

Advent and Christmas Eve Opportunities for  
**WORSHIP, SHARING, CARING & GIVING**

Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 am in Courtyard and 11am in the Sanctuary

- November 29 1st Sunday of Advent—HOPE
- December 5 Decorating the Chrismon tree  
 Walhalla Christmas Parade at 5pm
- December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent —PEACE
- December 2, 9 & 16 Advent Holden Evening Prayer at 7pm—**ON FACEBOOK LIVE ONLY**
- December 13 3rd Sunday of Advent—JOY
- December 20 4th Sunday of Advent—LOVE
- December 24 Delivering Christmas Eve Meals to the Community



**St. John's Lutheran Church Advent Ministry 2020**

St. John's Outreach Committee decided that in 2020 you will have the opportunity to choose two outreach ministries that reach both our church and the community. You can choose to donate to one ministry that is important to you or you can divide your donation among more the two ... *the choice is yours.*

There are two ways to submit your donation—either by taking an envelope from the “Giving Tree” in the Sacristy area or mailing in the donation envelope enclosed in the December Chimes. Indicate on the envelope the amount you would like to give. Enclose your check—*payable to St. John's*—for the entire donation. After January 6th donations will be divided and sent to the appropriate organizations.

- St. John's Seminary Internship** — At the recent annual meeting, the congregation voted to partner with the Seminary and to have an intern for the program year, 2021-2022. Contributions will help defray the costs of the intern program that will begin in the summer of 2021.
- Lutheridge** — Lutheridge Camp & Conference Center is located just south of Asheville, on 160 acres. Programs are provided year-round for children, youth, adults and families. Financial assistance is urgently needed resulting from program cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

***Come and Worship, Come and Worship.  
 Worship Christ the Newborn King!***

**Christmas Eve (December 24th)**

**5:30 pm ~ Family Service with Communion and Candlelight in the Courtyard**

This brief service will be geared toward families and those who want to worship outside.  
 In the event of inclement weather, service will be moved to fellowship hall.

**7:30 and 10:30 pm ~ Candlelight Service with Communion in the Sanctuary**

These traditional Christmas Eve services will be about 45 minutes and will require pre-registration. Each service will be limited to 50 worshipers. Pre-registration will begin on Monday, December 14.

***Stay tuned for more information on how to register.***

**MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND HAND SANITIZING IS EXPECTED AT ALL SERVICES.**

*Note: This year in an effort toward safety, LED, battery-operated candles will be used.*



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE MEAL**

For the past 30+ years St. John's has prepared and delivered a meal on Christmas Eve to those shut-in and in need in Oconee County. We will miss our friends Pete and Sharon Runge as they have decided to retire. No words could ever express our gratitude to them for their many years of service. Due to Covid, we will be scaling back our delivery to approximately 200 persons. Volunteers will be needed to help with the food prep, to help with packaging the meal and delivering to the community. You will be receiving e-mails over the next few weeks looking for a “reduced” volunteer base. We will be asking members of the congregation to prepare a double batch (2 boxes=20 brownies) of brownies. More information on all these opportunities will come soon.



**Poinsettias will again be used to adorn the sanctuary on Christmas Eve and to give glory to God for Christ's coming among us.**



**Poinsettia Order Form**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: In Honor or In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cost per plant is \$10.00. Amount per order form: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form and a check to the Church Office ***by December 13.***