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for December 10 & 11, 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 11	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 12	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	church council
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 13	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	handbell choir
	6:30p	HR meeting
	7:00p	boy scouts
Dec 14	9:30a	morning circle
	12:45p	afternoon circle
	5:15p	KOTK
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	choir
	6:30p	confirmation
Dec 15	12:00p	retired men's lunch
	6:30p	Al Anon
	7:00p	property team meeting
Dec 16	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
	8:00p	AA
Dec 17	8:30a	Men's Christmas Breakfast
	10:00a	music rehearsal
	10:00a	food bag deliveries
	5:15p	worship
Dec 18	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon

future opportunities

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 with sympathy for the family of Vern Aune as they mourn his death
for these immediate needs of healing and strength
Beth, Bernie, Jerry, Judd, Matt, Melissa, Pat, 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
with our confirmation students for

- my mom's Aunt Joan as she joins my cousin Jared in death

altar flowers

Altar flowers were sponsored today by Aaron, Bennett, and Rich Warp in honor of Andrea'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

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

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

Join us to hear Mary's message and the Kids of the Kingdom. They will help us celebrate "Music Sunday" by joining the band to help lead worship music and will provide special music as well.

nativity christmas concert celebrates the 200th anniversary of the silent night text

In 1816, Fr. Joseph Mohr wrote the text to "Silent Night" in the form of a poem. On December 17, at 1:30 p.m., Nativity Lutheran, 69th and Bluemound, will present a celebration of Silent Night including a performance of Franz Gruber's original version. The concert will be full of other holiday favorites and an audience sing-a-long. The concert is free though free will offerings will be received to cover expenses. A reception will follow. The Wauwatosa P.D. will allow special event parking on both sides of Bluemound for this event.



learning and growing next steps

adult education

This Sunday we continue our series, "Down to Earth" by talking about what Jesus taught us about *Humility*. We are still in Philippians 2, hearing about having the same mindset as Christ in our relationships with one another. Meet in the library at 9:45.

men's christmas breakfast

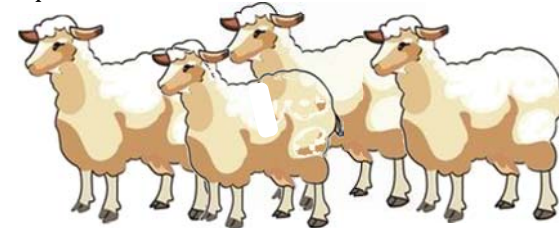
Guys of all ages – join us for a hearty breakfast and good fellowship at our annual Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, **December 17** at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall. Bring a friend! Your son! Your father! Our guest will be the new bishop of our Milwaukee Synod, Pastor Paul Erickson. We look forward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



caring & serving next steps

thanks a baaaa-nch

Thank You so much to all of the women who attended the Advent Brunch last weekend. I hope that everyone had a special morning preparing your heart, minds and souls for the coming of the Christ Child. Our free-will offering collected was to purchase sheep from ELCA Gifts to help families in need. Our committee had hoped that we would raise enough for 1 sheep for \$125. We were completely overwhelmed with the compassionate response from all of you. We will be purchasing *4 sheep!!!* Thank you for your kindness and generosity. God is Good!!
April Nunn - Advent Brunch Chair



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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.

memorial garden/columbarium moving ahead

The Town Board of Brookfield approved the memorial garden so now 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.

end of year giving

Remember, any giving that you wish to have listed as a 2016 contribution must be postmarked or received in office by December 31, 2016.

office closed

In honor of Christmas and the New Year, the church office will be closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. Regular office hours (8:30am-4:30pm) will resume on the Tuesday of those weeks.

