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for March 18 & 19, 2017

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**welcome visitors!**

If you are visiting St. John's, please fill out a purple visitor slip found in the back of the church seats. Prayer request forms are on the back of the visitor slips. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. If you would like to know more about St. John's and our ministries be sure to stop at the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

**enhancing worship**

- large print bulletins  
A limited number of large print bulletins are available for all services.
- personal listening devices  
We have 4 personal listening devices available.  
Please ask the ushers for assistance.



**ascension mime ministry**

The passion story in mime tells of God's love, hope, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ...without words. It is a journey through the Last Supper, the betrayal, the trial, the crucifixion, and the sorrow surrounding Jesus' death. We thank the youth of Ascension for sharing this message with us this weekend.



**Easter flowers**

It is time to think about decorating the sanctuary for Easter. Forms are available on the info desk in the lobby to order flowers as a tribute to a love one. Orders are due April 3.

**lost and found**

Have you left something behind at church recently? Please take a minute to check the Lost and Found table in the Lobby. Unclaimed items will be donated after March 19. Thank you!

**lenten wednesday schedule**

March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5  
12-1 soup lunch in fellowship hall  
12:15 Lenten worship in fellowship hall  
5:45 soup supper in fellowship hall  
6:30 Lenten worship in sanctuary

**scouting for food**

Thank you all that returned bags filled with food for our Boy Scout Troop 16. All of the food will be counted, sorted and delivered to the Waukesha Food Pantry through the *Scouting for Food* event.

**focus of march outreach offering: luther manor**

St. John's is one of 70 partner ELCA congregations that support the mission of Luther Manor which is a continuum of care facility for seniors.

**Cookie Drive:** Cookies are being collected in the big basket in the lobby; please place one of the labels on them. Cookies may be homemade or store bought - but please no nuts or nut products. We will be collecting cookies the entire month. They bring a touch of love every morning as volunteers serve coffee and conversation.

**Friends Campaign:** Please join in supporting our Luther Manor partnership with a \$5 donation to the Friends Campaign. This funds items which are not met by the general budget. Come to the table in the lobby.



friends  
of Luther Manor

**next steps for this week**

Mar 19	8:00a	pancake breakfast
	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship with mime
	3:00p	concert
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon
Mar 20	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	Al Anon
	7:00p	evening circle
Mar 21	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	handbell choir
	7:00p	boy scouts
Mar 22	12:15p	Lenten worship (soup at noon)
	5:15p	KOTK
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	Lenten worship (soup at 5:45)
	6:30p	confirmation
	7:15p	choir
Mar 23	6:30p	Al Anon
Mar 24	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
	8:00p	AA
Mar 25	8:00a	men's group
	9:00a	diakonia
	9:30a	AA
	5:15p	worship
Mar 26	8:00a	pancake breakfast
	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	4:00p	LU discussion #2
	6:30p	Al Anon

**future opportunities**

Apr 2	ground breaking ceremony
Apr 16	Easter worship (7:30 am, 9:00am, and 10:45 am)

**please pray...**

for these immediate needs of healing and strength  
Bernie, Darryl, Floyd, Marge, Matt, Stephen, Steve, Timothy  
for ongoing treatment and recovery  
Ruth, Tim, Sara, Tim  
for our shut-ins  
Gretchen Brueske, June Carlson, Dolores Hartman, Alice Ladewig, Audrey Reed, Lois Rosholt, Judd Schoeneman; Ruth Segal, Janet Vogelsang  
for our partner churches  
Los Héroes, Akeri Parish, All Peoples  
for all those serving in the military  
Tech. Sgt. Rick Bachtell; Michael Beasley; John Bruschi, Jr.; Michael George; Adam Kaczmarek; Cody Kallin; Austin Klemm; Maj. Nathaniel Lauterbach; 2nd Lt. Stuart McConnell; Lt. Cmdr. Bartholomew Sievenpiper; Sgt. Andrew Smith; Pvt. Kacey Slater; Maj. Rick L Strickroot; Todd Westhauser; 1st Lt. Madeline Wilcox; William Wright

**altar flowers**

Altar flowers were sponsored today by Barb Bessette in honor of Spring.

Please submit your announcements by  
**Wednesday at noon.**

The staff and pastors review and make final decisions based on space, timing and needs of the community.

Please submit announcements to Pam at email address: office@makedisciples.com.



## learning and growing next steps

### adult education

This Sunday we continue our Lenten Book Study on *The Book of Forgiveness* by Desmond and Mpho Tutu. Join Pastor Jennifer in the library at 9:45.

### devotions for lent

Two Lenten Devotionals are available for anyone wanting to use a guide in your daily Lenten reflections. The booklet "Free Indeed" is available on the table in the lobby. This devotional was published by Augsburg Publishing especially for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation and is based on Luther's Small Catechism.

A second daily devotional, written by our Bishop Paul Erickson of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, is online on the Outreach for Hope website ([outreachforhope.org](http://outreachforhope.org)). Feel free to use these or the devotionals which are always on the small table at the back of the sanctuary for your study and reflection.

### 500 trees for 500 years expo

March 25, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
at All Peoples in Milwaukee on 2nd and Clark.  
All are welcome! Rain or shine!

Join us to get ideas for your congregation

- Led by two certified arborists
- Learn what to plant and how to plant - Help plant 4 trees during this expo
- Family friendly activities
- Tree planting liturgies available
- Tree related "give-aways" e.g. Maple syrup, apples, nuts, Plant Doctor Melinda Meyers autographed books, coffee etc.
- \$500 available for each cluster
- 50 Serbian Spruce seedlings free to the first 50 people/families

"...and the leaves of the trees are for the healing of the nations." Rev. 22:2b



### LU discussion #2

The Listening and Understanding team has organized three discussion sessions with the first one held last month. These sessions are designed to give you a chance to learn from each other about our current ministries and discuss your hopes for St. John's future. This is your opportunity to contribute where you have special insight or passion and get connected in areas you're not as familiar. At our first session we discussed Property and Children Youth and Family. We had approximately 27 people attend. And we all learned something new. Did you know that a soil sample has to be done before a new parking lot can be added? Did you know that the biggest need in children's and family ministries is volunteers?

Please join us for our next session on **Sunday, March 26, 4pm-6pm** in the fellowship hall as we welcome Andy Petersen (and friends) to discuss partnership, Brian Cranfill to discuss outreach and Karen Aamot to discuss Evangelism. Childcare and light snacks will be provided.

Save the date for the final discussion session: Sunday April 30, 4-6pm. Topics will include worship life and music, adult education and small groups. For more information please speak to a member of the Listening and Understanding committee - Pr. Jennifer Arnold, Russ Brown, Jeff Gubbins, Jerry Hanson, Chris Klink, or April Nunn.

listening and understanding  
**2018**  
and beyond

### memorial garden ground breaking ceremony

On Sunday, April 2, we will have a brief ground breaking ceremony as the congregation proceeds from the sanctuary, following 8:30 service, to the Memorial Garden site. Please plan to join us!



## children, youth & families next steps

### first communion workshop

Has your child been asking questions about Communion?  
Has your child been particularly interested in what happens during the Communion portion of worship?  
Has your child played serving Communion at home?  
Do you think your child is ready?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, your child is probably ready to attend a First Communion Workshop with Pastor Eric on Saturday, **April 8** from 9am to 10:30am. Please RSVP to Pastor Eric if you plan to attend so he can have enough materials on hand. If you have any questions, Pastor Eric is glad to answer them.

### preschool enrollment is open

St. John's Preschool is now enrolling for September 2017. We offer three classes: 2 Year Old, 3 Year Old, and Kindergarten Readiness (4K). Ask us how we can partner with your family for an excellent preschool learning experience.

Information is available in the Preschool slot at Information Desk or you may call or email to start the conversation and arrange a tour. Please share our information with family, friends and neighbors.  
262-786-4298  
[Preschool@makedisciples.com](mailto:Preschool@makedisciples.com)  
[www.makedisciples.com/preschool](http://www.makedisciples.com/preschool)

### pancake breakfast



Our youth are making breakfast! Pancake breakfast will be served from 8:00-11:00 am. All freewill donations will be used to fund youth events.



## music & worship next steps

### between two worlds

CARTHAGE COLLEGE AND MASTER SINGERS OF MILWAUKEE collaborate on a concert titled: BETWEEN TWO WORLDS this Sunday, March 19 at 3 p.m. at St. John's. The directors will be Alenka Podpecan, from Slovenia, and Eduardo Garcia-Novelli from Carthage College. The choirs will perform an exciting array of music that ranges from classic pieces to folk songs. Invite your friends. Tickets may be purchased at the door. A reception will follow.

### save the dates

June 12-15 - Music Camp 2017



July 24-28 - Vacation Bible School

