



# St. John's Newsletter

November 2019



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## The End

**“When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels, he will exercise vengeance in flaming fire on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”  
(2 Thessalonians 1:7-8)**

On January 13, 2018, a ballistic missile alert was issued via the Emergency Alert System and Commercial Mobile Alert System over television, radio, and cellphones in Hawaii. The alert stated that there was an incoming ballistic missile threat to Hawaii and advised residents to seek shelter, and concluded: "This is not a drill". Some of the residents received the notice on their phones and Twitter which said in all caps, BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL. Because of the tensions with North Korea, many people were on edge and believed this message was true.

What would you do if you had received this message? Would you hide? Would you pray? If you watched any video of the people in Hawaii on that day, there were many different reactions, but for many people it was all out fear and panic as they realized that they only had minutes before the missiles would hit.

To everyone's immense relief, about 30 minutes later, it was announced that this was a mistake and there was no missile threat. This was not the end. But make no mistake! The moment is truly coming when we will all look up and we will say, "This is the end." And we will be right. No, I'm not talking about a nuclear attack. I'm talking about Judgment Day. As we come to the end of another Christian Church year, many of our upcoming worship services will have us thinking about what we call the End Times or Judgment Day.

When was the last time that you thought about Judgment Day? What would you do if you looked up and saw Jesus coming from the clouds with all his angels? Would you be afraid and run around in sheer panic? Do you silently dread this final day? I know that this is a topic that many of us don't like to talk about, but don't be misled, Jesus is coming. **“When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels, he will exercise vengeance in flaming fire on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”** Jesus will come in blazing glory with his powerful angels. His arrival will mark the end of this fallen, broken, sinful world. Who should be afraid and who should be filled with joy?

For all the unbelievers in this world who had lived in contempt of his Gospel and had better things to do than to find refuge in their Savior from sin, the end will certainly be a day of terror and eternal judgment. They should be afraid because their judgment will never cease as they will spend eternity in Hell.

But for all of us who possess the gift of the miracle of faith in Christ and who believe and trust in Jesus, the Lamb of God, who has washed us clean by his holy precious blood, the end will be one of victory, relief and unbridled joy. There will be no greater feeling than to know that heaven is ours. So back to our question, How do we feel when we talk about Judgment Day? I pray that we can confidently and joyfully say that we wait in eager expectation for the day of Jesus' return knowing we will spend eternity with Jesus where we will be gathered around the throne of God. I pray that we will all joyfully pray, Come quickly Lord Jesus!

*Pastor Mark Gartner*

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### ALTAR GUILD

Lorinda Suhr	733-8515
Elizabeth Wilson	606-4603
Marilyn Wilson	858-2370
Bonnie Lillge	734-5373

### GREETERS

8:00	Kristine Thomas & Linda Sipple	11/3
10:30	Nancy Bruhn & Eileen Defferding	
8:00	Milyn & Judy Westphal	11/10
10:30	Larry & Rosalie Greenley	
8:00	Ron & Myrna Witt	11/17
10:30	Phyllis Gresens & Sheryll Techlin	
8:00	Ken & Lorraine Ziegler	11/24
10:30	Charlie & Rose Miller	
6:30 pm	Chris Ahrens & Lucas Hansen	11/27
9:00 am	Jeff & Cheryl Bohl	11/28

**WITH THE LORD** Our sister in Christ, Lorena Geer entered eternal life with her Savior on Monday, October 14, 2019. A Christian funeral service was held at St. John on Friday, October 18, 2019. ***"I am the resurrection and the life."* John 11:25.**

**WELS APPLE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY** The pantry collection will be Sunday, November 3. Items needed include canned fruit, all canned soups including creamed soups, hamburger/tuna/chicken helpers, rice and noodle side dishes, canned tomato products, jellied cranberries, boxed and packaged stuffing, canned meats such as tuna and SPAM, jam, shampoos and conditioners and paper toweling. Thank you for supporting the food pantry.

**WOMEN OF FAITH** All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us Tuesday, November 12 at 1:00 pm for Bible study and LWMS updates. Moms, bring your little ones.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** All men of the congregation are invited to join us on Tuesday, November 19 at 9:00 am for Bible study.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** Daylight Saving Time ends in the morning of November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night and get an extra hour of sleep.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** The new members of the council are: **Randy Rickert – Vice President, Brian Bietler – Head Trustee, and Andy Pevonka – Evangelism Chairman.** **Tim Springstroh** has been confirmed as **Treasurer** for another year. The other council men are: **Kris Wilson – President** and **Scott Mahnke, – Secretary.** We thank **Andy Raschka**, outgoing vice president, **Jay Minzloff**, outgoing assistant treasurer, **Kevin Voight**, outgoing trustee and **Jason Presteen**, outgoing trustee for their years of service.

**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP** Services will be held Wednesday evening, November 27 at 6:30 pm with a pie fellowship to follow in the lower level of church. Bring a pie and join us for fellowship and pie. Thanksgiving Day worship will be held at 9:00 am Thursday, November 28.

**PRODUCE** We need produce – apples, squash, pumpkins, potatoes, ears of corn, etc. (Please no corn stalks) to decorate the altar for Thanksgiving. Please bring these items to church by 10:00 am Saturday, November 16. After the Thanksgiving service, you can take your produce home.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** The Ladies Society will have boxed Christmas cards for sale again this year starting on November 3. The boxes are all marked with their price and it is self-service. There will also be a few individual cards for sale in the card rack for those who don't need a full box.

**LADIES CRAFT NIGHT** We will be painting and decorating three wooden houses Sunday, November 17 at 5:00 pm. Cost of the craft is \$10 and can be paid on the 17th. We will have snacks. A sign-up sheet with pictures of the houses is in the narthex. Hope to see you there!

**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY CHORUS** We have two options in the Fox Valley to listen to the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus in November. On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm, the chorus will sing at St. John in Wrightstown as part of their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The next morning, Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the chorus will be at Riverview in Appleton at 8:00 am and 10:30 am as part of their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

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**FELLOWSHIP SHEETS** Thank you to all who completed and returned fellowship sheets. If you did not fill out a fellowship sheet and you want to help with a St. John activity, let one of the Pastors know or complete a fellowship sheet by Monday, November 11. Extra sheets are on the counter in the entryway.

**NOVEMBER OWLS NEWS** All seniors of our church are invited to join the OWLS group on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, W7265 School Road, Greenville. Pastor Mike Novotny will speak about the "Time of Grace" ministry. He serves as host and speaker for the "Time of Grace" television program and contributes to written resources for this ministry.

**LOOKING AHEAD** Our Advent mid-week services will be on **December 4, 11, and 18** at **10:30 am** and **7:00 pm**. We pray that are planning to attend these mid-week services during Advent.

We are considering holding an Advent by Candlelight program this December. This event will be for all ladies of the congregation and their guests and will help them focus on Christ during the busy Christmas season. Right now we are simply gauging interest, stay tuned for more information.

Our **Christmas for Kids** event will be held on a Saturday in December, after the children's Christmas practice. All children and families are invited to this event; the true meaning of Christmas will be taught, snacks will be served, and cookies will be decorated. Stay tuned for more information.

The Children's Christmas service will be on **Sunday, December 22 at 9:30 am and 11:00 am**. All the children (3K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) from St. John can participate. The practices will be on Saturdays, December 7, 14, and 21 from 8:00-9:30 am. Our regular worship services will be at 8:00 am on Sunday, December 22 and at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 23.

