



From the Desk of Pastor Roald

A New Year with New Opportunities

As I extend new year greetings to you, I do so with the hope the 12 days of Christmas (which continue to Epiphany, January 6th) have been and continue to be a joyous blessing to you and all who are close to you.

As the New Year begins many will be making "resolutions." I encourage you to do so beginning with your worship life in Christ. Plan to worship on a regular basis, which some already do.

I believe worship is central to the life of St. John's ministry. Worship is the time we come to together as a community of faith. Hearing the good news of Christ, celebrating the sacraments, and sharing time with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our worship is about God and not ourselves. We certainly receive from God as we worship. However, first and foremost, worship is about our praise for God and bringing our thankfulness for His love and forgiveness given to us in the Christ.

Our worship is about the St. John's family coming together. Our/your worship is the only scheduled time in which we come together and greet one another in the of the name of the risen Christ.

St. John's has three opportunities for worship: Saturday 5p.m., Sunday 8a.m. and 10:30a.m. Each service is unique in its format with the Sermon/Message/Meditation being the same.

I invite you to worship at any and/or all services. Holy communion is usually celebrated at all three.

As you resolve to worship regularly, please do so with an attitude of "This is about God!" Come and rejoice in the good news of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Peace and Blessings to All,

Pastor Roald

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Can we really be approaching 2020? The end of another decade and the beginning of a new one? It doesn't seem so long ago that we were wondering what the new century would bring. Would the clocks know how to adjust? Would computers make the change? Would we get used to saying we are in the 21st century?

Here at St. John's we have seen LOTS of changes. Pastors have come and gone; Interims have come and gone, and through it we have continued to worship together. So, what is the new year going to look like? Well for starters, it looks to be a cold and snowy winter. We are fortunate to have Brenda and Gary to clear sidewalks and paths. We appreciate all those who look out for the safety and well-being of others. We are blessed with having Pat Leach in our midst to assist those in need of food, shelter, clothing. We thank all those volunteers who donate their time and talents to St. John's and the surrounding community. Please make a point of letting our special angels know that we notice and appreciate all that they do.

We are blessed to have Pastor Roald sharing his faith and experience with us as we continue our quest for a full-time pastor. We appreciate Pastor Roald's life views sprinkled with a quick sense of humor. We are pleased to welcome Sheri Fuhrman as the new Office Manager. Sheri brings experience and enthusiasm to the office and we are very happy she is with us.

As my time serving on the church Council comes to an end, there is one thing I ask of you. Please make an effort to be involved. There are so many opportunities to join with the St. John's family. We have action teams with the only member being the Council representative which is non-productive. We would appreciate volunteers willing to read or serve as Worship Leaders. Are there activities that you would like to see happen? How about a chili cook-off? Senior Movie Day? Let's Eat Cake celebration? Intergenerational card making? Send a message to our troops? Pairing up of Seniors and Youth for a game night? You get the idea. If you have any suggestions, by all means contact a Council member and see what happens!

Finally, I'd like to thank the congregation for allowing me to serve on Council for the last 4 years which has given me the opportunity to meet and become friends with so many people. I grew up near Split Rock but lived in the Milwaukee area for more than 40 years so I didn't really know too many people when I became a member. Once again I say from experience, GET INVOLVED! Be a part of the St. John's Family!

Wishing you have a very Happy, Healthy New Year!

FINANCIALS

ST. JOHN'S FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH END: NOVEMBER 2019

YEAR TO DATE

General Fund:

Receipts.....169,085

Expenses.....143,915

Benevolence

Receipts.....11,023

Expenses..... 9,393

Financial Condition

Balances as of Month End

General Fund..... 37,005

Building.....21,120

Benevolence..... 1,834

Special Funds.....112,404

Total Fund Balances.....172,363

Current Loan Balances Due

Line of Credit.....0

Endowment.....100,339

Student Fund..... 4,228

Sanctuary Remodeling.....190,773

Total Debt Balances.....295,340

Loan Payments

Endowment.....2,000

Student..... .500

Sanctuary.....5,000

Total Required Payments.....7,500



OFFICE MANAGER: SHERI FUHRMAN

We are very pleased to welcome Sheri Fuhrman to the St. John's staff. Sheri began as Office Manager on December 2 and is quickly working on mastering the many ins and outs of the position.

Sheri is a graduate of UW-River Falls with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing Communications with an Agricultural Emphasis. Sheri and her husband, Mike, live on the family farm and are the proud parents of two month old Matthew.

Be sure to introduce yourself to Sheri and welcome her to St. John's!

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, Jan. 4—5:00

Reader: Sharon Piastowski

Wor. Leader: Pat Mielke

Sunday Jan. 5—

8:00

Reader: Char Kersten

Wor. Leader: Amy Bazile

10:30

Reader: Denise Pamperin

Saturday Jan. 11—5:00

Reader: Pat Mielke

Wor. Leader: Bill Mengert

Sunday Jan. 12—

8:00

Reader: Kelly Trebus

Wor. Leader: Jackie Miller

10:30

Reader: Linda Mielke

Saturday Jan. 18—5:00

Reader: Bill Mengert

Wor. Leader: Pat Mielke

Sunday Jan. 19—

8:00

Reader: Jackie Miller

Wor. Leader: Kelly Trebus

10:30

Reader: Tom Pamperin

Saturday, Jan. 25—5:00

Reader: Terry/Jan Mielke

Leader: Deb Mielke

Sunday, Jan. 26— 9:30

Reader: Janis Radies

Altar Guild

Char Kersten

Donna Matz

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If you would like to give altar flowers to the Glory of God in honor of or in memory of someone, the signup sheet is located in the Great Room on the bulletin board.

YOUTH NEWS

The QUAKE event will be March 27-29, 2020 in Wisconsin Dells at the Wilderness Territory Resort. Any youth interested in attending must sign up on the bulletin board outside of the office by January 13, 2020 with a down payment of \$95. Your deposit can be inserted in the dropbox.

We will also need adult volunteers .

Any questions, please contact Liz Fischer at 920-250-2820.

Details can be found at: <https://quakeevent.com/events/wisdells-mar-2/>

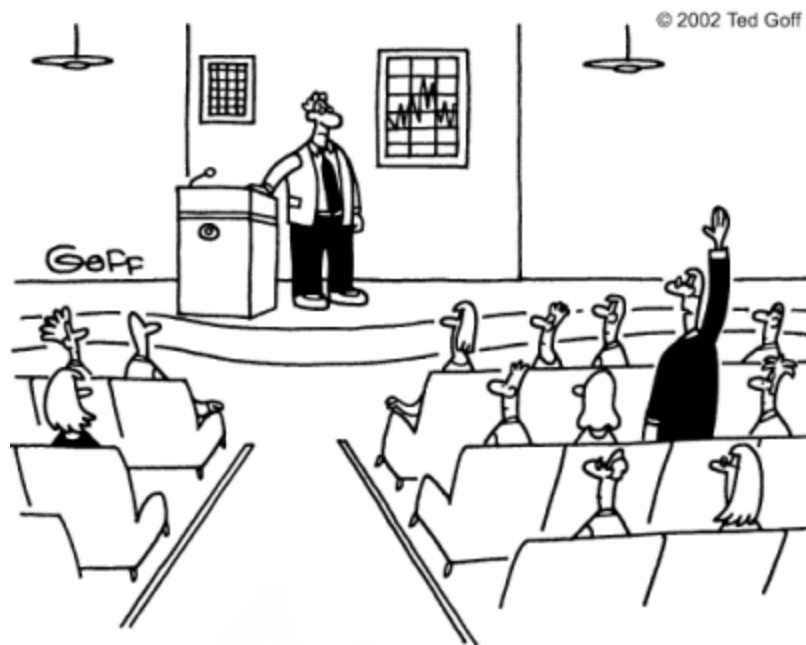
ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

St. John's Annual Meeting is scheduled for 10:30 AM on Sunday, January 26.

One item on the Agenda will be a proposal to change the Terms of Council members from 2 terms of 2 years to 3 terms of 2 years. After 6 consecutive years on Council, the individual is not eligible to run for office again for one full year.



**"Could we extend the annual meeting? I still
have a lot of complaining to do!"**

REMINDER:

ALL Committee Reports need to be submitted to the church office by Jan. 2.

WEEKLY PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK AND HOSPITALIZED :

Prayers of healing for those who are sick and/or hospitalized:

Alice Passehl

Jim Schwan

Peggy Strelow

Karen Reeck

Darrell Anderson

Cy Gruenstern

Brian Genskow

Dave Krueger

Kathy Krueger

Deloris Seefeldt

Edna Arndt

Hayden Krueger
(Brenda & Ron's grandson)

Ken Lodewegen

Keith Haufe

Chris Greiten

Corrine Kroening

John Knitt

Evelyn Rieckman

FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES &

ASSISTED LIVING:

Aster Assisted Living:

Edna Arndt & Ray Arndt

Care Partners:

Jeanette Hauser

Kindred Hearts: Joyce Kopitzke

The Pines (f/k/a Pine Manor):

Doris Aderman

King Veteran's Home: Cy Gruenstern

FOR COMFORT IN TIME OF SORROW:



Home

Communion

Ministry

We have a team of lay people who will come to your home and adminis-

ter communion if you are unable to attend worship due to sickness or other infirmities. Please contact the office if you or a family member would like to be included in this ministry.

THIS YEAR

I will make a genuine
and dedicated effort to



JANUARY EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 2

3:00 Food Pantry

Deadline to submit reports for Annual Report

Saturday, Jan. 4

5:00 Worship/Communion

Sunday, Jan. 5

8:00 Worship/Communion

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship/Communion

Wednesday, Jan. 8

12:30 Quilting

3:00 Camelot service

6:00 Confirmation

7:00 Come Alive practice

Saturday, Jan. 11

5:00 Worship/Communion

Sunday, Jan. 12

8:00 Worship/Communion

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship/Communion

Monday, Jan. 13

6:00 Worship & Music

Wednesday, Jan. 15

12:30 Quilting

1:30 Martha Bible Study

6:00 Confirmation

7:00 Come Alive practice

Thursday, Jan. 16

3:00 Food Pantry

Saturday, Jan. 18

5:00 Worship/Communion

Sunday, Jan. 19

8:00 Worship/Communion

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship/Communion

Tuesday, Jan. 21

5:30 Church Council

Wednesday, Jan. 22

12:30 Quilting

6:00 Confirmation

7:00 Come Alive practice

Saturday, Jan. 25

5:00 Worship/Communion

Sunday, Jan. 26

9:30 Worship/Communion

10:30 Annual Meeting of Congregation

Wednesday, Jan. 29

12:30 Quilting

6:00 Confirmation

7:00 Come Alive practice

Gentle Flow Yoga:

—Monday at 9:00 a.m.

Vinyasa 2 Yoga:

- Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Clothes Closet Resale Store:

Wed—Fri—10:00 a.m.—5 p.m.

Sat.—9:00 a.m.—Noon

Gently used items are accepted for resale.

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