

# next steps

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for December 3 & 4, 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.**

## december outreach offering

Christmas Food Drive

HELP! Here are your opportunities to help a less fortunate family have their own holiday meal plus add a few extra items to their pantry.

- Pick up a red, green, or white food list and return the items by the morning of December 17. The lists are different: Green & Red complementary lists are for All Peoples, White lists are for the Waukesha Food Pantry. (Please "double bag", and staple your list to the bag).
- Purchase a ham or turkey and bring it to church by 10:00 am on December 17.
- Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall if you're able to help deliver the items. All deliveries are scheduled for Saturday morning, December 17. Many hands make light work!
- For further information, contact Brian Cranfill at 786-2619.



## 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 drop box by the staff mailboxes across from Pastor Eric's office.



## 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

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

Dec 4	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 5	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:00p	adult confirmation
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 6	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	quilters
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	handbell choir
	7:00p	boy scouts
Dec 7	9:00a	quilters
	10:00a	circle leaders prep
	5:15p	KOTK
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	choir
	6:30p	confirmation
	6:30p	Boy Scouts
Dec 8	6:30p	Al Anon
	7:00p	GALS
Dec 9	10:00a	prayer shawl ministry
	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
	8:00p	AA
Dec 10	8:00a	Men's Group
	9:00a	diakonia
	9:30a	AA
	5:15p	worship
Dec 11	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 21	6:30p	Preschool Program
Dec 24	4, 7, 11p	Christmas Eve worship
Dec 25	10:00a	Christmas Morning worship
Dec 31		no worship
Jan 1	10:00a	New Year's Day worship

## please pray...

blessings upon our Christmas Food Bag donations and the families that will receive them for these immediate needs of healing and strength  
Beth, Bernie, Jerry, 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 Kaczmariski; 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  
with our confirmation students for

- my cousin who died
- my mom's friend who fights cancer

## altar flowers

Altar flowers were sponsored today by Jennifer and Warren Arnold in honor of Mallory's 12th 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](mailto:office@makedisciples.com).



## children, youth & families next steps

### 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!

### Christmas at preschool is a family celebration!

St. John's friends and families, you're invited too! **Wednesday, December 21 - 6:30-7:30pm**

We begin with the Preschool children sharing Christmas songs. *and...*  
Pastor Eric will gather the children to share the Christmas story. *and...*  
We will celebrate the gift of baby Jesus as we watch part of the animated adventure *The Story of Christmas* from the Spark Story Bible. *and...*  
It's the Family Sing Along. *and...*  
It's birthday cake and punch in the fellowship hall as we wish one another a very, Merry Christmas from St. John's Preschool.



## 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**.

### worship assistants

Are you interested in serving communion? Do you wonder what the ushers do?

Not counting the pastors and musicians, our church family needs forty (40!) people to serve as worship assistants each week. Worship assistants are: acolytes, assisting ministers, AV techs, communion assistants, greeters, lectors, and ushers. (You could even join the team that sets up or cleans up for Perk & Pastries.)

If you wish to be added to the worship assistant schedule that will begin in mid-January, or simply want to learn more about being a worship assistant, fill out the orange half-sheet form located on the information desk and return it to the office.

### music weekend

**Saturday, Dec. 17, at the 5:15 service, and Sunday morning, Dec. 18, at the 8:30 service**

The instrumentalists, handbell choir, and senior choir 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.

**Sunday morning, Dec. 18 at 10:45**

The Kids of the Kingdom will enhance our worship by sharing their musical talents.



## learning and growing next steps

### adult education

This Sunday we begin a 3 week video/discussion class written by Mike Slaughter and Rachel Billups titled, "Down to Earth". In this study we will use story and scripture as they challenge us to respond during Advent with down-to-earth love, humility, lifestyle, and obedience. This week we will discuss down-to-earth love and ways we do that as a faith community. We will be reading Philippians 2. Pastor Billups asks in this week's study, "What would happen if this Advent we made ourselves second, not only to God but to those around us?" Join Lori in the library at 9:45.



### 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.

### 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!



## 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 & Mark Aamot, John & Mary Almasi, Darlene Bahr, Dick Granholm, Carlene McMonagle, John Rickinger, Bill & Marion Schreiber and Marlene & Ralph Zick.