

Announcements, Opportunities, and Information

December 1, 2019

St. John's Lutheran Church | 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI 53045
262-786-6887 | www.makedisciples.com

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 and short worship.



Thank You From Preschool

Thank you to these wonderful volunteers, Mary, Mark, Mary, Ben, Karen, Karli and Teri, who came to play and supervise our preschoolers during our Parent/Teacher conferences this past Monday morning.

Opportunities This Week

Dec 1	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education for all ages and celebration of Pastor Brian
	10:45p	worship
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 2	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	Al Anon
Dec 3	8:30a	property team
	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	quilters
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	handbell rehearsal
	7:00p	boy scouts
Dec 4	9:00a	quilters
	5:00p	Kids of the Kingdom
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	choir rehearsal
Dec 5	8:30a	retired men's breakfast
	3:00p	finance team meeting
	5:30p	youth handbells
	6:15p	worship
	6:30p	Al Anon
	7:00p	Advent meditation hour
	7:00p	confirmation
Dec 6	6:30p	sanctuary tree decorating
	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
Dec 7	8:00a	men's bible study
Dec 8	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education for all ages
	10:45p	worship
	2:00p	Eagle Scout ceremony
	6:30p	Al Anon

Future Opportunities

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

Prayer Opportunities

please pray...

for those needing immediate healing and strength
Dennis Hartman, Jerry Mahoney, John Nugent, Peg Miller, Ron Bertrand

for those needing ongoing treatment or recovery
Barb Keymar, Beverly Wargowski, Carolyn Jewitt, David, Doris Kallin, Floyd Keierleber, Heather Cheslock, 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 Kaczmariski; 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 Barb Bessette in honor of Advent.

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](https://www.facebook.com/MakeDisciplesSJL)

follow us on Instagram:
[stjohnsbrookfield](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsbrookfield)

follow us on Twitter:
[@Makedisciples](https://twitter.com/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.

Giving Tree

Check out the tree in the narthex. It is decorated with giving ornaments! *How does it work?* Pick an ornament. Buy the item on the ornament. Place the unwrap item under the tree and return the ornament to the tree for someone else! (Gift cards should be put in the silver drop box by the staff mailboxes.)

When One Door Closes . . .

When we recently announced that we would have to discontinue our jigsaw puzzle collection for the jail, several of our members approached us with other possible destinations for them. Please continue to drop them off in the bin area in the fellowship hall. We ask that puzzles have all their pieces and be in good condition. Thank you so much!!!! Jane Babcock (262) 544-6174

Outreach Focus for December Christmas Food Box Drive

This year marks our 35th anniversary of the St. Johns Christmas Food Box Drive. These donations include enough for a complete Christmas dinner, including a ham or turkey, Christmas treats, and often many additional items to just help keep shelves stocked. Through financial assistance from our Holiday Bazaar, and other donors, fresh produce is purchased to complement our effort.

Last year, we provided over 150 bags of food, 41 hams, 9 turkeys, 40 bags of apples, and 40 bags of oranges split between All Peoples Church, and the Waukesha Food Panty. Can we do more in 2019?

The display in the lobby has the donation lists. Please consider donating a list (or three!) The delivery of the Christmas Food will take place Saturday, December 21. Please consider lending a hand to deliver the food. Contact Brian Cranfill at 262-786-2619 with questions.

Christmas Poinsettias

Advent is the time of waiting and preparing for Christmas. 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.



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.

Serving Opportunities

Sanctuary Tree Decorating

Kids of all ages - the tall and the small - are invited to help decorate the trees on Friday, December 6 at 6:30. Please RSVP to Cindi at 414-213-6644 so there is enough pizza for all of the helpers!



Bulletin Folders Wanted

Do you prefer to serve behind the scenes? Bulletin folding is a simple, important task that needs to be done each week. Volunteers commit to one month at a time. Folding may be done at church or at home; whatever is easier for you! If you would like to participate in this ministry, please sign up on yellow sheet on the bulletin board in the staff hallway. Direct questions to Pam Klink.

Christmas Assistants Needed

Will you worship at St. John's on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? Would you like to serve as a worship assistant? (Out of town family members are welcome to serve, too!) If so, please see the worship assistant sign up sheets in the narthex.

I prefer to sit and worship with my family. Absolutely! Most assisting opportunities allow you to sit with your family; even ushers can sit with their families for most of the service. Assisting ministers need to sit in the front with the pastor.

I don't usually serve as a worship assistant. I don't know what to do. No problem! Worship assistants are asked to arrive early and check in at the information desk. If you are unsure of your duties, on-the-job training will be provided. (You will want to arrive early for prime seats anyway!)

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.

