St. John Lutheran Church ELCA 120500 County Road N Edgar, Wisconsin 54426 A Lay-Led Worship Service

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December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent Secretary Hours: *M-F, 9am-1pm* Office Phone: 715-352-2524

Welcome to St. John ELCA



Joy!

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning!

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!" Luke 1:41-42

St. John/St. Stephen Lutheran Parish ELCA, Mission Statement:

"Saints united to be the body of Christ in the world, freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully."



The poinsettias adding Christmas joy to our service this morning have been placed in loving memory of the dear ones listed below.

<u>Placed by</u>		<u>In Memory of</u>
Bill & Ann Bonsall	2 Poinsettias	Kay Bonsall (Daughter)
		Miranda Bonsall (Daughter-on-law)
Elaine & Genny Mueller	2 Poinsettias	Allen Mueller (Husband/Dad)
Mitch & Morgan Mueller Family	Poinsettia	Glen Knetter (Morgan's Dad)
Rick & Marianne Mueller	3 Poinsettias	Greg Mueller (Rick's brother)
		Eleanor Mueller (Rick's Mom)
		Fred Heidmann, Dec. 7 birthday
		(Marianne's Dad)
Mary Schmidt	Poinsettia	Rilee Schmidt (Granddaughter)
Rose Morse	Poinsettia	Jeff Morse (Husband)



2 Poinsettias were given by St. John's Women of the ELCA



Contributions were made to the Stratford Food Pantry in remembrance / honor of these dear ones.

<u>Contribution by</u>...

Dan & Shirley Rosien

Leon & Mary Jo Werner

<u>In Memory of</u>...

Esther Rosien (Dan's mother)

Edwin Sr. & Irene Lenard (Mary Jo's parents) Hilbert Werner (Leon's Dad)

<u>In Honor of</u> . . . My St. John family, with joy & thanksgiving

Rose Morse

Contributions were also made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Disabled American Veterans.

<u>Contribution by</u>... Nancy Bonsall <u>In Memory of</u> . . .

Kay Bonsall *(Daughter)* Miranda Bonsall *(Daughter-in-law)* Myron Imhoff *(Son-in-law)*

St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA Supply Pastor

Phone: 715-352-2524 St. John Phone: 715-352-2491 St. Stephen email: stjohnelca@gmail.com / website: www.stjohnelcaedgar.org email: <u>ststephenedgarwi@gmail.com</u> / website Joint Mission Statement: Saints united to be the body of Christ in the world, freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.

Keeping in Touch, December 22, 2024

Many thanks to our Council President, Rick Mueller who is serving to lead us in Worship this morning. He will present the Homily as well. Much appreciation to Jennifer Drabek who is doing the readings, and to Brennan Mueller who is serving as Acolyte. What a joy to see how God is leading, and people are stepping up to serve and keep God's work at St. John going during this time of transition. Thanks to ALL!

Well done, good and faithful servants!

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 7pm—Combined Christmas Eve service at St. Stephen. Music starts at 6:30pm. Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 9am—Combined Worship at St. John. Roxie Kenitzer, SAM will be here to lead us.

Thank you to ALL who worked together to bring to us the delightful Sunday School Christmas program last Sunday. Thanks to ALL who brought contributions to the "Cookies for a Cause" event downstairs AND to everyone who purchased items to take home to enjoy. Special thanks to the Sunday School department for joyful Christmas greetings they sent

out to numbers of our church family. An ABUNDANCE of Christmas Joy!

For a VARIETY of ways to share your Christmas Joy by giving, check out the bulletin board and OPERATION CHRISTMAS. Pick an ornament off the tree in the Narthex!

Prayer Concerns

Barb Borchardt—Recovery from surgery done on Wednesday this past week. Naomi Sebold—Health concerns.

Cody Heidmann—Recovering well, from his hunting accident. He was here last Sunday! Thanks for your prayers.

Winona—12-year-old granddaughter of Eugene & Millie Borchardt (St. Stephen) has

Christmas Eve Service: 7pm at St. Stephen (Musical prelude at 6:30) Christmas Day Service: 9am at St. John

(We need Volunteers to sign up for Usher, Announcements, Reader, and Acolyte Christmas Day!)



Warm heartfelt thanks for the many kind expressions of joyful Christmas blessings that I have received. It's a great joy to be part of the St. John family! May you and yours be filled with God's peace and joy, as together we celebrate His great love that moved Him to send us His only Son, Jesus. Rose







