



CHRISTMAS EVE  
BULLETIN FOR  
**ST. JOHN'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH

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YOU BELONG HERE

## Welcome to St. John's!

*We are glad you are joining us this Christmas Eve! Please make yourself at home in our worship, as there is always room at God's table for you. If you have questions about our beliefs, practices, or if you want to know more about who we are and what we do as a community of faith (including how to become part of it), please visit our webpage ([www.StJohnsErie.org](http://www.StJohnsErie.org)) or contact the church office. Once again, welcome to St. John's – you belong here!*

# CHRISTMAS EVE

## CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

4PM 7PM 11PM



You are invited to worship with us in person or online (go to [www.StJohnsErie.org](http://www.StJohnsErie.org) and click on the "Worship With Us" tab).

Worship with us via



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We hope the light of Christmas is everything you need it to be. If we can help that light shine a little brighter, that is what we are here for.

## Meet Our Staff

If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know — that is why we are here.

- ◆ Rev. Ralph Mineo, Supply Pastor
- ◆ Rachel Tilburg, Office Administrator
- ◆ Kathy Swanson, Music Director
- ◆ Joe Gonzalez, Sexton
- ◆ The Members of St. John's, Ministers

### † ST JOHN'S VISION STATEMENT †

*Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John's unconditionally serves God's people and shares Christian love.*

## Candlelight Services 4PM, 7PM, 11PM

Prelude

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

Confession & Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"*

*ELW 283 (v. 1-3)*

The Christmas Prophecy

Isaiah 9:2-7 (p.555)

Youth Message *Light Shines in the Darkness"*

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

*ELW 279*

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7 (p.832)

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

*ELW 270*

Angels and Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20 (p.833)

Message *"Light Shines in the Darkness"*

*Rev. Ralph Mineo*

*"Joy to the World"*

*ELW 267*

Apostles' Creed

Passing of the Peace

Offertory 4:00 *"He Has Come"*

Offertory 7:00 *"Bethlehem Night"*

St. John's Chancel Choir

Offertory 11:00 *"He Has Come"*

Communion Hymns

*"Away in a Manger"*

*ELW 277*

*"What Child Is This?"*

*ELW 296*

*"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

*ELW 282*

Communion Blessing

*"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

*ELW 281 (v. 1 in German, v. 2-4 in English)*

Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

*We would like to thank St. John's Chancel Choir and Pastor Ralph Mineo for their gifts of music this Christmas Eve. 🎵*



# Christmas Garden

*As we celebrate the birth of the Christ child, we give the gift of remembering and honoring loved ones and friends by decorating our sanctuary with beautiful red and green poinsettias. Many have contributed in honor, memory, or in celebration of individuals they know and love. After Christmas day, these plants will be taken from the sanctuary and delivered to church members and friends that are homebound, hospitalized, or living in assisted living facilities, so they too can enjoy their beauty, remembering the Good News of Christmas. The following is the list of dedications made toward the Christmas Garden this season:*

Greg & Shantel Kay in memory of Marilyn Kay & Richard Bird. Forever in our hearts.

Phyllis Rzodkiewicz in memory of her parents Edward & Marguerite Rzodkiewicz and her cousins Marilyn Sommers & Donald Seidl.

Jim Crain in loving memory of Barbara Crain. William, Charlotte, and Howard Krack in memory of Clarence & Lydia Krack, Elmer & Alice Krack, and Gladys & John Getschow.

Carl & Margie Gehrlein in memory of Albert & Marie Gehrlein, William Gehrlein, Joseph & Betty Pivovar, Olivia Schmidt, and Laurie Siira.

Carol & Brian Vollant in memory of Harry & Patricia Honard and Denise Honard LaBorde.

Holly & Mike Jodon and family, Sue & Mark Hedlund and family, Jill Taccone and family, Rob Kohlwey & Carter family in memory of Verle & William H. Lander III, Deborah Lander-Kohlwey, Shauna Jodon, Jaime Hedlund, Luella Askounes, Helen Lander, Chuck Lander, Terry, Lita, & Peter Barthelmes, Emma Potter, and Mabel Hedderick.

Butch & Knute Karnes in memory of Eugene & Leona Karnes.

Debra Firster in memory of Christopher Michael & Shannon Marie.

Cathy Goellner & family in memory of the Goellner & Krieger families.

John & Nancy Durst in honor of our children & grandchildren.

Lynn Schrimper & Family and Gary & Brenda Eller & Family in memory of Bill Shrimper, Mr. & Mrs. Edward P. Eller, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Myers, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Schrimper, Mary Christenson, Dave Christenson, Sue Simonetti, Aaron Haffley, and Cindy Weber.

Lynn Schrimper in honor of her children and grandchildren: Allyson, Alan, Joey, Ella, Michelle, & Carson.

The Seggi Family in memory of Joe Seggi. Mark & Sue Eller in memory of Robert W. & Marjorie Eller and Gilbert R. & Allene MacMichael.

Christina Doupé & Marek Klimczak in memory of Genowefa Klimczak.

John & Barbara Huff in memory of Clifford & Phyllis Jones, William & Vivian Huff, Michael Jones, and Bill Huff.

Paul & Laura Horstman in memory of our parents, Fred and Cecile Horstman and Sam Learn.

Thomas Tell in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Glory of God and in memory of Robert, David, and Jean Tell.

Robert & Bonnie Schlaufman in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Schlaufman, Josephine Burdick, Mrs. & Mrs. Edward Onachila.

Nancy Varner in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Carl Gonser, Grace Gonser, and John Varner.

Nolan. Brennen, & Nora Durst in honor of John & Nancy Durst.

Doug & Audrey Boam and Alice Adler in memory of William & Ella Adler, Raymond & Dorothy Adler, William & Jeanne Adler, and William & Hattie Boettiger.

Sally & Dennis Taylor and Kellie & Richie Blatt in memory of William J. Meyer and Mary Jane & Howard Meyer.

Karen Haffley & Family in memory of Aaron Haffley, Paul & Thelma Amon, Dale & Florence Haffley, Sue Simonetti, and Bill Schrimper.