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for December 16 & 17, 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

WE HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS. You may email us at met@makedisciples.com with any thoughts you have for the MET team. We are developing a survey that will be available online and in paper form the last two Sundays of January. We are continuing our small group visitations and will have coffee chats after the first of the year in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to visit with members of the team. We plan to conclude our work by the end of February and present program and staffing recommendations in March based on your comments. Please pray for our work. Feel free to contact any member of the team: Mark Aamot, Mary Almasi, Carolyn Krause, Jordan Larson, Stephanie Mauck, Benji Salinas, Melissa Seamanson, Rich Warp, Ralph Zick, Pastor Frank.

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 worship services. 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.

everyone is invited

to the Preschool Christmas Family Sing-Along
Wednesday, December 20, 6:30-7:30pm

Our Preschoolers will be sharing their songs, a story time with Pastor Eric and our Christmas Family Sing-Along followed by birthday cake and punch in the Fellowship Hall.

What a wonderful way to celebrate Jesus's birth and the joys of Christmas

next steps for this week

Dec 17	8:30a	music celebration worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	music celebration worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 18	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	Al Anon
	7:00p	evening circle
Dec 19	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	joyful bells
	6:30p	MET meeting
	7:00p	boy scouts
Dec 20	9:00a	quilters
	5:15p	Kids of the Kingdom
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	preschool program
	6:30p	choir
Dec 21	12:00p	retired men's lunch
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 22	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
	8:00p	AA
Dec 23	8:00a	men's group
	8:30a	diakonia
	9:30a	AA
	10:00a	Christmas food bag delivery
		NO worship
Dec 24	9:00a	Advent 4 worship
	4:00p	Christmas Eve worship
	7:00p	Christmas Eve worship
	11:00p	Christmas Eve worship

future opportunities

Dec 25		no worship
		office closed
Dec 26		office closed
Dec 31	9:00a	worship (only one service)
Jan 4	4-6p	prayer vigil
Feb 8	4-6p	prayer vigil

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 the Warp Family in honor of Andrea's 40th birthday.

looking ahead

The sermon for next week (Advent 4) will be based on part of the text from:
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26;
Luke 1:46b-55 (yield)

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

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!

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

Thank you for your generosity in support of the Giving Tree. Gifts will be delivered to the Hope Center and to Waukesha Memorial for the Angel's Baby Closet on Monday. Gift cards for the Women's Center are collected year-round and should be put in the silver drop box in the office hallway.

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

Sunday school families

Reminder: No Sunday School on 12/24 or 12/31. Sunday School resumes on 1/7/2018. Merry Christmas!



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.



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!

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.

welcoming questions and new members

Are you new to St. John's? Been here a while and want to connect more deeply? Do you want to become a member of St. John's?

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 14 and Sunday, January 28 from Noon to 1:30pm. We'll provide a light meal. Come for a chance to meet others who are new to St. John's. Meet some folks who will help connect you to the life of the congregation. Most importantly, bring your questions and a story about yourself so we can get to know a little about who YOU are and why God has brought you here. Please RSVP to Pastor Eric pastoreric@makedisciples.com or call the church office at 262-786-6887.