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for December 9 & 10, 2017

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 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.



MET update

St John's MET (Mission Exploration Team) consists of 10 members who are ready to engage all members in conversation re: the "profile" (strengths, growth areas, and dreams) of our St. John's church, as well as, the qualities desired in our future pastor.

In the next few weeks, MET members will be coming to members of small groups, various ministries, and church functions to LISTEN, gather and process your thoughts and input. Then, in late January, there will be opportunity for the entire membership to give input that will be compiled, approved by Church council, voted upon by the congregation, and then submitted to the Synod and a St John's Call Committee to guide them in the selection of a pastor.

PLEASE lend your voice for the continued health of our church. The team welcomes your participation. You may, of course, speak with any team member individually as well.

MET members: Mark Aamot; Mary Almasi, Frank Janzow, Carolyn Krause, Jordan Larson, Stephanie Mauck, Benji Salinas, Melissa Seamonson, Rich Warp, Ralph Zick.

memorial and gifts committee seeking suggestions

The Memorial and Gifts Committee is looking for your help. We're looking for your input on physical items, needs or projects you've felt would be useful to have at St. John's but aren't part of the general budget. We'd like to provide families with a list of items or projects needed by the church that they could fund to honor loved ones. Please make your suggestions as specific as possible, and include a cost for items. The Memorials and Gifts Committee will then work with ministry leaders to finalize a list that will be made available to the congregation. Forward your suggestions to Barb Reed at reedbaj@gmail.com, or place them in her mailbox.

rooted in faith; together we grow!

St. John's Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary
January 4 & February 8, 4-6pm

We come together in thankfulness for our blessings. We invite God's presence in this time of transition. We recognize that God is leading us into our future. Let us pray together for the MET, the Call Committee and the Congregation. Put the dates of the Prayer Vigil on your calendar. Come any time; stay as long as you choose. *Hosted by the Tuesday Night Bible Study Group*

Christmas eve assistants needed

Are you planning to worship on Christmas Eve? Would you be willing to give the gift of your time? We are in need of worship assistants for all four worships. If you can serve, please stop by the information desk and reserve your spot! (Communion assistants and acolytes will not robe and may sit with their families.)

check your statement

Year-to-date statements are in the church mailboxes. Please review your statement. Contact Kathy at financialsecretary@makedisciples.com by December 18 to have any errors corrected before the end of the year.

next steps for this week

Dec 10	8:30a	Advent 2 worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	Advent 2 worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 11	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 12	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	joyful bells
	7:00p	boy scouts
Dec 13	9:00a	quilts
	5:15p	Kids of the Kingdom
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	choir
Dec 14	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 15	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
	8:00p	AA
Dec 16	8:30a	diakonia
	8:30a	men's Christmas breakfast
	1:00p	Carlene McMonagle visitation
	3:00p	Carlene McMonagle funeral
	5:15p	music celebration worship
Dec 17	8:30a	music celebration worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	Advent 3 worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon

future opportunities

Dec 20		Preschool program
Dec 23		no worship
		Christmas food bag delivery
Dec 24	9:00a	Advent 4 worship
Dec 24	4:00p	Christmas Eve worship
	7:00p	Christmas Eve worship
	11:00p	Christmas Eve worship
Dec 25		no worship
		office closed
Dec 26		office closed

please pray...

for these immediate needs of healing and strength
Barb, Carolyn, Chuck, David, Doris, Jerry, Marge, Matt, Pat, Ray, Sharlene
for ongoing treatment and recovery
David, Jerry, Tim
for our shut-ins
Gretchen Brueske, June Carlson, Virginia Degenhardt, Dolores Hartman, Alice Ladewig, Helen Ranum, Lois Rosholt, Ruth Segal
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; Drew Malicki; 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

altar flowers

Altar flowers were sponsored today by Carol May in memory of Robert May.

looking ahead

The sermon for next week will be based on part of the text from:
Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm 126; Luke 1:26-38 (listen)

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

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 16 at 8:30 in the fellowship hall. This is a good opportunity to get to know other men of St. John's. Bring a friend! Your son! Your father! Sign up on the bulletin board in the church lobby.



join the snow team

The Property Team is looking for helpers to clear snow (the church has a snow blower) during times when our custodian cannot be here. Miguel works part time and will attempt to clear and salt the walkways during the week. He may not always have availability on weekends. We need volunteers to be available to help out with clearing when it snows on weekends. Please see Dale Granlund if you are able to be on this snow clearing team. Thank you!

thank you Sunday school kids!

The Visitation Team and our very special Shut-In's want to send their Hugs to the kids who made the jar candles and cards. Visitors will take them to our Shut-In's this month. Thank you again for sending your love to these saints of the congregation! Visitation Team

mt. meru holiday items

Mt Meru is now offering 2017 Holiday special items including a burlap tote bag with your choice of a 12 oz. bag of coffee included for \$20 each. New coffee mugs are also available for \$9 each. Check out these items at the coffee display in the lobby. Place your order now while supplies last.

the giving tree

As we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ, we also prepare our gift lists for family and friends. Please also remember our friends who are served by Waukesha Memorial Hospital, The Hope Center and The Women's Center. It is as easy as selecting an ornament (or multiple ornaments) from our Giving Tree, located in the Lobby, making your purchases and bringing the *UNWRAPPED* item(s) with the ornament attached back to the Giving Tree in the lobby. Gift cards should be put in the silver drop box in the office hallway. Please see the December Inspire for additional information.

Christmas food drive

This year will be St. John's 33rd 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 23. (Please "double bag", and staple your list to the bag).

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

faith fermenters invitation

Faith Fermenters, a homebrewing ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Waukesha WI invites you to come brew with them and converse around the ongoing reforming nature of brewing and life. We will look at 2 Corinthians 5:16-17.

You are invited to RE:New Year RE:Forming our RE:Cipes - a Faith Fermenters opportunity on January 13, 9am, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Waukesha (424 Hyde Park Ave 53188). Contact Pastor Andy at gopastorgo@gmail.com with questions.



children, youth & families next steps

calling all young artists

Christmas is coming and 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 or lose it pick up an extra entry sheet from the information desk in the lobby. Entries are due by **December 10**.

Any child, ages 1-18, may submit an entry. The top six entries will be used as our bulletin covers (in color!) for Christmas Eve. Happy creating!

families

New to St. John's or just want to check out Sunday School? Join us in the Sanctuary at 9:45 Sundays to experience the story and then children Preschool-5th grade break off into small groups. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends are always welcome! Join us this Sunday or contact Joanna Salinas at childministry@madeDisciples.com.



music & worship next steps

altar flower January dates available

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers next year in memory of someone or in honor of an event? The 2018 flower chart is posted on the administration board by the offices. The current cost of the altar flower arrangements is \$35. Several weeks in January are still available.

poinsettias for Christmas

As we approach Advent and Christmas, we take time to remember our loved ones. If you would like to pay tribute to a loved one through St. John's this year, you may order poinsettias for the beautification of our sanctuary. All honorariums and memorials will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Place the tribute form and payment in the box on the info desk by **December 10**. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran.

invite others to "listen"

Dec. 16 & 17 - Third Sunday in Advent. This is one of our best opportunities all year to invite friends to worship. The Lessons and Carols service will be a beautiful inspiration to all worshippers - putting us in the Christmas Spirit as we *Watch, Prepare, and Listen* for the Coming of the Christ Child. Be there... and bring friends and family! *Evangelism Team*



learning and growing next steps

conversations with martin luther

How well do you know the Small Catechism? Want to know more or dust off some rust? Join the Adult Ed group in the library at 9:45 to discuss 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. No prep needed. If you are curious, drop in!



administration | finance next steps

mortgage update

The finance team would like to share the mortgage balance as of December 6 is \$55,205.94!