, Arnetia Osborn
 12/17 Jonathon Marxmann, Shirley Morse, Darell Reynolds, Brenda Wendling
 12/18 Debra McClure, Jake Wendling
 12/19 Shawn Bourland, Nic Koester
 12/20 Ryan Mayberry
 12/21 Gary Fortcamp, Joyce Marxman, John Mellendorf, Leo Wyckoff

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

12/16/78 Richard & Sandra Devall
 12/16/66 Jerry & Mattie Niccum
 12/16/72 Neil & Phyllis Rohlfing
 12/18/60 Eldon & Judy Joergens
 12/21/13 Blair & Aaron Smith
 12/21/96 Philip & Shannon Stuemke

**GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 4PM
 IMMANUEL, TERRE HAUTE
 645 POPLAR ST (812/232-4972)**

THINK SUMMER for Christmas Giving
 Camp CILCA registration is open! Give the gift of summer camp by calling 217-487-7497. Do it before December 25 and receive a 10% discount!