

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
**Ellsworth Road at King Street**  
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The Rev. Raymond H. Phyles      Mrs. Margaret Knowlton  
 Pastor (phone 978-531-2264)      Organist  
 First Sunday in Advent      November 30, 2008  
 Service of the Word-III      9:30 a.m.

**Preparation**

Prelude      Enter quietly to worship  
 \*The Confession of Sins      p. 98  
 #\*The Entrance Hymn      (4)      # 25  
 \*The Greeting      (5)      p. 99  
 \*The Kyrie      (6)      p. 99  
 \*The Hymn of Praise      (7)      p.100  
 \*The Prayer of the Day      (8)      p. 13  
 \*The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (st.1)      # 34  
 #latecomers may be seated

**The Word**

The First Lesson      (9)      Isáiah 64: 1-9  
 The Psalm 80: 1-7      p. 252  
 The Second Lesson      I Corintthians 1: 3-9  
 The Alleluia      p.103  
 \*The Holy Gospel      (15,16)      Mark 13: 24-37  
 The Sermon      Pastor Phyles

**The Response to the Word**

\*The Hymn of the Day      (19)      # 22  
 \*The Apostles Creed      p.106  
 The Offering and Offertory      p.118  
 \*The Pastoral Prayer      (47)      p.119  
 \*The Lord's Prayer (either version)      p.119  
 \*The Benediction      (48)      p.119  
 \*The Departure Hymn      # 182  
 A Moment of Reflection  
 The Postlude      Depart joyfully to serve

**\*Congregation Standing**

**Lay Assistant:** Angie Cornwell  
**Lector:** Susan Danciewicz  
**Ushers:** Carole Grayson & Judy Othote  
**Nursery:** Kristin & Kira

Please disable all cellphones and other devices upon entering the sanctuary. Thank you

The flowers on the Altar this morning have been presented by Steve Gemma to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

We extend a warm welcome to all who are present for worship, particularly you who may be visitors among us. St. John is a fellowship of God's people worshipping and serving in the Reformation tradition. We invite you to worship with us again and to sign our Guest book before you leave. Please join us downstairs following the service for coffee and light refreshments.

We shall use Setting III of the liturgy today and throughout the Advent season.

This morning our WELCA women are pleased to present a Bible to Hallie Jean Quill as part of our baptismal commitment to "place in her hands the Holy Scriptures." We wish her well in her continued growth in the faith.

Our annual Advent Workshop will take place this afternoon here at the church from 2:00 to 4:00. All are most welcome. Please sign the sheet posted downstairs so that we may have sufficient materials. A small contribution is requested to cover the cost of the materials.

The Bible study will meet this Wednesday evening at 7:30 here at the church. All are welcome.

Christmas poinsettias to beautify the chancel for our Christmas Eve celebration are available this year from Evans Florist for \$10.00 per plant. Please place your order on the reservation sheet posted downstairs by December 14 and please pay Raudna Pelletier.

The Flower Chart for 2009 is posted downstairs. Please sign for the Sunday(s) that you wish. The cost remains \$30.00 per Sunday.

The Coat Drive will end next Sunday. Please bring any clean and wearable winter clothing here to the church and place it in the large carton downstairs. All donations will be delivered to those in need.

Our WELCA women will meet on Sunday, December 14, to make Goody Bags to be delivered to our sick and shut-in. All women are invited to contribute goodies and creativity to this project at Christmas.

We invite you to send one Christmas greeting to fellow members here to the church, to be displayed downstairs, and to contribute money saved to providing food for the hungry.

Next Sunday we shall celebrate the Eucharist. Plan to be present at the Lord's Table.

We ask your prayers and concern for these members and friends of St. John today and throughout the coming week.  
 Ellen Hepburn      Sylvia Moynihan      David Fredricksen  
 Dorothy Fender      Gary Garaputo      George Winsor