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for November 18 & 19, 2017

St. John's Lutheran Church  
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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 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.



### thanksgiving eve worship

Are you blessed? Are you thankful? Join us on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm to worship and praise God, the provider of all blessings.

### thanksgiving eve assistants needed

Are you planning to worship on Thanksgiving Eve to praise God for your abundant blessings? Would you be willing to give of your time that evening? We are in need of worship assistants. If you can serve, please stop by the information desk and reserve your spot!

### blood drive

Are you thankful for your health? Have you thought about donating blood to help others? Aaron Blazek, member of our boy scout troop, is organizing a blood drive on Wednesday, November 22 for his Eagle project. Appointments can be made at [bcw.edu/AaronEagleScout](http://bcw.edu/AaronEagleScout) or by contacting Aaron at 262-278-8111.

### come claim your card table!

Thank you for loaning us your card table for the Holiday Bazaar's Taste Table. You will find it in the Fellowship Hall.

### mortgage update

The finance team would like to share the mortgage balance as of November 8 is \$67,838.49.

### MET update

Your MET Team has had two meetings. We are in the process of gathering information from 2011 MET Report, 2012 TAG Report and the 2016 Listening and Understanding sessions. The next steps will include asking for your input. Please feel free to contact us at any time by email at [met@makedisciples.com](mailto:met@makedisciples.com) or speak to any of your team members:  
Mark Aamot, Mary Almasi, Carolyn Krause, Jordan Larson, Stephanie Mauck, Benji Salinas, Melissa Seamonson, Rich Warp, Ralph Zick, and Pastor Frank.

### ELCA world hunger appeal

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35*

ELCA World Hunger has been working to address hunger and poverty through education, advocacy, relief and development for 43 years. From microloans to health clinics, water wells to animal husbandry, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger.

November 18/19 is St. John's ELCA World Hunger Appeal weekend. We have a special guest preacher, Pastor Robin Brown, from the ELCA World Hunger Appeal office. She has traveled extensively on behalf of the Hunger Appeal effort, and will bring us a wealth of heartfelt advocacy ... from her experiences in the front lines fight against hunger. Please prayerfully consider either a significant one time donation, or consider monthly giving to help fight world hunger through our "Burger A Month" club. As always, there are bundles of convenient reminder envelopes available for anyone wishing to help out by monthly giving.

### next steps for this week

Nov 19	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon
Nov 20	9:00a	yoga
	11:30a	Hope Center meal
	6:30p	Al Anon
	6:30p	budget allocation meeting
	7:00p	evening circle
Nov 21	10:00a	staff meeting
	10:30a	AA
	6:00p	TOPS
	6:30p	joyful bells
	7:00p	boy scouts
Nov 22	3:00p	blood drive
	6:00p	AA
	6:30p	Thanksgiving Eve worship
Nov 23		office closed
	6:30p	Al Anon
Nov 24		office closed
	7:30p	Chinese Christian Church
	8:00p	AA
Nov 25	8:00a	men's group
	8:30a	diakonia
	9:30a	AA
	5:15p	worship
Nov 26	8:30a	worship
	9:45a	education hour
	10:45a	worship
	3:00p	Kannada Kali
	6:30p	Al Anon

### future opportunities

Dec 2	9:00a	women's Advent brunch
Dec 16	8:30a	men's Christmas breakfast
Dec 24	9:00a	Advent 4 worship
Dec 24	4:00p	Christmas Eve worship
	7:00p	Christmas Eve worship
	11:00p	Christmas Eve worship
Dec 25		no worship

### please pray...

for these immediate needs of healing and strength  
Barb, Carolyn, Chuck, David, Doris, Jerry, Marge, Matt, Pat, Ray, Sharlene  
for ongoing treatment and recovery  
David, Jerry, Kirsten, Lori, Tim  
for our shut-ins  
Gretchen Brueske, June Carlson, Virginia Degenhardt, Dolores Hartman, Alice Ladewig, Helen Ranum, Lois Rosholt, Ruth Segal  
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; Drew Malicki; 2nd Lt. Stuart McConnell; Taylor Rouse; Lt. Cmdr. Bartholomew Sievenpiper; Pvt. Kacey Slater; Maj. Rick L Strickroot; Todd Westhauser; 1st Lt. Madeline Wilcox; William Wright

### altar flowers

Altar flowers are sponsored today by the Mauck Family in honor of Rob's 25th birthday.

### looking ahead

The sermon for next week will be based on part of the Narrative Lectionary text from: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 (Jeremiah's letter to exiles)

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](mailto:office@makedisciples.com).



## caring & serving next steps

### 2017-2018 budget allocations to local organizations

The 2017-2018 St. John's budget includes an outreach component for allocation to local organizations. This allocation is 1.5% of total budget. If you are interested in determining how the 2017-2018 dollars will be allocated, please plan to attend a review meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, **November 20**, in the library. Partnership ministries (All Peoples, El Salvador, Akeri Parish) have their own budget, separate from this allocation.

A one page handout with additional details, is available at the information desk.

Contact Brian Cranfill, local Outreach Chair, with questions, at 262-786-2619.

### mt. meru coffee project ambassador

Gerry Milz has been the project Ambassador serving St John's for many years. Gerry has stepped away from this role and the project would like to thank her for her service in this ministry. Andy Petersen will be the Ambassador moving forward. As always some of the coffee products offered by the project will be available for purchase at the display in the lobby. If the product you want is not at the display please contact Andy by phone (262-951-8890) or email ([petersenandy@att.net](mailto:petersenandy@att.net)) to place an order.

"Supporting Families – Growing Futures – Changing Lives"

### mt. meru holiday items

Mt Meru is now offering 2017 Holiday special items including a burlap tote bag with your choice of a 12 oz. bag of coffee included for \$20 each. New coffee mugs are also available for \$9 each. Check out these items at the coffee display in the lobby. Place your order now while supplies last.

### november outreach focus

#### *Mission of Healing in El Salvador*

**Travel:** The team is in need of helpers who like to play with children and who might be interested in helping in a teaching area. Spanish is not a requirement. Contact the church office to get connected to trip applications, the Facebook group, and other resources. Application deadline is December 1. Cost is \$650 plus flight (probably about \$700). Trip dates are February 3-11, 2018.

**Give:** Your financial support will help the team purchase basic medications in El Salvador. Every family that participates in the Mission of Healing receives a basic first aid kit with Tylenol for children and for adults. The team also purchases anti-parasite medication for those who need it. Check to St. John's with memo: Mission of Healing.

**Give:** Band-Aids and Toothbrushes! Toothbrushes should be soft or extra-soft, for adults or children. Donations may be placed in the Shopping Cart! This is our FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER!

**Make:** Days for Girls Kits. These are washable feminine hygiene kits for girls and young women. They are given out during the Mission of Healing at a teaching center about menstruation. Contact the church office to get connected with St. John's women who are involved in this project! Donations of DARK patterned flannel are also welcomed!

### women's advent brunch

Saturday, December 2 9-11am  
A morning filled with preparations to travel through the Advent season to the Christ Child. Enjoy a delicious brunch, fellowship, and the message "Christmas Travelers" by guest speaker Elizabeth Murphy. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby. A free will offering will be accepted.

### men's Christmas breakfast

Guys of all ages – join us for a hearty breakfast and good fellowship at our annual Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, December 16 at 8:30 in the fellowship hall. This is a good opportunity to get to know other men of St. John's. Bring a friend! Your son! Your father! Sign up on the bulletin board in the church lobby.



## children, youth & families next steps

### preschool needs grown ups

It's that Preschool Time of Year!

St. John's Preschool needs grownups to help us during our Parent/Teacher conferences on **Monday, November 20**. 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?  
We have: 8-9am, 9-10am, 10:15-11:30 am and 11:30-12:30

Please contact Laura Rickinger at [preschool@makedisciples.com](mailto:preschool@makedisciples.com) or 262-786-4298 or sign up at the Art Easel in the lobby.

### calling all young artists

Christmas is coming and we need your help to create colorful designs for our bulletin covers! Forms will be distributed in Sunday school, confirmation and youth group this weekend. If you miss it or lose it pick up an extra entry sheet from the information desk in the lobby. Entries are due by **December 10**.

Any child, ages 1-18, may submit an entry. The top six entries will be used as our bulletin covers (in color!) for Christmas Eve. Happy creating!



## learning and growing next steps

### conversations with martin luther

How well do you know the Small Catechism? Want to know more or dust off some rust? Join the Adult Ed group in the library at 9:45 to discuss the book "By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism". It will be an exploration of how our lives connect to the biblical and historical context of the Luther's Small Catechism. No prep needed. If you are curious, drop in!



## music & worship next steps

### altar flowers

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers next year in memory of someone or in honor of an event? The 2018 flower chart is posted on the administration board by the offices. The current cost of the altar flower arrangements is \$35.

### bulletin folding

Looking for a new ministry to try? Do you prefer to work behind the scenes? Consider folding worship bulletins. The commitment is for one month at a time. Bulletins are printed, ready to be folded, by Friday at noon. You fold them (at church or at home) by 4:00 pm on Saturday afternoon. The sign up sheets are on the administration board by the offices. Sign up for one month or more. Contact Pam in the office with questions.

### savior of the nations, come

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee will present "Savior of the Nations, Come" at SJLC on Friday, December 1 at 7:30 PM. Featuring works by Carter, Holst, Jennings, Wilberg, and Chilcott as well as Children's Choir, Bell Choir and Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are available at the door [www.lutheranacappella.org](http://www.lutheranacappella.org)

### a star in the east

The Jubilate Chorale will present "A Star in the East" at SJLC Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 PM. SJLC Organist Rebecca Whelpley is the accompanist for this group and SJLC member Pat Gardner also sings with the group. Featuring works of the season by Britten, Teasdale, Rutter, Bach, and Chilcott as well as guest instrumentalists. Tickets are available at the door or through Rebecca Whelpley. [www.jubilatechorale.org](http://www.jubilatechorale.org)

### poinsettias for Christmas

As we approach Advent and Christmas, we take time to remember our loved ones. If you would like to pay tribute to a loved one through St. John's this year, you may order poinsettias for the beautification of our sanctuary. All honorariums and memorials will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Place this tribute form and payment in the box on the info desk by **December 10**. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran.