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for February 4 & 5, 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 february outreach offering: the women's center

The Women's Center is an independent, non-profit human service agency serving the Waukesha area. Its mission is to provide safety, shelter, and support to women and their families and to facilitate their development. The Women's Center provides free and comprehensive services to address the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse.

St. John's has a long standing relationship of providing support to the Women's Center. To assist them with their mission, our monthly donations emphasis for February will focus on the following items: lotion, deodorant, facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, ZipLoc bags, food storage containers, baby monitors and size 5 & 6 Diapers. We will collect the items in the shopping cart in the fellowship hall. Similar donations are appreciated year round and may be put in the large blue bin in the donation location area of the fellowship hall.

An additional item greatly needed by clients of the Women's Center are gas cards and grocery gift cards. These should be put in the silver drop box by the office.

thrivent choice dollars

St. John's received \$1,970 in charitable outreach funding in 2016 based on recommendations from Thrivent members. Thank you! If you are a Thrivent member, remember 2016 Choice Dollars expire on March 31. If you haven't directed your Choice Dollars, please consider directing them to St. John's.

dreaming of the future with LU

The Listening and Understanding team is organizing three discussion sessions over the next few months. These will give all of you a chance to learn from each other about our current ministries and discuss your hopes for St. John's future. This is your opportunity to contribute to areas where you have special insight or passion and to connect to areas you're not as familiar. We want to be intentional about our future, and we need everyone's help.

At our first session, on Sunday afternoon, February 19 from 5pm – 7pm, we will welcome Todd Luebstorf to discuss Property and Pastor Eric to cover Children, Youth and Family ministries. Light snacks and childcare will be provided. *If you plan to attend please sign up on the sheet at the welcome desk.* We want to make sure we have enough spots and food for everyone.

Save the date for future discussions on other topics: Sundays, March 26 & April 30, 4pm-6pm.

For more information please speak to a member of the Listening and Understanding committee: Pr. Jennifer Arnold, Russ Brown, Jeff Gubbins, Jerry Hanson, Chris Klink, April Nunn or Kim Stephens.



next steps for this week

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| Feb 5 | 8:30a | worship |
| | 9:45a | education hour |
| | 10:45a | worship |
| | 3:00p | Kannada Kali |
| | 6:30p | Al Anon |
| Feb 6 | 9:00a | yoga |
| | 11:30a | Hope Center meal |
| | 6:00p | adult confirmation |
| | 6:30p | Al Anon |
| Feb 7 | 10:00a | staff meeting |
| | 10:30a | AA |
| | 6:00p | quilters |
| | 6:00p | TOPS |
| | 6:30p | handbell choir |
| | 7:00p | boy scouts |
| Feb 8 | 9:30a | morning circle |
| | 12:45p | afternoon circle |
| | 5:15p | KOTK |
| | 6:00p | AA |
| | 6:30p | confirmation |
| | 6:30p | choir |
| | 6:30p | boy scouts |
| Feb 9 | 6:30p | Al Anon |
| | 7:00p | GALS |
| Feb 10 | 10:00a | prayer shawl ministry |
| | 7:30p | Chinese Christian Church |
| | 8:00p | AA |
| Feb 11 | 8:00a | Men's Group |
| | 9:00a | diakonia |
| | 9:30a | AA |
| | 5:15p | worship |
| Feb 12 | 8:30a | worship |
| | 9:45a | education hour |
| | 10:45a | worship |
| | 3:00p | Kannada Kali |
| | 6:30p | Al Anon |

future opportunities

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| Feb 25 | | Day of Discovery |
| Feb 26 | 12:00p | Loaves and Fishes |
| Mar 1 | 6:30p | Ash Wednesday worship |
| Mar 18 | | high school lock-in |
| Mar 19 | | pancake breakfast |

please pray...

blessings upon our confirmands as they affirm their baptisms this weekend.
for these immediate needs of healing and strength
Aiden, Barb, Bernie, Eleanor, Harry, Jerry, John, Judd, Marge, 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 Charles and Pat Gardner in honor of Nora's and Scott's birthdays.

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

confirmation service

Please continue to pray for and encourage our youth that affirmed their baptisms this weekend:

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| Kian Arnold | Brianna Luebstorf |
| Kyle Cornelius | Emily Otten |
| Jennifer Degenhardt | Josh Petersen |
| Kristina Harms | Maggie Scanlon |
| Anja Logan | Alyssa Vetta |

preschool enrollment is open

St. John's Preschool is now enrolling for September 2017. We offer three classes:

2 Year Old Class NEW!

3 Year Old Class

Kindergarten Readiness (4K) Class

Ask us how we can partner with your family for an excellent preschool learning experience.

Information is available in the Preschool slot at Information Desk or you may call or email to start the conversation and arrange a tour. Please share our information with family, friends and neighbors.

262-786-4298

Preschool@makedisciples.com

www.makedisciples.com/preschool



music & worship next steps

seven last words of Christ

Mark your calendars today for a dramatic, moving concert on March 5, 4pm, Shattuck Auditorium at Carroll University. The St. John's Senior Choir will join area choirs and soloists in presenting the powerful words of Jesus from the cross by Dubois. This concert will bless your Lenten journey. Bring your family and friends! No tickets needed. Free-will offering.



learning and growing next steps

adult education

There is no formal adult education scheduled for this Sunday, February 5.

memorial garden update

The committee is happy to share progress on our St. John's Memorial Garden. The structure of the columbarium holding 72 niches is on order from Eickhof Columbaria, Crookston, MN. The columbarium will be installed in May. Landscaping around the columbarium, including plantings, lighting, pavers, and decorative pieces will commence as weather allows. Photos of the design and sample materials are displayed in the lobby and on a fellowship hall bulletin board.

Two opportunities for purchase are available now. The niches are priced at \$3,000 (double) and \$2,000 (single.) A 10% reduced pre-construction price will end *March 1*. In addition, the Memorial Garden includes beautiful brick pavers (\$125) that offer an opportunity to honor and memorialize loved ones. Samples of pavers with inscriptions are on display, also.

If you have questions or comments for the Memorial Garden Committee, please feel free to contact them (listed on display.)



caring & serving next steps

a taste of hope

Join us for a fun filled evening at Hope Center's 7th Annual Taste of Hope! Sample wonderful wines and beers with tasty food. It will be held on Thursday, February 9 at Thunderbay Grille in Pewaukee at 5:00 p.m.

loaves and fishes

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." This passage from Matthew 25:34 is exactly what Loaves and Fishes is all about. St. John's has, for many years, played an active role in providing its members the opportunity to serve those in need of a hot meal in Waukesha County. Along with 25 other Congregations in the Waukesha area, St. John's provides the food for the meal and members help prepare it, greet the guests, and serve the meal twice a year. It is a wonderful occasion for families to work together to serve others!

St. John's will be serving the Loaves and Fishes meal at Hope Center on Sunday, February 26. We need a few people to help prepare food, greet our guests, and serve the meal. Sign up to help prepare the meal (12:30-2:30 pm) or to serve and clean up (2:00-4:00). Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the lobby. If you are not familiar with this program and would like more information, please contact Dawn Williams @ 262-309-9333 or dwilliams@intrinvest.com



day of discovery registration is now open

Your registration form is in your mailbox. Check out the variety of things to learn and experience on Saturday, February 25, 8:15am-12:30pm during the 5th Day of Discovery. Come enjoy the morning with your friends from St. John's and All Peoples along with their guests. Our keynote speaker, Teri Bergendahl, will guide us toward reflection on the good things that God offers to quench our spiritual hunger and feel the warmth of His grace. Breakfast will be served at the onset of the program with snacks throughout. Make reservations to attend, and select which breakout sessions you want to attend. Register via paper form or go online to www.makedisciples.com, and select Women's Ministries under the Learning & Growing tab for the link to get registered. Deadline is February 19. Questions? Contact Cindy Schaefer, 262-271-6623.

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!

YOU are invited

retired men's breakfast and/or lunch

You are welcome to join us for hot coffee, good food, and lively conversation!

8:30 a.m. breakfast - 1st Thursday of the month

Noon lunch - 3rd Thursday of the month

We gather at the Brookfield Family Restaurant, 18000 West Bluemound. We look forward to seeing you! Call Roy Osmon with questions at 262-821-9050.