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*“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.”*

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

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Organist: **Max Brey**

Advent Wreath Readers/Lighters: **Pastor Alisha and Son**

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**Streaming Sunday Services-** Go to SJRC’s website and click on the box, “join live”. Click on “services” for the weekly bulletin and announcements

**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.

**December Mission and Outreach’s Mission of the Month is  
Adopt a Christmas Gift**

Season’s Greetings! Every year M & O holds an adopt a Christmas gift for our food pantry families. There is an adopt a family sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall. We have received many requests and could use some help. For those who are not fond of shopping, monetary donations are most welcomed. Please write MOM Christmas Gifts in the memo section. Please consider participating in this vital local mission. For more information, please see Serena, Terry, Beverly, or a member of M & O.

Thank you for your support!

***Mission and Outreach Committee.***

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

10 a.m. Worship Service-Communion

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  
**10:00 a.m. Book Club-fellowship hall**  
**7 p.m. Blue Christmas Service-sanctuary**

Tuesday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn  
**12 noon Ladles and Loaves, 5 p.m. Simple Supper**  
**7 p.m. Blooming in Faith-room 3**  
**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

**Blue Christmas Service**-Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. It's a time for reflection and remembrance of our loved ones who have passed away. If you're experiencing grief and sadness around the holidays, you aren't alone. Please come to this service. All are welcome!

#### **Christmas Concert, December 19, at 7:30 p.m.**

Max (SJRC's Organist) and his very talented friends will be sharing their musical talents. Please come and celebrate the Christmas Season with music. A freewill offering will take place to benefit SJRC's music program.

**Retelling the Nativity Story**-On Dec. 21, Sunday, at the 10 a.m. Worship Service, the children will be retelling the story of Jesus' birth. If any young person would like to participate, please contact Desiree.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service** will be on Wednesday, December 24, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Christmas Eve (Wed. Dec. 24) and New Year's Eve (Wed. Dec. 31)**, the food pantry is closed, and Wednesday Bible Study is cancelled.

**Christmas Day and New Year's Day** the Church Office is closed.

**Men's Breakfast**-meets the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at the Red Hook Diner.

**Blooming in Faith Women's Fellowship**-meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in room 3. We gather for fellowship and to create art. Please see Elizabeth Young for more information.

**St. John's Monthly Prayer Service**-meets 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.

**Scudder Circle**-Thank you to everyone who donated jewelry for the bazaar and collected underwear for the people of Haiti. Scudder Circle does not meet in January. For more information, please see Mary Bayer or Desiree Albizu.

**Ladles & Loaves & Simple Supper**-1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month. **L & L**, a lunch of homemade soup & bread, 12-1:30 p.m. **SS** is leftover soup & bread & an one-dish meal, 5-6 p.m. This is a free meal-donations are accepted. Please contact Beverly Kipp, 845-235-6013 to volunteer.

### NOTICES

**Mitten Tree**-We will once again be gathering new mittens, gloves and hats on the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall for our food pantry families. Thank you for any and all donations.

**Christmas Poinsettias**-To place poinsettia plants in the sanctuary for Christmas, please complete the order form with your payment and put it in the offering plate or mail to the church office by today, December 7. Order forms can be found on the worship table in the fellowship hall.

**Nursery Help Needed:** We need childcare providers now to ensure that young parents can worship. There is a sign-up sheet on the worship table. If you could help once a month, every six weeks, or once a quarter, that would be most helpful. Please contact Desiree Albizu. Thank you.

**CLYNK Bags:** Thank you for donating your returnable bottles and cans. CLYNK bags are located on the bulletin board in the FH and stored in the church office. 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 7 families in the Food Pantry this week.**

We could use donations of: coffee, sugar, oil, dish & laundry detergent, reusable bags, salt, mandarin oranges, peas, pancake mix, shaving cream, and bar soap.

Thank you again for all your support!

All donations are appreciated!