

Announcements, Opportunities, and Information

November 24, 2019

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Welcome and Worship Info

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 narthex.

Enhancing Worship

- A limited number of large print bulletins are available.
- 4 personal listening devices are available. Please ask the ushers for assistance.



During Worship

- If you are unable to stand ... sit.
- If you are unable to come to communion ... we'll bring it to you.
- When you see words in **bold** letters, we say or sing these together in one voice.
- All are welcome to experience all parts of worship including singing and receiving communion.

Children in Worship

If you have a young child – *please* bring your child(ren) to church!

We invite families with children under 3 to use our "pryground" in the left section of the sanctuary. Here you will find a carpeted space for the littlest ones to crawl around and engage in quiet play while they absorb the worship environment around them. There are activity bags and books in the back of the sanctuary that children are invited to take with them to their seat. If you or your little one need a break from the worship space we welcome you to step into the narthex or to use our unstaffed nursery, across the narthex, complete with optional audio of the worship service. If you need assistance, the ushers are on-hand to help.

Things You Need to Know

Membership

Looking for a church home?
Interested in membership at St. John's?
All are welcome to join the St. John's family!

How do you become a member?

Return a completed *New Member Information* form to the office. (These are found in the visitor folders and on the bulletin board in the narthex.) Then plan to attend the New Member Brunch on January 11.

Advent Meditation Times

Are Advent preparations for Christmas stressful? Do you need to rest, recharge, and renew? Take time to breath and focus on what is truly important on Thursday during Advent from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Materials will be available to guide your thoughts or you may sit and simply sit be.

Who: all who are weary and need rest
What: time to rest, recharge, and renew
Where: in the sanctuary
When:

- December 5 - following worship
- December 12 - following worship
- December 19 - following the Preschool program.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship



Opportunities This Week

Nov 24	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education for all ages
	10:45p	worship
	12:00p	Operation Christmas Child packing and pizza party
Nov 25	6:30p	Al Anon
	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
Nov 26	6:30p	Al Anon
	8:30a	property team
	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	handbell rehearsal
	7:00p	boy scouts
Nov 27	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	Thanksgiving Eve worship
Nov 28		office closed
		no worship, handbells, or confirmation
	6:30p	Al Anon
Nov 29		office closed
	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
Nov 30	8:00a	men's bible study
Dec 1	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education for all ages and celebration of Pastor Brian
	10:45p	worship
	6:30p	Al Anon

Prayer Opportunities

please pray...

for those needing immediate healing and strength
Dennis Hartman, Jerry Mahoney, Peg Miller

for those needing ongoing treatment or recovery
Barb Keymar, Beverly Wargowski, Carolyn Jewitt, David, Doris Kallin, Floyd Keierleber, Heather Cheslock, JoAnn Klein, John Gugel, Martha Andeen, Matt Logemann, Ruth Nugent, Steve Wuttke, Tim McGilsky

for our shut-ins
Gretchen Brueske, June Carlson, Virginia Degenhardt, Dolores Hartman, Ginny Jung, Doris Kallin, Jerry Kopecky, Helen Ranum, Beverly Wargowski

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; Andrew Malicki; 2nd Lt. Stuart McConnell; Taylor Rouse; Cmdr. Bartholomew Sievenpiper; Maj. Rick L Strickroot; Todd Westhauser; 1st Lt. Madeline Wilcox; William Wright

altar flowers

Altar flowers were sponsored today by Bill & Kathy Davis in memory of their parents; Don & Betty and John & Marie.

Sunday baptisms

We celebrate as three little ones are baptized this weekend: Harrison Ragnar, son of Jeremy and Jacqueline Hale; James Thomas, son of Jordan and Brittany Larson; and Cora Mae, daughter of Joseph & Melissa McDonnell. We rejoice with the families and pray the children will always know and accept God's grace and guidance.

Future Opportunities

Dec 5	7:00p	Advent meditation time
Dec 12	7:00p	Advent meditation time
Dec 15		Music Sunday
Dec 19	6:15p	preschool program
	7:00p	Advent meditation time with communion
Dec 24	2:00p	Christmas Eve worship/pageant
	4:30p	Christmas Eve worship
	7:00p	Christmas Eve worship
Dec 25	10:00a	Christmas Day worship
Jan 6	6:30p	Epiphany worship
Jan 11	9:30a	New Member Brunch

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.

follow us on Facebook: @MakeDisciplesSJL

follow us on Instagram: stjohnsbrookfield

follow us on Twitter: @Makedisciples

Giving Opportunities

Education for Life El Salvador Scholarship Program

Be the difference and change a life in a child in El Salvador. We are currently looking for sponsors and general gifts to support students in the 2020 scholarship program. A new school year starts in January! Scholarship materials are on the info desk. Contact Mary Beth marybethgubbins@wi.rr.com or Kari with any questions. Thank you.

Outreach Focus for November Supplies for Mission of Healing

Participants in the fair build their own first-aid kits as they travel through different teaching sites and check-up areas. We need these items for the kits and the teaching stations:

- ¾" Band-Aids;
- large Band-Aids – approx. 3" square;
- hotel-size wrapped soap;
- nail clippers;
- small alcohol wipes;
- sturdy checkers sets;
- brown paper and white paper lunch bags;
- funds to purchase items in El Salvador (i.e. toothpaste, acetaminophen, prenatal vitamins, adult vitamins, reading glasses, and anti-parasite medicine.)

At the menstruation talk, girls receive Days for Girls washable hygiene kits. Kits are also made in Los Héroes, El Salvador by a women's collective. You can donate:

- sewn items according to DFG patterns (contact debrahadams65@gmail.com for current guidelines);
- dark color wash cloths;
- darkish color undies (Girls 10-14);
- darkish pattern flannel (for pads);
- 1/2"-5/8" grosgrain ribbon;
- cotton fabric (for shields and drawstring bags);
- funds to purchase bar soap;
- PUL Fabric;
- plastic snaps (Babyville Boutique or similar).

Christmas Poinsettias

The weather is cold. Christmas is fast approaching. We are thinking poinsettias. If you wish to sponsor a poinsettia this Christmas, please return a completed form with payment by December 8. Order forms are on the info desk.



Sunday Morning Opportunities

Adult Education

Adult Education meets in the library at 9:40 on Sunday mornings. All are welcome to the discussion, even if you have not read the material. *November 24 – December 22:* 5 Sunday discussion on the Borg/Crossan book "The First Christmas"; *January 5:* finish with Acts 25 – 28.

Serving Opportunities

Play with Preschoolers

St. John's Preschool needs grownups to helping us during our Parent/Teacher conferences on **Monday, November 25**. We need grownups to play and supervise 3 or 4 Preschoolers while moms and dads meet with teachers.

Can you play and supervise for an hour? Two people per shift would be great!

~~8-9am~~ 9-10am 10-11am ~~11-12pm~~

Please contact Laura Rickinger at preschool@makedisciples.com, 262-786-4298 or sign up on the Lobby Bulletin Board too!

El Salvador Mission of Healing

Interested in a mission trip to El Salvador? St. John's participates in the Mission of Healing in different communities in El Salvador - a large medical clinic that offers things like health education and medical screenings. You don't need to speak English or to be a medical professional - there are opportunities for everyone. Apply by December 1 to join the Mission of Healing February 1-9, 2020. Details and the application are available on our website.

Operation Christmas Child Pizza and Packing Party

November 24, 2019 | 12:00pm-2:00pm

Sunday School families are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of wrapping and packing our Operation Christmas Child boxes as we prepare them to head overseas. An excellent way to share our blessings during Thanksgiving! Activities for preschool through high school-aged children. Lunch will be served! *Sign up in the narthex.*

Child and Youth Opportunities

Best Christmas Pageant Ever Christmas Pageant on December 24

All Sunday School children are invited to participate in the telling of the Christmas story in a pageant that will take place during the 2:00 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve. Children will receive singing material during the large group Sunday school time in November.

Elementary Retreat Coming Soon

Joy:fully Elementary Lutherdale Retreat
Grades 3-5
January 18-19, 2020

Attention Artists Ages 1-18

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! What is your vision of Christmas? It is time for our annual Christmas Eve bulletin design contest. Blank forms are available on the bulletin board in the narthex and online. Colorful completed forms should be returned by Sunday, December 8 to the envelope on the office door.

Worship Opportunities

Music Sunday is December 15

Please join us and invite your friends and family for the A Worship Service of readings and music of the season at both Sunday services *December 15 at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.* Both services will be identical and will include the music ministries of St. John's; Instrumentalists, Handbell Choir under the direction of Heidi Bischmann, Senior Choir under the direction of Becky Whelpley, Kids of the Kingdom Children's Choir under the direction of Lisa Weiss-Cornelius, Praise band under the direction of Kenn Anderson and the Youth handbell choir under the direction of Chris Anderson will present music that tells of our Lord's birth.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 24

communion and candlelight worships
2:00 p.m. includes children's pageant
4:30 p.m. includes special music
7:00 p.m. includes choir

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 a.m. worship

There will not be Thursday evening worship on November 28 and December 26.

