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for January 7 & 8, 2017

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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.



focus of january outreach offering: socks and undies

January's local outreach emphasis will focus on Hope Center. The Hope Center serves a large population of folks who just don't have sufficient resources to "make ends meet". The Clothing Shop at Hope Center provides donated clothing items to help clients stretch their resources. It's a significant treat when the Clothing Shop has new underwear and socks to pass on, so St. John's is asking for new donations of those items in January. The greatest needs are for socks (all sizes) and underwear: kids (all sizes), ladies (sizes 5-8), and men (small and medium sizes).



updates worship assistant preferences due monday

If you wish to make changes to your worship assistant preferences, please do it today! Do you want to try a new ministry? 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 salmon colored half-sheet form located on the information desk and return it to the office.

annual meeting is january 29

Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 29 at 12 noon. Our agenda will include:

- Treasurer's report
- President's report
- Pastor's report
- Audit Committee report
- Approval of the 2017 6-month budget
- Election of a Nominating Committee
- Approval by simple majority vote of amendments to the St. John's constitution as approved by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly
- Approval by majority vote of the change from semi-annual meetings to one annual meeting in May or June. This change in the annual shall be ratified without change at the next annual meeting in May or June 2017 by a two-thirds majority vote.

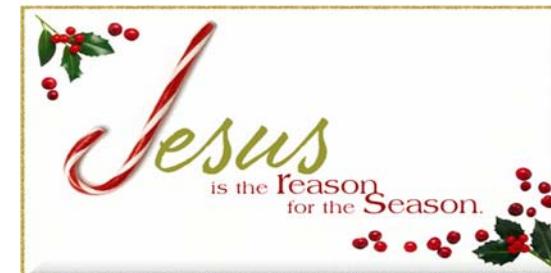
Please review the copy of amendments posted on the member section of the St. John's website [makedisciples.com](#) prior to the annual meeting. If you would prefer to read paper documents, copies are available for review at the desk.

next steps for this week

Jan 8	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon
Jan 9	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	Al Anon
	6:30p	church council
Jan 10	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	handbell choir
	7:00p	boy scouts
Jan 11	9:30a	morning circle
	12:45p	afternoon circle
	5:15p	KOTK
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	confirmation
	6:30p	choir
Jan 12	6:30p	Al Anon
	7:00p	GALS
Jan 13	10:00a	prayer shawl ministry
	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
	8:00p	AA
Jan 14	8:00a	CSS adoption meeting
	9:00a	diakonia
	9:30a	AA
	5:15p	worship
Jan 15	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	1:30p	boy scouts
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon

future opportunities

Jan 29	12:00p	annual meeting
Feb 25		Day of Discovery
Mar 1	6:30p	Ash Wednesday worship
Mar 19		pancake breakfast



please pray...

blessings upon our confirmation students on retreat this weekend
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

altar flowers

Altar flowers were sponsored today by Jennifer and Warren Arnold in honor of Kian's 15th 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

youth are heading back to the boundary waters this summer

The dates have been confirmed for this summer's Boundary Waters trip. July 15-22. We will have an informational meeting for all parents and students who are current high school students during youth group on January 22 in the youth room. If you would like the information but are unable to attend the meeting, please let Carrie Gaulke know and she will get you all the information. A signup sheet will be on the youth room bulletin board this Sunday!



learning and growing next steps

adult education

Adult Education hour this week is devoted to open conversation with our church council members. Meet in the library to share your questions and ideas about the life of the church at St. John's. This is a good time to talk with council members in an open and casual setting.

men's retreat

Lutheran Men in Mission is hosting a **One Year to Live Retreat** March 24-26, 2017. This event is being held at Pine Lake Camp in Waupaca, WI. The contact person is Jim Schieble, 920-763-3433, faithbassed@outlook.com. Details are posted on the bulletin board if you are interested.



caring & serving next steps

education for life

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child in El Salvador? We have the scholarship plan for 2017 and there are new children looking for sponsors. Please contact Mary Beth Gubbins (marybethgubbins@wi.rr.com) if you would like to know more about sponsoring a student. Any donations are appreciated and will be used to fund a child's education. Donations can be made out to St. John's with El Salvador scholarships in the memo section. Thank you!

cheers to 40 years!

The Women's Center is turning 40! As a thank you for your support, you are invited to join them to celebrate 40 years of providing safety, shelter, and support.

when: January 25, 2017
5:30pm - 7:00pm
6:00pm - Remarks, cake cutting, and champagne toast

where: The Women's Center
505 N. East Avenue
Waukesha, WI 53186

why: On January 25, 1977, The Women's Center filed articles of incorporation with the state of Wisconsin to become Waukesha's first and only domestic violence and sexual assault agency.

who: A special gathering of our long-time supporters, major donors, current and past Board members, and our community partners.



next steps for administration | finance

altar flower sponsors needed for january and february

Check out the flower chart on the administration board by the office. There are several weeks in 2017 waiting for sponsors - even in January and February. Would you like to sponsor altar flowers in memory of someone or in honor of an event? The cost of the flowers is \$35. A payment envelope will be placed in your mailbox prior to your week as a reminder.

online offering

Members, please note that your 2017 envelopes are in your mailbox, unless you give electronically through Simply Giving. Simply Giving is a convenient, safe, and simple way to make your church offering through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from your checking account, savings account, debit card, or credit card. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Please contact the church office if you need more information about this or if you are ready to switch to electronic giving.

annual meeting

on Sunday, January 29
at noon
in the fellowship hall