

“St John’s Reformed Church strives to welcome all, to know and proclaim God’s word, to seek God’s will and to live by Christ’s example. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we welcome all of God’s children, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, cognitive or physical limitation, to feel free to worship and seek God’s amazing grace.”

Minister: **Rev. Alisha Riepma-Hosier**
Minister of Word and Sacrament

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Organist: **Jane Bier**

Soloist: **Joey Breslau**

Advent Readers: **The Meek Family**

The Consistory of St. John's Reformed Church:

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Important Hours:

Rev. Alisha Riepma-Hosier

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday-Office hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and by appointment. Thursday-offsite, Friday-Sabbath Day (day off)
If schedule changes occur, the Administrator will be notified.

Kristi Colburn, Administrator

Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Deacon’s Food Pantry Distribution

Monday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

12/8/2024

**Mission and Outreach December MOM-
Adopt a Christmas Gift**

The Mission & Outreach Committee has received the filled-out forms from our food pantry families. Our secret Santas have started to shop for the requested items. For those not fond of shopping, monetary donations are most welcomed, and we have two or three hearty shoppers/bargain hunters that will happily search for those hard-to-find items. If you would like to participate and/or need more information pertaining to this mission, please see Serena or a member of the M & O Committee. Thank you!

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

Second Day of Advent

10 a.m. Worship Service

10 a.m. Children’s Program

Monday	9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Deacons’ Fund Food Pantry 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn 7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting-fellowship hall
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn 7 p.m. Property Committee Meeting- fellowship hall
Wednesday	9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Deacons’ Fund Food Pantry 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn 10:15 a.m. Bible Study-fellowship hall
Thursday	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn
Friday	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn

NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Worship Service

10 a.m. Children’s Program

ADVANCE NOTICES

Men's Breakfast meets on the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. location is to be determined.

St. John's Monthly Prayer Service meets on the first Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Prayers are offered for St. John's missions, for the local community, for those on the prayer list, for those who are unable to gather with the congregation for worship, for personal prayers, and for anyone in need of God's love. See James Walrath for information.

Blooming in Faith Women's Fellowship meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the FH. We gather for fellowship and to create art. See Elizabeth Young for details.

Scudder Circle meets the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be February 6, at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will not meet in January. Soup Sales begin on January 5 following the worship service. All women associated with SJRC are invited to the meetings. Please see Mary Bayer for more information.

Save the Dates:

Blue Christmas Service, December 18, at 7 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal.
SJRC's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24, at 7 p.m.

NOTICES

Budget 2025 Thank you to everyone who attended the Congregational Annual Meeting November 24. The proposed budget and consistory nominations were voted on and passed. There are copies of the 2025 budget and Estimated Giving Cards on the worship table in the fellowship hall. Please fill out the cards and place them in the offering plate. Thank you!

Christmas Bazaar Thank you to all who volunteered in any capacity at the Christmas Bazaar. \$1001 was received in donations. It was a successful event and a joy to see the children interacting with SJRC's Santa Claus.

Streaming Sunday Services To access the Sunday Service, go to our website, www.stjohnsreformed.org, and click on the YouTube Live icon.

Help Needed: The Technology Committee needs help running the live stream for our services on Sunday mornings. Thank you to Michael Fleming for volunteering. More volunteers are welcome! The task of running the stream consists of three separate skills, cameraman, computer setup and shut down, and audio operator. Once you are trained, it would be best if you operated your skill at least once a month to retain the skill. You need to be there about 9:30 on Sunday mornings to make sure everything is running smoothly and stay in the balcony until the end of the postlude. If you are interested, see Doug or Wayne.

Nursery Help Needed: We would like to offer Nursery Care every Sunday morning again. If you could help once a month, every six weeks, or once a quarter, that would be most helpful. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall or contact Desiree Albizu if you need to check your calendar. Thank you.

CLYNK Bags: Thank you to all who have been donating their returnable bottles and cans. CLYNK bags are located on the bulletin board in the FH. Please no juice or gallon water jugs, they are not returnable.

Deacons' Fund could use your help. The money is used to give the Food Pantry Clients a \$15.00 gift card to Hannaford for perishable items not supplied in the Pantry.

Deacon's Fund Food Pantry

We served 30 families in the Food Pantry this week.

We could use donations of: plain oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix, peaches, mandarin oranges, spam, beef stew, corned beef hash, sugar, salt, coffee, mayo, ketchup, toothpaste, deodorant, tissues. and reusable bags.

Thank you for your support!