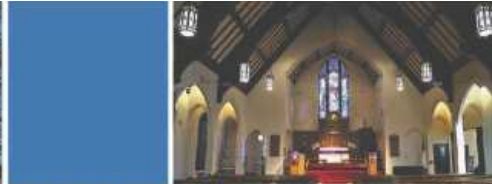


November 29, 2020

First Sunday in Advent



**St James Lutheran
Ministries**



PREPARE YE



"We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple."
Psalm 48:9

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Style

Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM

Contemporary Celebration (Gym)

Sunday 10:30 AM

Online Service 9:00 AM

Facebook & YouTube

Radio Broadcast 9:00 AM

WTCH960 AM / WTCH96.1 FM

Senior Service

1st & 3rd Wednesday 11:00 AM

**SPECIAL ORDER OF SERVICE
NO HOLY COMMUNION**

Liturgist:Rev. Mark Drenkler

Preacher:... Rev. Steve Schauder

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

SERVICE HYMNS

Opening..... #331 (st.1-4)

Sermon.....#356

Hymn of Praise #352(1-3,6)

Closing..... #358

Music By: Sue Moede

CELEBRATION SERVICE

Music By:Praise Team

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WE WELCOME all our visitors to St. James and pray your worship with us is uplifting and enriching. If there is anything we can do for you, please ask one of the ushers or the volunteer in the Connection Center and they will be happy to assist you.

FELLOWSHIP: Refreshments will not be available until further notice.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated during all Worship Services on the first and third weekends of the month, and at all Senior Services.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS are available at all services during communion weekends for those in need of them. Please see a Lay Minister before the service to let them know of your request.

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN: Children are always welcome to worship with us. Children's bulletins are available. There is a Mother's Room with a changing table located by the restrooms in the narthex.

SENIOR SERVICE: Designed for our senior members and at-risk individuals, but anyone may attend. Every first and third Wednesday at 11:00 AM with Holy Communion.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Prayers have to be prayed to be answered! The church office is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. You may also place a call to the office by phone at 715-524-4815. Our pastors are here for you! Contact Pastor Mark at mdrengler@stjamesshawano.org, or Pastor Steve at sschauder@stjamesshawano.org.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIS WEEK'S SERMON THEME

"Ponder" - 1st Sunday of Advent
by Rev. Steve Schauder

"We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple." - Psalm 48:9

WEEKEND READINGS

Old Testament: Joshua 1:7-9

Epistle: Colossians 3:15-17

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

SERMON TEXT: LUKE 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God."

³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Old Testament: Genesis 28:10-17

Epistle: Colossians 4:2-4

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

"PREPARE YE" - ADVENT SERIES WEEK 1

Welcome to our Advent worship series, Prepare Ye. Each week in this series we will contemplate the many ways we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas. In our worship for today, we will consider ways in which we can ponder the meaning of the birth of our Savior through the reading of Scripture and through reflection. Mary serves as a model for us in this pondering in the Annunciation.

CELEBRATION SERVICE

WE PRAISE GOD

“Alive and Breathing” as sung by Matt Maher
“Light of the World” as sung by Lauren Daigle

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert of a highway for our God!

C **Be strong and courageous, be careful to live according to everything Moses commanded.**

P Do not let God’s Word depart from your mouth.

C **But meditate on it day and night.**

P Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

C **Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts because nothing is impossible with our God!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SONG OF PRAISE

“Prepare the Way” as sung by Ross Parsley

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, because nothing is impossible with you, we come into your presence confessing our sin, confident of your mercy and forgiveness. For lack of reverence; for calculating minds; for going along with the majority—

C **O Christ, forgive us.**

P For selfishness that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; for artificial life and worship—

C **O Christ, forgive us.**

P For self-indulgence; for being pompous and puffed up with self-importance—

C **O Christ, forgive us.**

P For cynicism about our fellow Christians; for cruel indifference; for being satisfied with things as they are and failing to trust that with you nothing is impossible—

C **O Christ, forgive us.**

P For token concern for the poor, the lonely and the loveless people; for confusing faith with good feelings—

C **O Christ, forgive us.**

P For everything in us that hides your divine power—

C **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

P Hear the good news! Because of his death and resurrection, Jesus is our Savior. The Lord God has given to him the throne of his father David. Jesus reigns over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Therefore, you are fully and forever forgiven in Jesus’ name.

C **Nothing is impossible with our God!**

“He Made a Way in a Manger” as sung by Steve and Lee Merkel

WE PRAISE GOD

TIME FOR PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

WE PRAISE GOD

“My Soul Magnifies the Lord” as sung by Chris Tomlin

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

Luke 1:26-38

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Ponder” by Rev. Steve Schauder

BENEDICTION

P Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

C **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.**

P So that whatever we do, in word or deed.

C **We do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

P Giving thanks to God the Father through him because

C **Nothing is impossible with our God!**

CLOSING SONG

“Glory, Let There Be Peace” as sung by Matt Maher

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

“PREPARE YE” ADVENT SERIES

In this worship series for Advent, we contemplate the many ways we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas, taking cues from the psalms of old and from those whom God chose to play a part in the story of our Lord’s birth. As we draw near to the manger bed of our Savior from sin and death, our hearts prepare him room for his everlasting love.

MIDWEEK ADVENT CELEBRATIONS

The prophet Isaiah tells us: “*Prepare ye the way of the LORD.*” That is what the time of Advent is for. We will ponder as Mary did. We will pray, as Zechariah did. We will praise as Elizabeth did. All these actions prepare us for the coming of our Savior into our lives. With hearts, souls, and minds prepared for Him, we are ready to receive Him with joy this Christmas season.

This year we will not have in-person midweek services on Wednesdays. Rather, we will record a study that will be posted on FaceBook and YouTube on Wed. afternoons at 3:30 PM and broadcast on the radio at 6:30 PM. The studies will be based on the previous Sunday’s readings and theme. We will weave Advent hymns, prayers and customs into the studies as we “*Prepare Ye, the Way of the Lord.*”

HOLIDAY DOOR OFFERING

Your Board of Christian Service will have a door collection after all services Dec. 5-6. The purpose is to provide gift cards to those financially affected by the COVID19 pandemic. Your donation can also be completed by your usual electronic method when indicated for “Holiday Baskets” or brought to the church office. We plan to serve young people, families, the retired, and our special faithful, the shut-ins. Our Heavenly Father has provided an abundance. Won’t you please be generous with your treasures and help serve those in need?

Daniel Braun, Director, Board of Christian Service,
715-524-3004.

RADIO MINISTRY

St. James has been broadcasting its’ worship services on WTCH for many years. The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$135. Thanks to the generosity of many sponsors, all dates for the remainder of 2020 are covered! If you would like to reserve a date to sponsor a radio broadcast in 2021, please contact the church office at 715-524-4815. Thank you to all our sponsors and listeners!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Christians engage in adopting not only because we desire to raise children but also—and above all—because the Most High desires their survival and salvation. We adopt because we have been so adopted. We adopt because little ones need homes. We adopt because we have homes and families to share. Life issues mean more than just political debates. Life issues involve more than just personal choices or someone else’s problems. Life issues are always people and Gospel.” Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

"Magnum Opus"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

How is God like a band director? Learn how God enables us to play our part in His “Magnum Opus”. (Daniel 8:27)

Tune into Sunday morning’s message at 7:30AM on WTCH/960 AM and also at 10:00AM on WRVM/102.7 FM on your radio.

CHRISTMAS CHEER SUPPLY DRIVE

The Board of Christian Outreach is sponsoring a Christmas Cheer supply drive for nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Supplies needed are coloring books, coloring pencils, crayons, puzzles, simply word search books, crossword puzzles, window clings/stickers, flowers, bird feeders and seed, magazines, etc. Kindly consider purchasing these supplies and place them in the boxes marked "Supply Drive" that will be available in the church back hall area, outside the gym during Celebration Service, or dropped off to the church office. Supplies will be collected through Dec. 13th and then will be packed and delivered. Thank you for your consideration and support.

SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Services will continue in December with two Wednesday morning services. Join us for our next services on December 2nd and 16th, at 11 AM with Holy Communion. At this time, we would like to encourage all at-risk individuals to attend these midweek services.

SCHOOL, CHURCH & COMMUNITY

JOAN URBAN ASSISTANCE FUND

The St. James Board of Directors established a new fund in honor of Mrs. Joan Urban who served many years as the Director of our Early Child Care Center and Preschool. The purpose of the fund will be to offer financial assistance to families for child care fees or preschool tuition, when they encounter financial needs or a crisis. There is a fund established to offer scholarships to families in our Day School from grades K – 8, but that does not include the child care center or preschool students. The Joan Urban Assistance Fund will be dedicated to offer assistance to those families, as needs arise. You can contribute gifts to this fund at any time. Drop or mail gifts into the church office. Please make sure the gifts are addressed to St. James Lutheran Church and clearly marked for the Joan Urban Assistance Fund.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING SERVICES

If you, a friend, or a loved one – adult or child - is struggling with mental health or behavioral concerns, please know that the professional counselors at Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin are committed to helping alleviate the fear and uncertainty. As a faith-based Christian agency, we realize our services may be needed now more than ever. Through counseling, there is an opportunity to model Christian faith and share the promises of the Gospel while utilizing clinical expertise and skill. All offices shall remain open during the pandemic and onward, offering one-on-one counseling. Tele-health counseling is also available as an option. Please contact our office at 414-536-8333 or 800-291-4513.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Nov. 30	1:00PM	SCRIP ORDERS DUE
Dec. 2	8:10 AM	Chapel
Dec. 7	1:00PM	SCRIP ORDERS DUE
Dec. 8	Staff Lunch	
Dec. 9	8:10 AM	Chapel—Baptism Birthdays

NOW HIRING: FIRST GRADE TEACHER AIDE

Due to a personal matter, the first grade aide has stepped away from her position for the school year. St. James Lutheran School is looking for another trustworthy, committed person to help Mrs. Emily Hendricks in the 1st grade classroom. If you are interested in working just under 30 hours a week, please submit your resume to the school office. Any questions, feel free to call 715-524-4213 and speak with Mr. David Kaiser.

NOW HIRING: ACCOUNTING CLERK

St. James Lutheran Ministries is accepting applications for the position of Accounting Clerk. The role of this position is to provide financial services to the ministry on a part-time basis of 20-30 hours per week. More information regarding job duties and requirements can be found on our website at www.stjames-shawano.org. Applications and resumes will be accepted from Dec. 1st through 10th, and should be submitted at the church office.

NOVEMBER 29TH—DECEMBER 6TH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED
29 8:00 Worship 9:00 Radio/Online Service 10:30 Celebration (Gym)	30 1:00 SCRIP Orders Due 5:45 Praise Team 5:45 Bell Choir	1 9:00 Staff	2 8:10 Chapel 6:00 Confirmation
THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
3	4 12:00 Bulletin Deadline for Dec. 6th	5 5:30 Worship (HC)	6 8:00 Worship (HC) 9:00 Radio/Online Service 10:30 Celebration (Gym) (HC)

DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 9:00 Staff	2 8:15 Chapel 11:00 Senior Service (HC) 3:30 Advent Online 6:00 Confirmation *6:30 Advent Radio	3	4 <u>12:00 Bulletin Deadline</u> <u>For Dec. 13th</u>	5 5:30 Worship (HC)
<p>* denotes Radio Broadcast & Online Services WTCH 960AM, WTCH 96.5 FM (HC) denotes Holy Communion YAC denotes "Youth Acclaiming Christ Youth"</p>						
6 8:00 Worship (HC) *9:00 Online/Radio 10:30 Celebration(HC)	7 SCRIP ORDERS DUE 5:45 Praise Team 5:45 Bell Choir	8 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Staff 4:30 ECC 5:50 ECC Staff 6:30 Directors	9 8:15 Chapel 3:30 Advent Online 6:00 Confirmation *6:30 Advent Radio	10	11 <u>12:00 Bulletin Deadline</u> <u>For Dec. 20th</u>	12 5:30 Worship
13 8:00 Worship *9:00 Online/Radio 10:30 Celebration 5:00 4-H	14 5:45 Praise Team 5:45 Bell Choir	15 9:00 Staff <u>12:00 Bulletin Deadline</u> <u>For Dec. 27th</u>	16 8:15 Chapel 11:00 Senior Service (HC) 3:30 Advent Online 6:00 Confirmation 6:00 6 Boards *6:30 Advent Radio	17	18	19 5:30 Worship (HC)
20 8:00 Worship (HC) *9:00 Online/Radio 10:30 Celebration(HC)	21 NO SCHOOL 5:45 Praise Team 5:45 Bell Choir	22 NO SCHOOL <u>12:00 Bulletin Deadline</u> <u>For Jan. 3rd</u> 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Staff 7:00 Celebration Comm.	23 NO SCHOOL	24 OFFICES CLOSED NO SCHOOL 1:00 Celebration 3:00 Worship 5:00 Worship 7:00 Family Candlelight 11:00 Candlelight (HC)	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED 9:00 Worship (HC)	26
27 8:00 Worship *9:00 Online/Radio 10:30 Celebration	28 NO SCHOOL 5:45 Praise Team 5:45 Bell Choir	29 NO SCHOOL 9:00 Staff	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL 6:30 Worship (HC)		

SPONSORSHIPS & CONTRIBUTIONS

CALLED HOME

Gertrude M. Morris, age 94, was called Home to Glory on Thursday, November 19th, 2020.

SPONSORSHIPS

The Radio Broadcast has been sponsored to the Glory of God, by the St. James Retreat Organization.

The December 2nd Advent Radio Broadcast has been sponsored in loving memory of departed loved ones, by Ken & Betty Lohrengel.

SPECIAL GIFTS

- \$540 has been given to St. James Youth Ministry Fund in loving memory of Rogean Ehlert, by her family and friends.
- \$100 has been given to St. James Church in celebration Gary & Suzanne Ritter selling their home, by Full House Realty.
- A monetary gift has been given to St. James School in loving memory of Lorraine Riemer, by her family and friends.
- \$25 has been given to the Radio Broadcast Fund in loving memory of former Tabitha member, Lorraine Riemer, by the St. James Tabitha Society.
- \$100 has been given to St. James School in loving memory of Betty Spielvogel, by Heidi Simmons.
- \$100 has been given to St. James Church in loving memory of Gloria Hoefs, by Judy Andrews.

PLEASE NOTE

Attendance numbers and contributions figures were not available at the time this bulletin went to print. The information is available at the Connection Center or the information area outside Celebration. Sorry for any inconvenience.

2020 CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIPS

You are invited to make a contribution towards the beautiful decorations in the church during this special season of Christmas, to the glory of God and in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of people or special events. Please fill out the information below and give to the church office by December 13th, for all donor dedications to appear in the bulletin for December 21st/22nd weekend.

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