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for November 19 & 20, 2016

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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.



**november outreach offering**

Mission of Healing Support

Can you imagine sharing your toothbrush with other people in your household? Can you imagine your little one falling and scraping her knee and not having a bandage to cover the wound and keep it clean? You can help families in El Salvador by donating soft toothbrushes (children and adult), 3/4" Band-Aids, 2 x 2" gauze and first aid tape.

Other items such as colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, adult coloring books (stress booth), checkers sets and chess sets (for the stress booth and then donated to seniors and youth groups at the Lutheran Churches) are appreciated. We are also collecting funds to help with the purchase of medications, reading glasses and other needed items for the mission.

Contact Linda Muth at [linda.muth@gmail.com](mailto:linda.muth@gmail.com) for more information.

**thanksgiving eve worship**

Join us on Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 pm to give praise and thanksgiving for all our blessings.



**next steps for this week**

|        |        |                                |
|--------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Nov 20 | 8:30a  | worship                        |
|        | 9:45a  | education hour                 |
|        | 10:45a | worship                        |
|        | 3:00p  | Kannada Kali                   |
|        | 6:30p  | Al Anon                        |
| Nov 21 | 9:00a  | yoga                           |
|        | 11:30a | Hope Center meal               |
|        | 6:30p  | Al Anon                        |
|        | 6:30p  | worship team meeting           |
|        | 7:00p  | evening circle                 |
| Nov 22 | 10:00a | staff meeting                  |
|        | 10:30a | AA                             |
|        | 6:00p  | TOPS                           |
|        | 6:30p  | handbell choir                 |
|        | 7:00p  | boy scouts                     |
| Nov 23 | 6:00p  | AA                             |
|        | 6:30p  | Thanksgiving Eve worship       |
| Nov 24 | 6:30p  | Al Anon                        |
| Nov 25 | 6:30p  | office closed for Thanksgiving |
|        | 7:30p  | Chinese Christian Church       |
|        | 8:00p  | AA                             |
| Nov 26 | 8:00a  | Men's Group                    |
|        | 9:30a  | AA                             |
|        | 5:15p  | worship                        |
| Nov 27 | 8:30a  | worship                        |
|        | 9:45a  | NO EDUCATION                   |
|        | 10:45a | worship                        |
|        | 6:30p  | Al Anon                        |

**please pray...**

for blessings upon  
Jackson James, son of Dennis and Andrea Rebisch, who is baptized this weekend into God's family.

for these immediate needs of healing and strength  
Beth, Bernie, Matt, Melissa, Paul, Ruth, Stephen, Ruth, Tim

for ongoing treatment and recovery  
Ann Marie, Arlyn, Dorothy, Kathy, Judy, Kathy, Sara, Tim

for our shut-ins  
Vern Aune, Gretchen Brueske, June Carlson, Dolores Hartman, Alice Ladewig, Betty Mihelich, 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

**what's happening?**

Were you unable to attend worship? Do you wonder what is happening at St. John's? Good news! There are four ways to stay informed.

1. A few copies of the *next steps* bulletin inserts are kept on the information desk. If you missed worship and want to see what you missed, you may pick one up during the week.
2. A digital copy of the *next steps* is available on our website [www.makedisciples.com](http://www.makedisciples.com).
3. The weekly Happenings email keeps you informed with selected time-sensitive information. If you don't get this weekly email, contact Jeff at [admin@makedisciples.com](mailto:admin@makedisciples.com) to enroll.
4. The monthly newsletter contains more detailed information on upcoming events. This is available by mail, in the lobby or online!

**altar flowers**

Altar flowers were sponsored today by The Mauck Family in honor of Rob's 24th birthday.

**future opportunities**

|        |           |                           |
|--------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Dec 3  | 9:00a     | Women's Advent Brunch     |
| Dec 3  | 7:30p     | Jubilate Chorale Concert  |
| Dec 17 | 8:30a     | Men's Christmas Breakfast |
| Dec 24 | 4, 7, 11p | Christmas Eve worship     |
| Dec 25 | 10a       | Christmas Morning worship |
| Dec 31 |           | no worship                |
| Jan 1  | 10a       | New Year's Day worship    |

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).



## children, youth & families next steps

### are you ready?

**That's right, you guessed it... it's retreat time!**

All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a retreat at Lutherdale on January 27-28. Bring a friend and hop on the Ark with Noah for a wet and wild adventure. We will play games in pairs, enjoy animal arts and crafts, and see what rainbows God is putting in your life.

Cost is \$90/person. Contact Sonja Beyerlein for more information at (262) 524-0160 or [sjc@beyerlein.com](mailto:sjc@beyerlein.com). Registration forms are on the Youth & Family board in the lobby. (Please register by December 18 to secure your spot!)



## caring & serving next steps

### healing helpers still needed

Applications are still being accepted for the Mission of Healing for the Northern Micro-Region in El Salvador. Trip Dates: February 4-12, 2017. Cost: \$600 plus airfare. We are especially looking for team members to staff the following areas: children's coloring station; height and weight station; teaching station about diabetes; utility helper (to make sure stations have what they need, refill waters etc.); adult craft area...and more! Deadline to apply is December 1!! Orientation meeting December 3 from 1 to 3 pm at St. John's Brookfield. Contact: Linda Muth at [linda.muth@gmail.com](mailto:linda.muth@gmail.com).

### day of discovery planning

Interested in helping to plan the Women's Ministries Day of Discovery event scheduled for February 25? Come to a kick-off meeting on Thursday, December 1 at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Schaefer ([cs.otm39@gmail.com](mailto:cs.otm39@gmail.com) or 262-271-6623).

### calling all young artists

Christmas is only a month away! We need your help to create colorful designs for our bulletin covers. Forms will be distributed in Sunday school, confirmation and youth group this weekend. If you miss it, lose it, or are too young for Sunday school, please pick up an entry sheet from the information desk in the lobby. Entries are due by December 11.

Any child, ages 1-18, may submit an entry. The top six entries will be used as our bulletin covers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. Thanks for your help!



## music & worship next steps

### poinsettia orders for Christmas

Are you looking for a way to pay tribute to a loved one? One idea is to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of your loved one to decorate the sanctuary at Christmas. Order forms are on the information desk in the lobby. Forms and payment are due by December 4.

### want to be a ringer?

The St. John's Bell Choir is looking for musicians to fill immediate positions so that we can make use of our full set of handbells and chimes. Joyful Bells meet Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm and play once each month at the 8:30 am worship service.

Each ringer brings to the bell choir his/her individual level of musical ability, patience and a sense of humor. Ringing requires reading music and rhythmic counting to play assigned notes at the correct time while viewing a page similar to a keyboard score. It is definitely unlike any other form of performance for musicians.

If you or someone you know would like to play with the Joyful Bells, please call or e-mail Heidi Bischmann – (414) 305-7812 or [Bells@makedisciples.com](mailto:Bells@makedisciples.com).



## learning and growing next steps

### adult education

This Sunday, November 20, our adult education time is dedicated to a budget listening session hosted by the church council and the finance team. We will meet in the fellowship hall to review budget materials and have the opportunity to ask questions.

There is no Adult Education November 27.

### women's advent brunch

Women of St. John's mark your calendars for our Annual Advent Brunch on Saturday, December 3 at 9am. We will set aside the busy-ness of the season and prepare our hearts, minds and spirits for the coming of the Christ Child. Enjoy a performance by Acacia Theater "The Least of These: A Shepard's Story". The story of a down home sheep herder and what happened to him one special night. Sign up sheet is in the lobby. A free will offering will be accepted.

### men's christmas breakfast

Guys of all ages – join us for a hearty breakfast and good fellowship at our annual Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, December 17 at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall. Bring a friend! Your son! Your father! Our guest will be the new bishop of our Milwaukee Synod, Pastor Paul Erickson. We look forward to meeting him. Sign up on the bulletin board in the church lobby.



## next steps for administration | finance

### altar flowers

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers next year in memory of someone or in honor of an event? The 2017 flower chart is posted on the administration board by the office. The cost of the flowers is \$35.

### bulletin folding

Looking for a new ministry to try? Do you prefer to work behind the scenes? Consider folding worship bulletins. The commitment is for one month at a time. Bulletins are printed, ready to be folded, by Friday at noon. You take them home, fold them, and return them by Saturday afternoon. (You also may stay and fold at the church, if you prefer.) The sign up sheets are on the administration board by the office. Sign up for one month or more. Contact Pam in the office with questions.

### memorial garden/columbarium moving ahead

Now that we have the approval from the Town Board of Brookfield we move on to the next phase.

We are a little over half way to securing enough niches to be able to begin construction. If you are contemplating purchasing a niche, we encourage you to do so in the next few months. Brochures are available in the lobby along with a diagram of the Memorial Garden. Committee members are usually available to answer any questions.

At this time of year, you may want to purchase a paver "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone dear to you. We also invite you to consider a gift to this new ministry of St. John's. Talk to any of the committee members who are: Karen and Mark Aamot, John and Mary Almasi, Darlene Bahr, Dick Granholm, Carlene McMonagle, John Rickinger, Bill and Marion Schreiber, and Marlene and Ralph Zick.