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for September 10 & 11, 2016

St. John's Lutheran Church  
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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.



**hospitality question of the day**

Did you ride the bus to school?

**grief support group**

Our next Grief Support Group will be held Oct. 4, 11, and 18 at Cross of Life Lutheran Church in Brookfield. For more information check our website, bulletin board or the September newsletter. Please see Lori Davis with any questions or to register.

**sunday school leaders**

This Sunday is Rally Day when we kick off our new program year. As part of that kick off, we thank and commission the following Sunday School leaders that will walk with our children on their faith journey this year: Joanna Salinas, Teresa DuChateau, Brian Harms, Angie Grimord-Caravella, Michelle Harms, Tom Hoffman, Mandi Barz, Barb Keymar, Anna Resop, Nancy Olson, Peg Miller, Jeni Berthold, Tony Caravella, Jessica Gugel, Nicole Schilling, Nicci Gillette, Brent Logan, Sonja Beyerlein, Andrea Warp, Stephanie Luedtke, Barb Lange, Carole Lewis, Kasee Lange, Lucy Schettler.

**check out our playground!**

We welcome children under 3 and their families to use the playground found to the left of the sanctuary. This space is designed with the understanding that children wiggle, squirm, and move in order to engage the world around them. While their hands may be busy playing with quiet toys, retelling a story on the felt board, or coloring, their minds are engaging the sights and sounds or worship happening all around them and learning the rituals and traditions that adults have come to cherish in our worship environment. As a congregation that recognizes worship is a unique place in our society where 5 generations come together at the same time and place we want to make everyone feel welcome and this space helps the youngest among us to find their place.

**lutheran disaster response**

Your gifts are needed to help respond to the Gulf Coast flooding! Your gifts through ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response will bring God's hope, healing and refuge to those who are affected by these devastating floods. Your generous offerings of prayer and financial support will help address the many needs, especially the long-term recovery efforts of those affected. Please go to the ELCA website to donate or to get more information: [elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response](http://elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response)

**learn more about st. john's**

New to St. John's? Want to learn more about us? Want to become a Member? Join us Monday, October 24 from 6-8pm for dinner and conversation. This is a chance to meet church leaders and ask your questions about ministries at St. John's. We'll provide dinner, information about St. John's and lively conversation.

Please contact Pastor Eric or Pastor Jennifer if you're able to attend – or if you can't make it but want to grab coffee with a pastor, let us know.

**next steps for this week**

Sep 11	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon
Sep 12	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	Al Anon
	6:30p	church council
Sep 13	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:45p	handbell choir
	7:00p	boy scouts
Sep 14	9:30a	morning circle
	12:45p	afternoon circle
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	choir
Sep 15	6:30p	Al Anon
Sep 16	8:00p	AA
Sep 17	8:00a	CSS Adoption Class
	9:30a	AA
	5:15p	worship
Sep 18	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	1:30p	BSA Jamboree
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	4:00p	New Berlin 4H
	6:30p	Al Anon

**future opportunities**

Sep 25	WM Salad Supper
Oct 10	apple pie and lefse making
Oct 21-22	Beloved Sisters Retreat
Oct 29	cookie decorating
Nov 5	Holiday Bazaar

**altar flowers**

Altar flowers were sponsored today by the Reed Family in memory of Walt and Arline Jones on their 70th wedding anniversary.

**please pray...**

for blessings upon

- our teachers and students as they begin a new school year

for these immediate needs of healing and strength  
Arlyn, Bev, Bill, Dan, Jim & Barb, Melissa, Ruth, Stephen

for ongoing treatment and recovery  
Judy, Kathy, June, Kathy, Matt, Sara, Tim

for our shut-ins  
Vern Aune, Gretchen Brueske, Dolores Hartman, Alice Ladewig, Betty Mihelich, Dorothea Mortensen, Audrey Reed; Lois Rosholt, 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; 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

**Welcome!**  
**GOD KEEPS PROMISES!**  
**Rally Day - Sept. 11**

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](mailto:office@makedisciples.com).



## caring & serving next steps

### bazaar fun begins in october!

Mark your calendars for Nov. 5 and come to the holiday event of the season!! Planning is well underway. Apple Pie presale days are Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 when you can order and pay for your pies (cost is \$8). Apple Pie and Lefse making day is Saturday Oct. 8 (begin at 8:30 am). The kitchen will be buzzing and the church will be smelling great. Sign up to help bake and join in on the fun. Preview day is Oct. 9 when you can see the raffle items and some of the crafts that will be on sale.

### boxes needed!

Copy boxes or large boxes are needed for packing up our quilts and school kits for LWR. Please stack donations in the "Donation Location" area. Thanks!!

### partner prayer breakfast

All Peoples Church is hosting a prayer breakfast on Saturday, September 17 from 9:00-10:30 am at their Harambee Campus at 2600 N 2nd St, Milwaukee. All are welcome!

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### literacy volunteers needed

Be a Tutor and Change *TWO* Lives, One of them is *YOURS!* Greater Waukesha Literacy has been providing one-to-one tutoring for 30 Years! Our tutors come from various career backgrounds. Please join us and share your knowledge and skill. We need volunteer tutors to assist individuals improve their reading, writing, math, computer, and English language skills, including English conversation. Some of our tutors help individuals study for their U.S. Citizenship Test.



## music & worship next steps

### handbell choir invitation - you can be a ringer!

You're invited to join the St. John's Handbell Choir the *Joyful Bells* for Tuesday rehearsals, September-May, 6:45-8:15 pm. All are welcome - some music experience is helpful but not required.



## children, youth & families next steps

### calling all kids

Welcome to worship and opening day of Sunday School. Come to the Welcome Desk for a special gift!

### sunday school is looking for a few volunteers!

The new Sunday School year begins this weekend. There are many fabulous things planned for the year and you help - a little or a lot!

#### Sunday School Drama Team

Do you have a flair for the dramatic? Have a mean Moses impersonation? Then we need YOU! Join our newly formed Sunday School Drama Team and help the Bible come alive for our kids. Once a month commitment or as available. St. John's Youth welcome to join!

#### Substitute Small Group Leaders

No prep needed! Just show up and spend some time with our kids.

#### A/V Squad

Are you a techie? At church on Sunday Mornings? We are looking for a team of 2-3 individuals to set up and run the A/V during large group Sunday School (9:45-10:05). Training provided.

Interested? See the sign up in the lobby for all the details or contact Joanna Salinas at [pachanga724@yahoo.com](mailto:pachanga724@yahoo.com).



## learning and growing next steps

### adult education

Our program year begins on September 18 with **Bold Women Sunday**. There will be displays and a video/discussion focusing on the ways women serve in our church, community and world.

### adult confirmation

Would you like to refresh your knowledge of Lutheran teachings and traditions? Did you grow up in a different faith tradition and missed confirmation classes as a youth? Pastor Jennifer is teaching an adult confirmation class this program year and all adults are welcome to sign up. This class meets one evening a month, including dinner (you might even get a hot dish and jello!), and will be a fun way to learn about Martin Luther's teachings and our Lutheran roots. Detailed information can be found on the display in the lobby under the education board. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Jennifer or Lori.

### stop senior frauds & scams

Tuesday, September 13, 11:00am-1:00pm  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Waukesha

Interfaith Senior Programs is proud to offer educational programming for seniors on Frauds and Scams. By attending this seminar, you'll learn to identify and protect yourself against charity, power of attorney, Medical, Telemarketing, and Grandparent scans.

### reformation trip opportunity

A few openings are still available on the November 17-20 Norway Lutheran Church bus tour to *Martin Luther and the Reformation* exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Additional stops include the Chanhassen dinner theater, Mall of America and the American Swedish Institute (all of which will be decorated for the holidays). Worship Sunday will be held on Luther Seminary's campus at Old Muskego, the first Norwegian Lutheran church in America. Please reserve your spot by October 3. Information/reservation: email/call Pastor Kristie Jaramillo, [prkristie@gmail.com](mailto:prkristie@gmail.com), or Donna Hanson 262-534-3862.

### salad supper is coming soon

Our Women's Ministries is again holding their fall Salad Supper. This delicious event is Sunday September 25 from 6 to 7:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Attendees sign up to bring a salad, bread or dessert. We all share fellowship, hear a guest speaker, and enjoy delicious homemade dishes. This year our speaker is from the organization "Exploit No More", a group striving to end childhood sex trafficking in the Milwaukee area. Sign up on the display in the lobby and plan to enjoy fellowship and fun with the women of St. John's.

### arts and faith workshop

Join us on **Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (with optional afternoon activities)** for an Arts and Faith Workshop featuring devotional artist **Vonda Drees** demonstrating her art of spiritual journaling. We will be led in a Bible study exploring our creative role in the world; we'll experience Vonda leading us in a workshop on spiritual journaling; and then we will get to play. Several stations will be available at which participants can make simple creative projects, with basic instruction. No artistic experience is required- just a willingness to take chances and learn something new! This is a perfect event for families or friends to attend together, or for people to come to alone to make new friends!

Please sign up in the lobby or contact Stephanie Luedtke with questions or to register. [sluedtke0@gmail.com](mailto:sluedtke0@gmail.com)

