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for December 17 & 18, 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.**

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

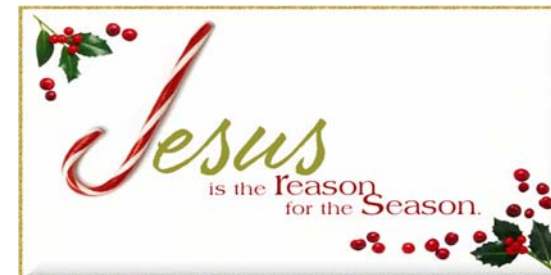
10:45 am worship

next steps for this week

Dec 18	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 19	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	worship team meeting
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 20	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	handbell choir
	7:00p	boy scouts
Dec 21	9:00a	quilters
	5:15p	KOTK
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	preschool program
	6:30p	confirmation
	6:30p	choir caroling and party
Dec 22	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 23	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
	8:00p	AA
Dec 24	9:00a	AA
	4:00p	worship
	7:00p	worship
	11:00p	worship
Dec 25	10:00a	worship
	6:30p	Al Anon

future opportunities

Dec 31		no worship
Jan 1	10:00a	New Year's Day worship
Jan 29	12:00p	annual meeting



please pray...

blessings upon our musicians as they share the good news that "hope is born"
with sympathy for the family of Vern Aune as they mourn his death
for these immediate needs of healing and strength
Bernie, Jerry, Judd, Matt, Stephen
for ongoing treatment and recovery
Kathy, Ruth, Kathy, Tim, Sara, Tim
for our shut-ins
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 car

altar flowers

Altar flowers were sponsored today by Jim & Gail Mathes in honor of their 35th anniversary

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

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.



Joy to the World!

annual meeting

on Sunday, January 29
at noon
in the fellowship hall



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.



learning and growing next steps

adult education

Today we conclude our short Advent series, "Down To Earth" by looking at a Down to Earth Lifestyle and Down to Earth Obedience. We have been exploring what the Christmas miracle means to each of us and how it challenges us to respond during Advent with down-to-earth love, humility, lifestyle and obedience. Join Lori in the library as we conclude this study.

There will be no adult education on Sunday, December 25 and Sunday, January 1 as we celebrate the joyous birth of our Savior and the beginning of a new year in Christ.

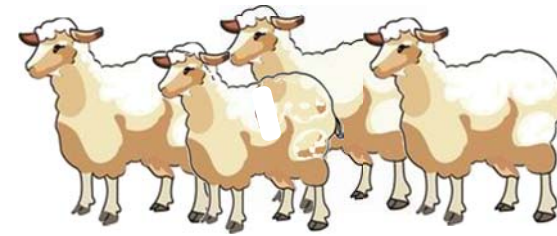


caring & serving next steps

thanks a baaaaa-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



food drive success was in the bag

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with St. John's 32nd annual Christmas food drive. Over 120 bags of food, as well as over 3 dozen hams/turkeys and several crates of fresh fruit were delivered in the snow to Waukesha Food Pantry and to All Peoples Church. Your efforts will undoubtedly make their Christmas a bit brighter. Thanks also to the Women's group for their cash donations!



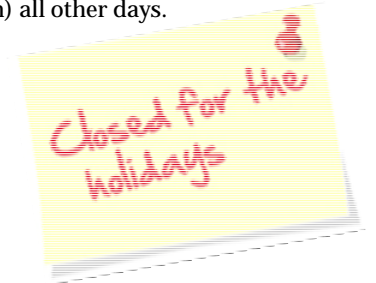
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end of year giving

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 Friday, December 23; Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. The office will be open regular office hours (8:30am-4:30pm) all other days.



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.