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for November 26 & 27, 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.



st. john's mission endowment – accepting grant applications

Grant applications are now being accepted by the St. John's Mission Endowment Fund. Congregation members are encouraged to submit! All requests need to be for an organization, special project, etc. that enhances the mission of St. John's Lutheran Church, beyond the general operation of the congregation. That means grant applications can be made for local or global outreach ministries, support of religious education, social ministries, and other special or unique situations. Applications and additional information can be found at the information desk in the lobby or contact Brian Cranfill. Applications are due (place in the Endowment mailbox) **by December 18, 2016.**

holiday worship schedule

Saturday, December 24 - worship at 4, 7, & 11 pm
Sunday, December 25 - worship at 10 am
Saturday, December 31 - NO worship
Sunday, January 1 - worship at 10 am

december outreach offering

Christmas Food Drive

This year will be St. John's 32nd annual food drive. We deliver food (fixin's for a holiday meal including a canned ham or turkey, Christmas goodies, plus general food staples) for less fortunate families. How can you help? Pick up and fill one (or more) of our suggested "red", "green" or "white" grocery lists ... provide a canned ham or frozen turkey ... deliver food ... there are plenty of opportunities to serve. Green & Red complementary lists are for All Peoples, to honor the specific items they've requested. White lists are for the Waukesha Food Pantry.

Get into the Christmas Spirit by checking out the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. All deliveries are scheduled for Saturday morning, **December 17.** (Please "double bag", and staple your list to the bag).

Contact Brian Cranfill at 262-786-2619 with questions.



giving tree

This year, items on the Giving Tree in the lobby will benefit The Women's Center and Angel's Baby Closet. Items for Angel's Baby closet should be placed under the tree. Gift cards for The Women's Center should be placed in the silver dropbox by the staff mailboxes across from Pastor Eric's office.



Our regular worship schedule will resume the weekend of January 6 & 7:
Saturday - 5:15 pm worship
Sunday - 8:30 am worship
9:45 am education hour
10:45 am worship

next steps for this week

Nov 27	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	NO EDUCATION
	10:45a	worship
	6:30p	Al Anon
Nov 28	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	Al Anon
	6:30p	evangelism meeting
Nov 29	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	handbell choir
	7:00p	boy scouts
Nov 30	5:15p	KÖTK
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	choir
	6:30p	confirmation
Dec 1	8:30a	retired men's breakfast
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 2	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
	8:00p	AA
Dec 3	8:00a	Men's Group
	9:00a	women's advent brunch
	9:00a	diakonia
	9:00a	Jubilate Chorale rehearsal
	1:00p	El Salvador meeting
	5:15p	worship
	7:30p	Jubilate Chorale concert
Dec 4	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon

future opportunities

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 pray...

with sympathy for Karen and Kevin Wolfmeyer as they mourn the death of Karen's brother, John, and for Cris and Val Sievenpiper as they mourn the death of Cris' brother.
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

altar flowers

Altar flowers were sponsored today by Carrie Gaulke in honor of her mom's 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.



children, youth & families next steps

are you ready?

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

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th 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. 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.

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 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**.

seasonal music opportunities

Saturday, Dec. 3, 7 :30 p.m.
The Jubilate Chorale, under the direction of Vicki Taylor, will present an inspirational concert. The title of the concert is: POTRAITS OF THE NATIVITY. Tickets may be purchased at the door. A reception will follow the concert.

Saturday, Dec. 17, at the 5:15 service, and Sunday morning, Dec. 18, at the 8:30 service
The handbell choir, senior choir and instrumentalists will present a cantata and seasonal music with narration. The cantata is titled: LORD OF GLORY. These services will tell the hope and expectation of Advent and the coming celebration of Jesus' birth in a beautiful and inspiring manner. A reception will follow the Saturday evening service.



learning and growing next steps

adult education

No Adult Education this Sunday.

December 4, 11, and 18 come and join Lori for a video/discussion Advent Study taught by Mike Slaughter and Rachel Billups. "Down to Earth, The Hopes and Fears of All the Years Are Met in Thee Tonight". This study explores what the Christmas miracle means to each of us. Using story and scripture, we will be challenged to respond during Advent with down-to-earth love, humility, lifestyle and obedience. We will meet in the library at 9:45.

share your ideas - join the adult ed planning team

Lori Davis is looking for a few members willing to serve on an Adult Education Planning Team. Would you be interested in meeting a few times a year (not every month) to share your ideas for meaningful adult education offerings? We would like your ideas so that all of our offerings are meeting the needs and interests of our congregation. Please let Lori know if you are willing to help. Thank you!

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.



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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.