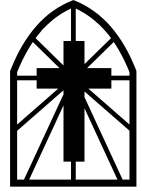


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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions, and mission outreach.

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FROM THE ELDERS

For Nothing Will Be Impossible With God—Luke 1:37

The angel Gabriel told Mary that God was planning to do something humanly impossible. All human logic would agree that a virgin could not give birth to a child. It was impossible. Yet this is exactly what was to happen. When God speaks of doing the impossible, it is no longer absurd. When was the last time God did the impossible in your life? When was the last time God spoke to you about what He wanted to do and you were scared to death by its magnitude?

God still does the impossible! Too often we acknowledge our belief that God can do whatever He wants: then we add a safety clause: "But I just don't think God will do that with me!" We become practical atheists, believing that God can perform miracles but never expecting a miracle in our own lives.

God wanted to bring salvation to all of humanity. It is critical that Mary not only believed God could perform a miracle, but also adjusted her life to the awesome work He planned to do through her. The difference between a Christian and a moral person is the divine. The difference between a church and a social club is the miraculous. Some can duplicate the morality of a Christian, but no one can reproduce the miraculous that should be a part of the Christian experience. Do you believe that nothing is impossible for God?

May you have a blessed Christmas,

The Elders

Experiencing God Day by Day, Henry & Richard Blackaby

Advent Worship

The theme for the Wednesday Advent services is: *Christmas Towns: If These Walls Could Talk*. We will hear the Gospel as it is connected to the towns of Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. We will follow the service of Vespers. Services will be the following:

7:30 pm December 2: distancing and mask optional

7:30 pm December 9: distancing and mask required

7:30 pm December 16: distancing and mask optional

Christmas Eve Worship: Service of Lessons and Carols

6:00 pm mask required; sign-up required

7:30 pm mask optional; sign-up requested

Christmas Day Worship: Divine service with Holy Communion

8:30 am mask required; sign-up required

10:00 am mask optional; sign-up requested



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH

Schedule at a Glance

Worship Service (Sundays 8:30 am & 10:00 am)

Sunday School (Sundays 9:30 am to 10:15 am)

Evangelism Committee Meeting (December 1 6:30 pm)

Elders' Meeting (December 7 6:30 pm)

St. John Children's Sunday School

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 pm



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & BAPTISMS

BIRTHDAYS

1 Tim Reetz
4 Deanna Eggert
5 Austin Adams
6 Taiden Warta
7 LaVerna [Kate] Kattau
9 Irelynn Kirkpatrick
10 Rylee Pospichal
11 Gloria McDermott
13 Lydia Lee, Janice Mehl, Aaron Meinke,
Travis Shore
15 Melissa Gash, Justin Hollman
16 Kade Nelson, Barb Shore
18 Doug Kattau
19 Lynette Reetz June
20 Andrew Munro
21 Ryan Lee, Dan Meinke
22 Rev. Art Brinkmeyer, Tanna Nitzel,
Liam Lee
23 Jerome Kalkwarf
28 Kent Nelson
29 Glen Louch
30 James Samples

31 Troy Henning, Scott Murphy, Titan
Wagner

BAPTISMS

4 Heather Wendelin
6 Lewis Clark
7 Carol Brinkmeyer
8 Nathan Patak, Alayna Poole
9 Ed Skillett
10 Cathy Hollman
11 Darren Weber
12 Brad Hestermann, Kristine Muff, Dave
Musil
15 Tim Reetz, Jess Eggert
17 Kasey Murphy
18 Charles Slama
19 James Walker
20 Bryce Kalkwarf
22 Alexandra Tremblay, Natalie Hughes-
Hardt
23 Teagan Kalkwarf
24 Madison Hestermann
25 Kasen Wagner
26 Judi Korte
29 Knox Korbelt

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