

# St. John's Lutheran Church and School

## Stuttgart, Arkansas

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### A Prayer before Worship:

Dear Father in heaven; grant me to be **silent** before You - that I may hear You; at **rest** in You - that You may work in me; **open** to You - that you may enter in; **empty** before You - that You may fill me. Let me be still and know You are my God. Amen

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#### **Important Numbers:**

**Church Office:**

**(870) 673-2858**

**School Office:**

**(870) 673-7096**

**Pastor:**

**(412) 523-6741**

**Principal:**

**(870) 674-4115**

**Youth Director:**

**(870) 673-8506**

**Head Elder:**

**(870) 830-7242**

**January 4, 2026**

**Second Sunday after Christmas**

#### **Today's Order of Service:**

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#### **Hymns:**

Opening: #359 – Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Sermon: #360 – All My Heart Again Rejoices

During Distribution:

#373 – See Amid The Winter's Snow

#620 – Jesus Comes Today With Healing

#624 – The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

#623 – Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

#378 – Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Closing: #410 – Within The Father's House

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. **Psalm 19:14***

## Coming up this week:

<b>Sunday:</b>	Bible Class	8:30 a.m.
	Worship w/Communion	9:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Rock Star Youth	12:30 p.m.
	Seekers Youth	2:00 p.m.
<b>Monday:</b>	Elders	6:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Bible Class	6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Chapel	8:15 a.m.
	Ladies Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
	Kids Connect/Mid-Week Youth	5:15 p.m.
	Confirmation Class	5:15 p.m.
<b>Thursday:</b>	Men's Bible Study	6:00 a.m.
	Ladies Aid	2:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday:</b>	Bridal Shower for Bailey Greenwood	10:00 a.m.
	High School Youth Escape Room Trip	1:00 p.m.

\*Reminder! Youth Sunday School returns next Sunday, January 11!\*

## Serving This Month

### Elders on Duty: Sam Prislovsky & Neal Galloway

Date	Acolyte	Reader	Ushers
January 4	Stella McEntire	Georgia Worstell	Dale Newkirk Richard Heien
January 11	Darla Meins	Lynda Staton	Jim Worstell Billy Rabeneck
January 18	Clara Oltmann	Emil Scheiderer	Matt McEntire Chuck Lock

## Attendance & Giving

### Attendance:

December 21 - 129

### Offering:

December 21 - \$7,560.00

Subsplash - \$250.00

**Total: \$7,810**

# Please be Praying for...

**Missionaries:** Rev. Jason and Emily Groth and Vicar Paul and Courtney Mroczenksi

**General Health:** Kevin Gull, Ranae Johnson, Robert Seidenstricker, Lynda Staton, Bud Norris, Ron Rhein, Lyn Rhein, Tina Bull, Connley McPherson, Dalton Johnson, Terri Scheiderer, Jeremy Bollinger

**Cancer:** Max Gray, Dan Loudermilk, Frank Bowers, Brady Robnett, Katrina Anderson, Brooks Anderson, Amanda Christianson, Fredda Voumard, Maureen Sokora, Averie Brown, Jerry Drews, Debbie Cook, Melanie Swears, Ron Hoyt, Elizabeth Hoskyn, Kathy Griffith, Pat Maree, Karl Jacobs, Kenneth Maier, Kim Maier, Karen Wilson

**Those Unable to Worship with us:** Darlene Seeman, Donna Almond, Geneva Chlapecka, Wanda Phelps

**Our Nation:** Military Personnel, Elected Officials, Fire, Police, Sheriff, World Leaders



## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*



1/4 Jane Dickson

1/5 Gwen Stephens

1/9 Michele Adamson

1/9 Emaly Newkirk

1/7 Carl & Paula Smith

## Missionaries of the Week:

The Rev. Jason Groth and his wife, Emily, serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Belize. In this role, they help plant Lutheran churches and coordinate the operations of Camp Concordia in Belmopan, Belize. In addition to these responsibilities, the Groths support short-term mission teams and facilitate acts of mercy.

Vicar Paul Mroczenski serves the Lord in Puerto Rico, where he is spending his vicarage before returning to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., to complete his fourth year of seminary. In this role, Paul serves under the supervision of the Rev. James Neuendorf, missionary to Puerto Rico. Paul's primary responsibility is to teach and preach at various churches and sites in both Spanish and English. Paul also assists with church planting and other evangelism and mercy work efforts.

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## Lutherans for Life

### December 14

God used Joseph, who adopted Jesus as his own son (Luke 2:41), to care for our Lord as He (Jesus) mysteriously lived a perfectly human life as our substitute. Through Jesus, God has now adopted us as His own children and has promised us an eternal inheritance in His kingdom (Ephesians 1:5, 11). Christians should be encouraged to likewise consider and promote adoption as a godly way to preserve and care for the lives of God's precious children and bring them into His kingdom.



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## 2026 Offering Envelopes are available!

Please be sure to pick up your envelopes at the back of the sanctuary. Due to a processing error, envelopes 89-101 will be available next week.

Questions? Contact Stephanie at (870) 673-2858 or [secretary@stjohnsluth.com](mailto:secretary@stjohnsluth.com).

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What is “The Epiphany of Our Lord”?

The word “epiphany” (pronounced ee-PIF-uh-nee) comes from the Greek word meaning “manifestation.” Jesus was made known to all people simply by being born. If we had been alive back then, we could have actually reached out and touched Jesus! He was real, and the evidence was in His birth!

## Why do we celebrate Epiphany?

Epiphany is the third part of the Christmas season. During this special season in the Church Year, we remember the visit of the Wise Men. Traditionally, this visit is celebrated on Jan. 6.



Epiphany also brings to mind many other important events in Jesus’ life. For example, we remember Jesus’ Baptism, the star that guided the Wise Men, and most importantly, His birth! Wow! There sure is a lot happening after Christmas!



**Parents:** “God in flesh made manifest” is a hard statement for children to understand. Be sure to remind them that Jesus is real, alive and once walked on the earth for all to see. When Holy Communion is offered, be sure to let your children attend with you. Instruct them that this is where Christ manifests and gives His true body and blood for us.



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## From the Office

The church office will return to its regular working hours beginning January 5:

### **Mondays**

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### **Wednesdays**

10:00 a.m. to noon

### **Fridays**

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Please submit any bulletin announcements by noon on Wednesday.

You can also reach Stephanie at (870) 830-7841 or [secretary@stjohnsluth.com](mailto:secretary@stjohnsluth.com).

## School News

St. John's Lutheran School will resume its regular school hours beginning Monday, January 5.

St. John's is updating its alumni records. If you or your children attended St. John's Lutheran School, please send your name (or your child's name), current address, phone number, email, and years attended to [sjlsstuttgart@gmail.com](mailto:sjlsstuttgart@gmail.com) or contact the school office at (870) 673-7096.

## Stay Connected

Stay connected to St. John's Lutheran Church no matter where you are!

Follow us on Facebook (St. John's Lutheran-Lc-ms) for news and to stream live services.

Check out our app (Saint John's Lutheran) for the weekly bulletin, streaming services, school information, and more!

Forgot your checkbook? No worries! You can donate to St. John's through our app!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LCMS Family Ministry

Blood may be thicker than water...as the saying goes about the strength of family ties. But what if that water is no ordinary water? What if that water is combined with the Word of God in Holy Baptism, whereby God's holy name is conferred upon a person, adopting them into the family of believers? Baptismal water — not bloodline — gives strength to all family ties. That is why "Family Ministry" is a ministry to all peoples within the church; because we are all members of the same family through one Lord, one faith and one baptism. Family Ministry includes widows, singles, the elderly, barren couples and households filled with children — biological or adopted. "Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home" (Psalm 68:5–6). That home is the ark of the church and that family is the eternal assembly of believers — past, present and future. Thanks be to God — we are family! Join in the mission of LCMS Family Ministry at [lcms.org/family](http://lcms.org/family).

## LCMS Worker Wellness

Church workers serve best when they are supported, encouraged and cared for in body and soul by the very people whom they are called to serve. As a member in a church and/or LCMS school, you are in an ideal position to notice when your church workers may need additional support and then step in on their behalf. Simple actions can be a great help to them:

- Ask them how they are doing and seek to discern their needs. "*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ*" (Gal. 6:2).
- Celebrate their accomplishments. "*Love one another with brotherly affection*" (Rom. 12:10).
- Tell them you are praying for them. "*They are keeping watch over your souls... Let them do this with joy and not with groaning*" (Heb. 13:17).
- Encourage them to use wellness resources from the Synod and your district. "*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing*" (1 Thess. 5:11).

Visit [lcms.org/wellness](http://lcms.org/wellness) to learn more!