



St. John's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Grace, Serving Through Love

Advent and Christmas Events!

Advent Wreath Workshops

Sunday, November 27 - 9:30 am (between services) AND after the 10:30 am service

You are invited to make an Advent wreath for your home with fresh greenery and four blue candles! All wreath materials will be provided, but bring a pair of clippers and gloves if you have them. *The first session starts at 9:30 am SHARP so you can finish between services!*

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Dressing the Sanctuary for Advent & Christmas - with Lunch

Sunday, November 27 - after the 10:30 am service

All are invited to help decorate the sanctuary for the season - hanging wreaths, placing greenery, and trimming the tree, accompanied by joyful music. Lunch will be served.

Note: this event takes place simultaneously with the second wreath workshop. Participants will be able to do both.

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Wednesday Nights Together in Advent - Christmas Float Stuffing

November 30 - Dinner, 6 pm - stuffing the float, 6:30 pm until...

We gather for an evening of fellowship, stuffing the float for the Beaufort Christmas Parade. Lots of laughter, fun, music, and fellowship. Children are encouraged to participate! If you have not participated before, stuffing the float involves poking small pieces of colorful plastic into chicken wire - anyone can do it!

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Wednesday Nights Together in Advent - *The First Christmas* and Storytime

December 7, 14, and 21 - Dinner, 6:00 pm - Program, 6:30 pm

We gather for dinner, fellowship, and Advent reflection. Adults will reflect on the story of Jesus' birth, based on the book *The First Christmas*, by Borg and Crosson. Children will gather with Deacon Katie in the Mission Building for storytime.

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Beaufort Christmas Parade

Sunday December 4, 3 pm - Carolers and Walkers needed to sing on the float and hand out candy and Christmas Eve invitations

St. John's has entered a float in the downtown Christmas Parade. Members are invited. If you would like to participate, sign up in worship OR contact Pastor Shannon at pastorshannon@stjohnsbeaufort.org or 843-592-3444. *The group will meet at 1:45 pm in downtown Beaufort - the exact location will not be given to us by parade directors until the day before the parade. All are asked to wear red or green or holiday themed clothing.*

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Poinsettias for Christmas

If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary at Christmas in memory or honor of a loved one, fill out a special envelope found in the narthex, online at www.stjohnsbeaufort.org, or contact the church office. Cost per poinsettia: \$15

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**St. Francis Food
Pantry Trailer on-site**
December 11
January 8

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**Collection of Food
Goods for HELP of
Beaufort and
Salvation Army
Pantries**

Continuous - place in
the narthex or wooden
box near the Mission
Building

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**Advent & Christmas
Activities for all ages -**
See all the details on
this sheet and mark
your calendars!

Advent and Christmas Events, continued...

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 4 - 5-7 pm - hosted by Roger & Laura Holley

All youth, members and friends, grades 6-12 are invited to a Christmas Party following the parade! Food, fun, games, and a gift exchange. Two things to bring: a fun gift (maximum \$15) to exchange and, if you wish, party food to share! Those who participate in the Beaufort Christmas parade will be taken directly from parade to party. Invite friends!

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Christmas Pageant Rehearsal and Costuming - Sunday December 11, 9:30 am (between services)

All youth and children are invited to participate in the rehearsal for the pageant, which will occur the following week.

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Congregation Christmas Caroling

All are invited! - Sunday, December 11 - Lunch served following worship - Caroling from 12:30-3 pm

After worship we will eat lunch, then divide into carloads to travel to the homes of members and friends who are homebound or in Assisted Living facilities. It doesn't matter if you cannot carry a tune, if you are willing to help share Christmas joy with others, you have all you need. Fun for all ages!

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Christmas Pageants - Sunday, December 18

Children's Pageant at 8:15 am - Impromptu Pageant at 10:30 am

Rehearsal and costuming for the Children's pageant will be held the prior Sunday, December 11, see above.

Our retelling of the birth of Jesus is a don't miss. The first service will feature our youngest as angels, shepherds, magi, and the holy family! Members of the congregation will be recruited for the no-rehearsal pageant at the second service!

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Young Adult Ugly Christmas Sweater / Ornament Exchange Party - www.SJBft.org/YoungAdultInfo

Saturday, December 17, 7 pm - Home of Josh & Kristen Ferguson - 7 Peytons Way

All young adult members and friends are invited. Wear an ugly Christmas sweater if you dare; bring a Christmas ornament (maximum \$15) for a gift exchange; and if you wish, bring an appetizer or dessert to share. There is no set age limit for this group - if it sounds like you, come. Members are encouraged to invite friends!

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Young Adult CAPA Christmas Event - Sunday, December 18, 6-8 pm - www.SJBft.org/YoungAdultInfo

St. John's Young Adult group will be serving our community by hosting an event for youth from CAPA. We will be providing dinner and leading these teens in making Christmas crafts and treats. If you would like to help, contact Pastor Shannon or Kristen Ferguson to find out what you can bring!

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Christmas Eve Candlelight with Holy Communion - Saturday, December 24 - 3 pm & 7 pm

Both worship services will be in-person services.

Streamed on Facebook live at 3 pm, or available at any time following the livestream

We worship on the eve of Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us!

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Christmas Day Worship

Please Note: ONE Service ONLY at 8:15 am

Sunday, December 25 - there will be ONE service, which will be in-person and livestreamed at 8:15 am

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New Year's Day Worship

Please Note: regular Sunday schedule

Sunday, January 1 - In-person at 8:15 & 10:30 am - with the livestream at 8:15 am