

St. John's Lutheran Church

Brookfield, Wisconsin

Announcements for

November 26 & 27, 2011

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.
Psalm 100:5



WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND THANKSGIVING

1. WELCOME VISITORS ~ If you are visiting St. John's for the first time, be sure to stop at the Information Desk in the narthex to receive a visitor packet. Also, join us for coffee and pastries in the Fellowship Hall between services. **Please fill out a cream visitor slip found on the back of the church seats. Prayer request forms** are on the back of the visitor slips. Drop completed forms in the offering plate or hand them to an usher.

2. PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS ~ Don Pfaff; Partner Churches: Los Héroes, Akeri, All People's; unemployed. **ALL THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY** ~ Adam Kaczmarek; Robert Long; Lt. Col. Todd Westhauser; Staff Sergeant Rick Bachtell; Capt. Nathaniel Lauterbach; Maj. Rick L. Strickroot; Sgt. Andrew Smith; David Ware; Chris Stapleton; Michael Beasley; Michael George; John Bruschi, Jr.; Ashleigh Ducey; Joe Ducey; Ryan Cranfill; Maj. Chad Ramskugler.

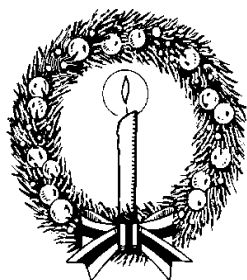
3. ENHANCING WORSHIP

- ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Dolores Wuttke in memory of Ken Wuttke.
- 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.

4. STAINED GLASS Our stained glass will be dedicated, Sunday, Dec. 4th, at the 8:30 a.m. service! Come, and be inspired by the light and message from this important work; may it illuminate and enhance not only our worship but our lives. 1 Thess. 5:5 a,b: "We are all children of light....we are not of the night or darkness." Discipleship Hour on the 4th will include a talk with one of the artists of the windows.



1st Sunday in Advent

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

WORSHIP will be held in the Youth Room at 5:15.

This Week at a glance

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| Nov 27 | 8:30a | Worship |
| | 9:45a | No Education |
| | 11:00a | Worship |
| Nov 29 | 6:30p | Boy Scouts |
| | 6:45p | Joyful Bells |
| Nov 30 | 5:00p | Kids of the Kingdom |
| | 6:30p | Senior Choir |
| Dec 3 | 8:30a | Breakfast with Santa |
| | 5:15p | Worship |
| Dec 4 | 8:30a | Worship |
| | 9:45a | Discipleship Hour |
| | 11:00a | Worship |
| | 6:15p | Parenting Class for Dads |

Future opportunities

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| Dec 7 | KOTK & Confirmands carol at Franciscan Woods (5:30) |
| Dec 10 | Madrigal Practice (9:30) |
| Dec 10 | Madrigal Dinner |
| Dec 11 | Kids Advent Worship |
| Dec 17 | Men's Advent Breakfast |
| | Christmas Food Box Deliveries |
| Dec 18 | Music Sunday |
| Dec 18 | Master Singers Concert |
| Dec 21 | Senior Choir caroling at Brookfield Gardens and party |

Adult Ed—Growing Deeper

Sanctuary

November 27

no offering

December 4

"Stained Glass Project" with the Jubilee Committee and the Stained Glass Artist

DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IS WEDNESDAY AT NOON. STAFF AND PASTORS PROOF AND MAKE FINAL DECISIONS ON WHAT GOES INTO THE ANNOUNCEMENTS BASED ON SPACE, TIMING AND NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. PLEASE SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO PAM AT EMAIL ADDRESS: OFFICE@MAKEDISCIPLES.COM.

"Walking with Christ, Strengthening Lives"

CONGREGATION

1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

THIS WEEK: There is no Christian Education this week due to Thanksgiving.

NEXT WEEK: "Stained Glass Project" Jubilee Committee and the Stained Glass Artist

2. MADRIGAL ITEMS NEEDED We are looking for two high-backed chairs for the Madrigal. If you are able to fill a need please contact Carol Peterson (414-607-6906) or Lois Marks (414-771-2283).

3. MADRIGAL TICKETS The Madrigal Festival is scheduled for December 10 at 6:00pm. Ticket available in the narthex. Cost is \$16 per ticket.



4. DADS AND DADS-TO-BE: "Being an Effective Father in a Defective World" next meets December 4. Grab an informational postcard from the narthex information desk. The class will meet in the Ruth and Naomi room downstairs from 6:15-7:30pm.

5. ACT: Active Christian Teens Serving Others – Need help with a St. John's event? Would you like to enlist our 6th-8th grade confirmation students? Please send your ideas for service projects and your requests for help to stjohns_lutheranact@gmail.com.

6. 3rd THROUGH 5th GRADE LUTHERDALE RETREAT: January 13th –14th, 2012. Please turn your registration form and payment in to Charis Gordon's staff mailbox no later than December 1st. Interested in being a chaperone? Please contact Charis Gordon at discipleship@makedisciples.com.

7. BREAKFAST WITH SANTA St. John's is hosting their annual Breakfast with Santa fundraiser on Saturday, December 3. Tickets can be purchased in the narthex between services November 27 or by calling the preschool at 786-4298.

8. MEN'S BREAKFAST – Let's get together for some food, fellowship, celebration, and inspiration this Christmas season. Join us for a Men's Christmas Breakfast, Saturday December 17th at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. ALL are welcome. Bring a friend! your son! your father! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

9. POINSETTIAS AND MORE If you wish to remember or honor a loved one this Christmas, the worship board has three suggestions. Purchase a poinsettia for our sanctuary, make a donation to Heifer International, or make a donation to ELCA World Hunger. Green "Tis the Season" donation forms with more details are on the information desk. Forms and payments are due December 4 for poinsettias and December 11 for the other donations.



10. BULLETIN FOLDING Help wanted to fold the weekly bulletins. If you wish to participate in this behind-the-scenes ministry please sign up in the narthex on the blue sheets. Commitment is for one month at a time.

11. ALTAR FLOWERS If you wish to sponsor altar flowers in the year 2012, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cost of the flowers will remain at \$25.

12. KIDS' CLUB: All preschool through 5th grade students are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship on December 18th from 6:15-7:30pm. Moms – Take the night off and get some Christmas shopping done! Have Dad bring the kids to Kids' Club while he goes to the parenting class for dads.



13. FACEBOOK Are you on Facebook? We are! Become a fan and like St. John's.

14. YOUTH: Join us for the Citizens with the Saints Tour concert on December 9th, from 7-10pm, at Ascension Lutheran in Waukesha. Agape and Rachel Kurtz in Concert in East Hall. Registration at the door. \$5 per person. Contact Cheryl Poth at cherylpoth@yahoo.com or 414 218-9480.

15. MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

Here's a snapshot as to how we're doing so far this year:

Spent:	\$568,190
Received:	\$526,128

We are **short** \$42,062 so far for the year. Please help us close this gap before year-end. December is typically a larger giving month, which may be offset this year since Christmas falls on a Sunday. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

CONGREGATION

16. 6TH – 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION: We will not meet November 27 due to Thanksgiving or December 4 due to most of you being at the retreat.

17. YOUTH QUAKE ZONE: All 6th through 12th grade students are invited to attend Quake Zone in Wisconsin Dells on March 9th-11th. Registration forms are available in the narthex (on the bulletin board between the Fellowship Hall doors and the sanctuary doors). Please return the form to Charis Gordon's staff mailbox.

18. MASTER SINGERS CONCERT: The Master Singers will give a concert here on December 18 at 3:00 pm. The concert, called *GLORIA* will feature sacred pieces highlighting the Christmas message. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



19. BAZAAR EARNINGS: The bazaar profit for this year was \$9,630!

WORLD

1. WRITE TO THE KIDS IN LOS HEROES!! Tim Muth will be traveling to El Salvador in December and will hand-carry cards to our scholarship kids, the Sunday School kids, and the Youth Group. Everyone is encouraged to make or write a Christmas card. Place cards into the El Salvador mailbox near Pastor Jennifer's office by December 4

2. AKERI PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE: Whether you have traveled to Tanzania or not, you are invited to join the Akeri Partnership committee. This group's main focus is continuing to develop and maintain our relationship with our sister church in the Meru area of Tanzania. Our partnership is new but we are already starting a project via the Spotlight Ministries to help Akeri build a Kindergarten school. Some of the other activities we do are planning upcoming trips to the area, planning and implementing fundraising as needed and sharing our experiences with the congregation at St. John's. Please contact Deborah Petersen at 262 951 8893 or debbiearah@att.net. I leave you with a Swahili proverb: **HABA NA HABA HUJAZA KIBABA** "A great journey is begun by a single mile." We pray you consider joining us on this great journey!

COMMUNITY

1. FOOD PANTRIES In answering God's call to feed the hungry St. John's supports two different Food Pantries: Waukesha County and All Peoples. Donations may be placed in the large bins in the Donation Location. Cereal, canned vegetables, canned meat and peanut butter are some of the most requested items.

2. CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX DRIVE: This will be St. John's 27th annual drive. We deliver food (fixin's for a holiday meal including a canned ham, Christmas goodies, plus general food staples) for less fortunate families. How can you help? Pick up and fill one (or more) of our suggested "red", "green" or "white" grocery lists... provide a canned ham or frozen turkey...deliver food...there are plenty of opportunities to serve. The Green and Red lists are for All Peoples, they complement to honor the specific items they've requested. White lists are for the Waukesha Food Pantry. Get into the Christmas Spirit by checking out the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. All deliveries are scheduled for Saturday morning, Dec 17th (Please "double bag", and staple your list to the bag).



3. CARROLL UNIVERSITY CONCERT ~ Carroll University has given St. John's 20 tickets for their Christmas Concert on December 4 at 7:30 pm. The free tickets will be given on a first come basis based upon the sign up sheet in the narthex.

4. GIVING TREE: The Giving Tree is back at St. John's to assist you in giving to others this Christmas. Simply take one or more ornaments from the tree. Purchase those items. Place those items unwrapped in the buckets under the tree. Please put gift cards in the office.



5. CHRIST IS COME TOUR Featuring Big Daddy Weave with Dara McClean December 9 at Waukesha County Expo. Concert begins at 7:00pm. Tickets: \$15 Advance/ \$20 Door, \$35 VIP (Includes Front Section seating, Advance Meet & Greet, along with Early Entry at 4:45). Tickets are on sale at iTickets.com & available at the Waukesha County Expo Center Box Office M-F 8am-4:30pm