December 2026

St. John's Lutheran Church
111 Second Avenue NE Stewartville, MN 55976

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rev. Justin Kumfer, Senior Pastor pastorjustin@stjohnsstewartville.org 507-606-1901 Rev. Nick Wagenknecht, Associate Pastor pastornick@stjohnsstewartville.org 651-274-7432 Lesley Gommels, Administrative Assistant secretary@stjohnsstewartville.org 507-533-4420		**1** 9:30 Senior's Study 12:00 Ministerium 6:00 Adoration Handbells 6:30 Elders 7:00 Jubilate Handbells	**2** 3:00 SALT Tutoring 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Advent Meal 6:30 Advent Service 7:30 Vocal Choir	**3** 12:00 Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon Pastor Justin on visit (Thursday evening – Monday)	**4** Pastor Justin on visit (thru Monday)	**5** Pastor Justin on visit (thru Monday)
6 Second Sunday in Advent 8:00 Worship 9:15 Christian Education 10:30 Worship 6:30 Women's Advent Tea Pastor Justin on visit (thru Monday)	**7** Pastor Justin on visit (thru Monday)	**8** 10:00 CC Devotion 1:30 JOY Sing-along 5:45 Christian Growth 6:00 Adoration Handbells 6:30 Trustees 7:00 Jubilate Handbells	**9** 3:00 SALT Tutoring 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Advent Meal 6:30 Advent Service 7:30 Vocal Choir	**10** 9:00 Circuit Meeting, Grace, Rochester	**11**	**12**
13 Third Sunday in Advent **December Baptism Birthday Candle** 8:00 Worship w/Communion 9:15 Christian Education 10:30 Worship w/Communion – kids Christmas Service 6:30 Women's Bible Study	**14** 6:45 Facility Task Force Meeting	**15** 9:30 Senior's Study 6:00 Adoration Handbells 6:30 Board of Directors	**16** 3:00 SALT Tutoring 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Advent Meal 6:30 Advent Service 7:30 Vocal Choir	**17**	**18**	**19** 9:15 Men's Breakfast Club 5:00 to 8:00 LIVE Nativity
20 Fourth Sunday in Advent 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bake & Take sale until gone 9:15 Christian Education 10:30 Worship	**21** 10:00 Care Center Communion	**22** 9:30 Senior's Study 6:00 Adoration Handbells 7:00 Jubilate Handbells	**23** No SALT Tutoring or Confirmation or Youth Open Doors 7:00 Vocal Choir	**24** 2:00 Family Service 4:00 Family Service 6:00 Service w/Communion & Choir	**25** 10:00 Christmas Day Service Office closed	**26**
27 First Sunday after Christmas 9:00 Worship w/Communion NO Christian Education! 6:30 Lutheran Beer Group @ Will Fredricksen's	**28**	**29** 9:30 Senior Study	**30** No SALT Tutoring or Confirmation, Choir or Youth Open Doors	**31**	**Church Phone:** 507-533-4420 **Website:** www.stjohnsstewartville.org	

Memorials and Special Gifts List

1. **Capital Replacement**
   Major equipment and appliances are aging (most are over 22 years old) including the furnaces and air conditioners in the church & parsonage.
2. **Roof Repair Loan Repayment**
   We recently replaced the roofs on our facility and any funds designated to this line will go towards the repayment of the loan used to complete this project.
3. **Area Food Insecurities**
   This is to help with hunger in our community. Money will go towards the Backpack Program and Little Pantry common fund unless you state the specific program.
4. **St. John's Lutheran Church (General Fund)**
   To help meet regular expenses.
5. **Local Assistance**
   Donate to help provide gas and/or grocery gift cards to those who request our help.
6. **CarePortal**
   To help fulfill essential needs request for Stewartville children/families (ex. furniture, bedding, etc.)
7. **Scholarship Fund (LCMS Colleges)**
   For students who attend one of the colleges of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod's Concordia University System or Valparaiso.
8. **Music Ministry Memorial**
   Memorials received that are designated for the choir, hand bells or other music ministries.
9. **RCLS Tuition Fund**
   To provide funds for those students who would be attending RCLS.
10. **Facility Construction and Remodeling**
    Memorials designated to significant future facility builds, upgrades, and or repairs

Donors may also give to the established groups of St. John's.
This includes:

1. **Ladies Aid**
2. **SALT**
3. **Youth Group**
4. **Altar Guild**
5. **Elder/Senior Ministry**



To make a Memorial or Special Gift please use the **distinctive envelopes** that are available at all times in the church narthex or on the table by the offices.



St. John's Lutheran Church General Fund Summary

As of October 31, 2026

		October		Year to Date		Prior Year-to-Date
INCOME						
General Fund Giving	$	28,696.00	$	357,548.00	$	369,103.00
All other Giving & Income		6,267.00		87,996.00		36,280.00
TOTAL GIVING & INCOME	**$**	**34,963.00**	**$**	**445,544.00**	**$**	**405,583.00**
EXPENSES						
Personnel Costs	$	25,423.00	$	285,523.00	$	352,645.00
Care of God's House & Facilities		2,940.00		127,578.00		84,336.00
Administration		732.00		10,424.00		10,136.00
Boards/Committees		1,995.00		9,089.00		15,254.00
Missions/Benevolences		5,750.00		42,550.00		62,333.00
Worship		600.00		2,999.00		3,376.00
Miscellaneous & Other Expenses		332.00		4,987.00		9,472.00
Memorial & Special Gifts Paid		1,192.00		59,361.00		12,982.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$**	**38,964.00**	**$**	**542,511.00**	**$**	**550,535.00**
NET DIFFERENCE	$	(4,001.00)	$	(96,968.00)	$	(145,152.00)

GENERAL FUND ASSETS $207,351.36

Because God is the Creator of all that is, He therefore is the owner of all.
The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it, You have founded them. Psalm 89:11