

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon:	7:30 PM	Trustees Meeting
Tue:	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
Wed:	8:20 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Chapel/Prayer and Preaching Catechesis Extra Advent Evening Prayer Worship Choir
Thurs:	1:30 PM	Sarah Bible Study
Sat:	9:00 AM	Church Decorating
Sun:	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Divine Service Bible Study/Confirmation/ SS Divine Service LWML Christmas Party Potluck

SERVING TODAY

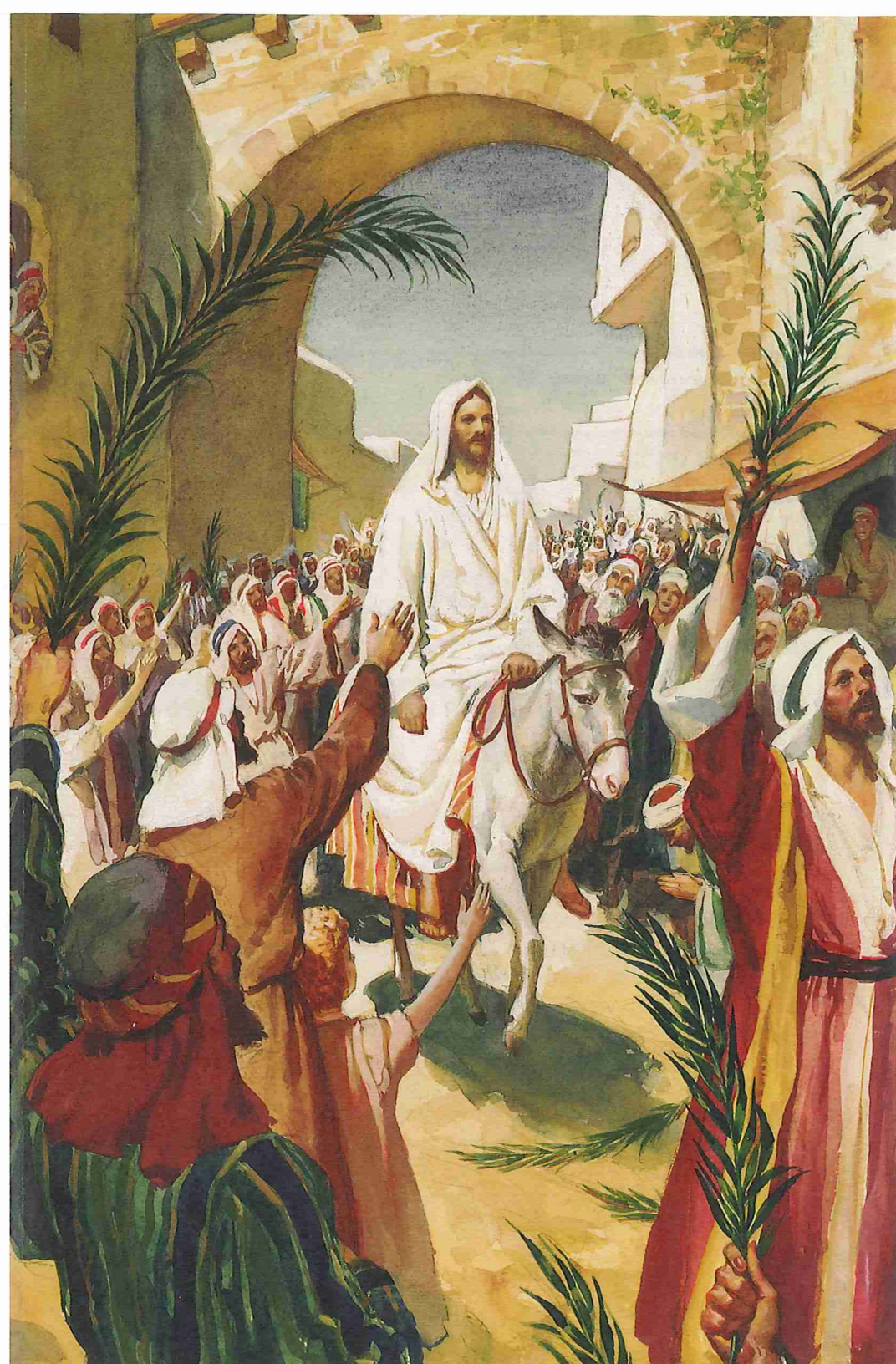
ELDERS:	8:00 AM Bill Wickesberg Harold Blanchette	10:30 AM Dean Koosman Jeff Diers
USHERS:	8:00 AM Dennis Frey Jack George Mert Diers Paul Lindahl	10:30AM Allan Munson Derek Nikko



Organist: Molly Loder

Advent I – “The Lord is our righteousness” (Jeremiah 23:6b). What comforting truth for hearts troubled with sin’s guilt that keeps resurfacing. Sometimes a past sin can be so haunting that we do not always feel forgiven, or we cannot forgive ourselves. The sin of abortion is a prime example. But our righteousness does not depend upon us or our feelings. Our righteousness is Christ! *Prayer: O Lord our Righteousness, may my comfort and hope be anchored in You and not my feelings. Amen.*

Attendance Sunday, November 24: 105 & 138 Communed: 161



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Worship Information: December 1, 2024, First Sunday in Advent

Divine Service p. 203 Hymns: 331, 332, (334, 342, 354) 343

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY... we remember Terry Burkett, Jeanne Glessing, Keith Luhman, Jon Schendel, protection of the blessing of all life from conception to grave that God has preciousely created. Missionaries: Rev. James May and Family, Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad; those serving in the Armed Forces: Isaac Cain, Christena Dickens, Justin Hassa, Kelsey Hasz, Alex Hennen, Andrew Horsch, Brandon Maas, Blake Peterson, and Jacob Young.

TODAY'S SERMON...can be found in the information cart in the choir room.

ST. JAMES HAPPENINGS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP...The Lord's service to you through His gifts of Word and Sacrament are the means through which He offers the forgiveness of sin and nourishes your soul. Welcome! Thank you for being here. Please let us know how we may serve you. If you'd like to chat with Pastor Loder, consider giving him a call at 320-526-5245 or send him a message at revloder@gmail.com.

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS...If you are a member of St. James, review p. 329 or the Ten Commandments in preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins. **If you are a guest,** welcome! Communion at St. James is reserved for members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with Pastor Loder about Communion before participating. If you know you will be visiting, it is best to call during the week before. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, come forward with your hands crossed on your chest. **Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?** If you're a member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor Loder know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail. Please fill out a communion registration card and hand to an Usher or put in the offering plate.

OFFERING AND EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE... correction on last week's numbers. Total receipts received \$220,561 total expenses \$333,326 with a balance of (112,764). Next month's balances will reflect the insurance claim that was received.

BOARD OF ELDERS...is to oversee the spiritual and worship life of the congregation members. The board of Elders has an open position that they are looking to fill. In order to qualify to be an Elder you must be a committed male Christian and member of St. James, adhere to faithful participation of word and sacrament ministry, be diligent in the use of confession and absolution. You must be able to oversee Pastor, Secretaries, Vicar and multiple other committees. If you or someone you know would make a great Elder please talk to an active Elder or Pastor.

CHURCH DECORATING...all are invited to come help decorate the church on Saturday, December 7th at 9:00 AM.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS...with the LWML on Sunday, December 8. All women of the congregation are welcome to the smorgasbord dinner furnished by LWML members in the Fellowship Hall at the school following the 10:30 AM service that morning. Dinner will be served at Noon. Come enjoy a variety of homemade cuisines along with entertainment and Christmas Carols. A collection of Nativity Scenes will be displayed for everyone to ponder, all conveying the message of *Christ the Savior is born*. If you have a Nativity Set you could add to the display, please bring it to the school that morning from 7:45 AM to Noon. Come prepare your heart for Christmas.

SAVE THE DATE...for the 7th Annual Saints Gala on March 8, 2025. Entertainment courtesy of The River Rats Dueling Pianos. Meal prepared by Hollywood Catering. Activities include silent auction, live auction, golden ticket, and more. Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship to support our school.

GALA TICKETS...are on sale now. New this year is early bird pricing. Tickets can be purchased for \$45 each if paid by December 20. The price increases to \$50 on December 21. Consider purchasing early and giving as a Christmas gift! Contact the school office (320-543-2630) to reserve your tickets.

MONETARY DONATIONS...are being collected from now until December 15th for the Wright County Community Action and Lyle Doster and his family. The collection boxes will be placed in the Narthex.