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for Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 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 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.



### outreach focus for october

Our October local outreach theme is winter coats. Please consider donating new or gently used (clean) coats. Sizes requested include 2T to adult large. Hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves are also needed, new items only please. (No snow pants, or boots.) All Items will go to All Peoples.

As your children are growing, so are the All Peoples kids! Share your children's outgrown coats, or use that extra Kohl's cash to pick up a new coat for child in need!



### did you know...

"Luther didn't think of himself as a reformer of the church. He felt that job belonged only to Jesus Christ - Luther was merely a John the Baptist, pointing to the Lamb of God." Timothy Wengert, Lutheran Theological Seminary

### sharing God's gifts and directory updates

We are on our way to "Sharing God's Gifts". Be sure to check your church mailbox for your packet if you haven't already picked it up. If you did not find a packet for you or anyone in your family OR if you are not a member but would like to participate, please pick up a blank packet at the Info Desk. Completed forms should be placed in the large box at the Info Desk **by October 8**. Questions? Three ways to get help - see the names and contact info on the cover letter with the packet; check with staff at the Info Desk between services; or contact the church office during the week. We will get you the info you need. We are sorry to say that the forms cannot be filled out online. Thanks for your help in this important endeavor. Reach, Welcome and Connect is looking forward to your responses.

### "celebrate 500!" is here.....

This Sunday, Oct. 1  
4:00 pm potluck  
5:00 pm movie  
Don't miss the fun!



*Fri. Morning Men's Bible Study/Evangelism Team*

### quilt weekend

We hope you are enjoying the beautiful quilt display in our sanctuary this weekend as we celebrate Quilt Weekend. These quilts and 80+backpacks will be boxed up and shipped to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world. Please help to defray the cost of shipping by donating funds in the Project Comfort envelope found in this Next Steps insert. Checks should be made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church with "quilts" written in the memo.

### clean up day coming soon

Our Fall clean up day is Saturday, October 7 from 8:30am-1:00pm, bring your work gloves and a rake, if you can! All ages and abilities welcome!

### next steps for this week

Oct 1	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	4:00p	Celebrate 500! event
	6:30p	Al Anon
Oct 2	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	Al Anon
Oct 3	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	quilters
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	joyful bells
	7:00p	boy scouts
Oct 4	9:00a	quilters
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	choir
	6:30p	Boy Scout roundtable
Oct 5	8:30a	retired men's breakfast
	6:30p	Al Anon
Oct 6	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
	8:00p	AA
Oct 7	8:30a	clean up day
	8:30a	diakonia
	9:30a	AA
	5:15p	worship
Oct 8	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon

### future opportunities

Oct 21-22		Beloved Sisters Retreat
Oct 21	8:00a	apple pie making & cookies
Oct 21	6:30p	spaghetti dinner and concert
Oct 22	4:00p	Hymn Sing at St. Luke's
Oct 28	7:00a	lefse making
Oct 29	9:00a	Reformation worship

### please pray...

blessing upon our partner churches for these immediate needs of healing and strength  
Barb, Dawn, Jerry, Marge, Matt, Vilma  
for ongoing treatment and recovery  
David, Kirsten, Tim  
for our shut-ins  
Gretchen Brueske, June Carlson, Virginia Degenhardt, Dolores Hartman, Alice Ladewig, Helen Ranum, Lois Rosholt, Ruth Segal, Donna Sleeth  
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; Taylor Rouse; Lt. Cmdr. Bartholomew Sievenpiper; Pvt. Kacey Slater; Maj. Rick L Strickroot; Todd Westhauser; 1st Lt. Madeline Wilcox; William Wright

### looking ahead

The sermon for next week will be based on part of the Narrative Lectionary text from: Exodus 16:1-18

### altar flowers

Altar flowers are sponsored today by Patrice Krimpelbein in honor of Josh Schilling's 13th birthday.

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.



## caring & serving next steps

### find your spot at the bazaar

Remember to check the sign up sheets in the lobby for the St. John's Holiday Bazaar. November 4. Find your Spot. Questions? Contact Cheryl Granlund [cegranlund@wi.rr.com](mailto:cegranlund@wi.rr.com) 262 896-1951.

### tanzania trip - april 8-22, 2018 10 year anniversary delegation

There will be a delegation going to our partner congregation at Akeri Parish in 2018. Currently, we plan to fly out of Chicago, to Amsterdam, to Kilimanjaro via Delta/KLM airlines. The trip will include tea time with the new Bishop, touring the coffee farm and water project, interacting with the students at Akeri Hope English Medium school, growing relationships with the members of Akeri and a beautiful safari before heading home. The estimated trip cost will be around \$4000 per person. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Deborah Petersen, Andy Petersen, Gail Rennie or Pastor Eric. **The deadline for registration is October 15.**

### driver and trailer needed

We need a willing driver with a large vehicle or trailer to move our boxed Quilts for Lutheran World Relief (20-30 large boxes). These boxes must be moved from St. John's to St. Luke's in Waukesha on Saturday, October 14. The boxes must be at St. Luke's between 7:30 am and 9:00 am. It should take about an hour or so for the whole process. If willing, please contact Mary Sabin (414) 698-7763 or [sabinmary@aol.com](mailto:sabinmary@aol.com)

### october is domestic violence awareness month

Approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year. Approximately 37% of women seeking injury related treatment in hospital emergency rooms were there because of injuries inflicted by a current or former spouse or partner. Staying at a shelter or working with a domestic violence advocate significantly reduces the likelihood that a victim will be abused again and improves the victim's quality of life. *Thank you St. John's for supporting Sister House and the Women's Center.*

The 24-hour crisis line is 262-542-3828.



## music & worship next steps

### kids of the kingdom

Kids of the Kingdom, St. John's children's choir, will be starting up in October, be on the lookout for more information following soon.

### reformation hymn sing

A Reformation Hymn Festival entitled "Living Voices of the Gospel" will take place on Sunday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke's in Waukesha. Composer/Organist Michael Burkhardt has arranged the festival of hymns inspired by Martin Luther's belief that music is a living voice of the Gospel. This is a collaborative effort with 4 ELCA churches, instrumentalists and singers.

### worship coordination - an important job at St. John's

Throughout September, new worship coordinators (different ones for each service) will begin to learn the ropes from Steve Mueller. You'll know who they are by the clipboard they will be holding by the Information Desk. The plan is that each service time has a team of 4 people/couples, who can take turns covering the responsibilities week to week. Currently, we've identified two people/couples per service. That means we need two more for Saturday night, two for Sunday at 8:30 and two for Sunday at 10:45. Could this be you? Please contact Sara Everts or Steve Mueller if you would like to be a worship coordinator for the service of your choice. We promise it is not that hard, and you'll have a checklist of tasks to follow.

### reformation worship

Reformation weekend, October 28-29, there will be one combined worship service as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the reformation. Worship will be at 9:00 am on Sunday, October 29. There will not be a worship service on Saturday.

Please contact Steve Mueller or the office if you wish to serve as a worship assistant for this service.



## learning and growing next steps

### reformation book fair

To help celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, learn about Martin Luther, his writings, & the impact of the Reformation for the church today at the St. John's Reformation Book Fair. There will be a range of books for readers of all ages available to browse in the lobby/narthex on Sunday mornings of October 15 and 22. Any of the books will be available for order at up to 50% off list price and free shipping. Plan to stop by and enhance your own library. After the Book Fair all of these resources will also be available in St. John's library permanently. Contact Dale Landgren for more information.

### reconciling in Christ (ric)

There will be two more educational sessions during the educational hour:

- Oct 1 - Jesus' interactions with outcasts
- Oct 15 - Biblical verses that deal with human sexuality (Leviticus, Romans, 1 Corinthians and 1 Timothy)

### conversations with martin luther

On October 22, Adult Ed starts a 7 week discussion of the book "By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism". It will be an exploration of how our lives connect to the biblical and historical context of the Luther's Small Catechism.

If you would like a copy of the book, please sign up in the lobby today.

### beloved sisters retreat is oct 20-21

St John's women are invited to our 13th annual retreat with our Beloved Sisters from All Peoples Church at Lutherdale! Please join us for good food, sharing, study and worship. Come for the full retreat (\$45) or for one day only (\$15). Look for a sign up in the lobby or contact LoAnn Petermann ([tripletmomtmk@gmail.com](mailto:tripletmomtmk@gmail.com))

### flat martin awaits adventures

Celebrate the Reformation all month long with Flat Martin! Pick yours up as you leave worship today at the information desk. Then get creative and take pictures with him and your family whenever you are out and about. Photos will be shown during the all church Reformation Celebration on October 29. Email photos to [childministry@makedisciples.com](mailto:childministry@makedisciples.com).



## children, youth & families next steps

### spaghetti dinner and concert to support our youth

Plan ahead for the upcoming Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser taking place on Saturday, October 21. What a great night to get out of the kitchen and let the Youth of St. John's serve you dinner, followed by the Milwaukee Festival Brass concert titled "Stories in Brass". Dinner will be served at 6:15 followed by the high energy and highly entertaining music that begins at 7:30.

Tickets for the dinner are \$8 each, and there is a discounted rate on the concert tickets purchased ahead of time. The concert tickets, normally \$12, are just \$6 when purchased at St. John's. Youth will be selling tickets on Sundays between services on October 1, 8, and 15. Tickets may be purchased with cash or checks and may be made out for both events; the dinner and the concert, or just one or the other, made payable to Milwaukee Festival Brass. Please join in the fun and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Please contact Susan Jones at [wijones92@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wijones92@sbcglobal.net).

