

# St. John's Lutheran School - November 26, 2019 www.stjohnsburlington.org

# **Food Pantry**

Our students will be collecting donations of various foods to share with families. The food items will be gathered between November 25 and December 12. Food baskets will be assembled for families who are facing hardships within our community and St. John's Church family.

The items we seek are canned sweet potatoes, stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, gravy, canned beans or corn, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, and canned fruit. Anyone wishing to donate gift cards or money may bring these gifts to the office. Donations of any of the foods from anyone are certainly welcome. Collection tubs are located outside of the school office.

#### Advent by Candlelight

Ladies, please join us on December 1 at 6:30 pm for Advent by Candlelight. The program this year is "Blessings on the Tree." We will focus on the blessings we find on the tree during Advent while enjoying an evening of fellowship, music and dessert. Come and take a closer look at Christian Christmas symbols that adorn many of our Christmas trees in our homes and at our church. More information, as well as sign-up sheets, can be found in the narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet if you would like to attend, but need a ride. If you plan on inviting three or more people, we would ask that you host a table. This will assure that everyone has a place to sit. Program will begin at 6:30 pm with table viewing at 6:00 pm. Please contact Sharon Lorfeld at 262-492-7848 with any questions.

#### Thanksgiving Worship at St. John's

We will be offering two opportunities for worship this Thanksgiving. They are November 27 at 6:30 pm and Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 am. Let us join together in giving thanks for all the ways our Lord has blessed us.

#### Advent Meal

This year we will be serving a meal of soup & sandwiches on Wednesday, December 4 from 4:30-6:15pm. Food, worship, and special opportunities to help with Christmas outreach.

# Coffee with the Principal

Come and join our principal and others for coffee and conversation (and maybe treats?!) on the first Tuesday of each month from 8:10-8:50. Talking topics about our school, wonderings of the moment, and even quirky questions are likely to take place. Not everybody will have these times available, but we are confident that our school ministry will be enriched through any time we can spend together.

#### **Midweek Advent Services**

You are invited to join us in worship at our midweek Advent Services held at 3:30 and 6:30 on December 4, 11, and 18. The December 4 worship will feature the "Lessons & Carols" service. If your child will be attending the afternoon worship with you and you will be arriving after 3:15, please contact the homeroom teacher so that proper supervision can be arranged.

# Advent Singing and Ringing

During the Wednesday Advent worship services, we will have some of our choirs adding special music. December 4 at 3:30 - Junior Bells. December 11 at 3:30 - Youth Choir. December 18 at 3:30 - Chimers.

# **After School Care Alert**

For the three Wednesday's of Advent, the After School Care will use the opportunity to join the 3:30 worship in our church. The group will be seated in the back of the church if parents arrive after 3:30. Parents are welcome to join the worship with their child or pick up their child if necessary. The After School Care group will return to their usual location at the close of worship.

#### **Parade Preparations**

Before we enjoy the parade, we need help with the handouts, candy, and scarves for our float. Come between the Wednesday worships on December 4 to have a meal and lend a helping hand.

# **Christmas Classroom Gift Exchange**

Please look for information to come home in the next two weeks regarding the classroom gift exchanges.

| Calendar Events                              |   |
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| November 27                                  | -6:30pm Worship   |
| November 27-29                               | -No School-Thanksgiving Break                             |
| November 28                                  | -9:30am Worship   |
| December 1                                   | -8:00am & 10:30amWorship<br>-6:30pm Advent By Candlelight |
| **December 6—Christmas Parade**              |   |
| **December 4-Jr. Bells at 3:30pm Advent**    |   |
| **December 11-Youth Choir at 3:30pm Advent** |   |

# **Christmas Parade 2019**

The Outreach Ministry Team is preparing to participate in the Burlington Christmas Parade on Friday, December 6 at 6:30 pm in downtown Burlington, and we need help from you! First, we need people to walk in the parade by our banner and decorated vehicle-students, parents, children, adults, all friends of St. John's. We also need help preparing the handouts and making the scarves that will be worn during the parade. Following the 3:30 pm midweek Advent service on December 4, there will be a special Advent meal in the gym. Following the meal we will get to work with as many volunteers as we can bring together. So please come, eat, and assist. Following the parade, there will be warming fellowship at the church where everyone can warm up with hot chocolate and other goodies. Donations and volunteers are needed for that fellowship time as well.

Come and let your light shine in our community! All church and school families/individuals are invited to participate, volunteer, and/or bring treats! Please contact Jim Mead, Outreach Ministry Team Leader at 262-818-3853 if you can help in any way.

# **Basketball Helpers Needed**

Our St John's Athletics is looking for a volunteer to run the scoreboard for all home basketball games this season. There are three games per night and only 4 home games all season. The dates are Dec 7, Jan 8, Jan 10, and Jan 31. Please contact Mr. Malliet if interested or for more information. (gmalliet@stjohnsburlington.org)

Our St John's Athletics is seeking volunteers to help staff the concession stand for all home basketball games this season. The dates are Dec 7, Jan 8, Jan 10, and Jan 31. Volunteers do not need to be in the concession stand for all three games. Please contact Mr. Malliet if interested in helping with one or more nights.

# **Children's Christmas Worship Service**

The Children's Christmas Worship Service is being planned for Sunday, December 15, at 4:00pm. If your 3K through 8th grade child will not be able to attend, please notify your child's teacher as soon as possible. We are looking forward to having every child being a part of this very special worship.

# **Christmas Service Treat Bags**

We will be providing treat bags for the children following our Children's Worship Service held on December 15. We are seeking donations of candy, snacks, fruit, or fun treats for the bags. In keeping with the celebration of our Lord's birth, please refrain from any Santa items. Donations may be dropped off in the box located in the meeting room. All donations need to be received by December 11. Please contact Terri Edmundson (262) 767-7409 with any questions.

# Shop & Earn

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. St. John's Lutheran School, Burlington, is a Charity you can select. Remember, if you want Amazon to donate to St. John's Lutheran School, Burlington, you need to start each shopping session at the URL http://smile.amazon.com, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. Use this link (https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0833614) to set St. John's as your chosen organization. The link can be shared with others who may want to choose St. John's as well.

# Scrip - Gift Cards with a bonus

Scrip is a great way to earn tuition credit while purchasing gifts. If you haven't set up your account yet go to: www.shopwithscrip.com. Email our new Scrip Coordinator, Tracie Velardo for setup directions or any other related questions at <u>scripsjb@gmail.com</u>.

# Eat Out Night

"Eat Out Nights" are continuing. The next event is being held at Dominos in Burlington. They will donate back to St. John's a portion of your total bill. Anyone participating in "Eat Out Night" on December 17 will be supporting the continuing efforts to bring STEM education to our K-8 students.