

St. John's Lutheran Church

Brookfield, Wisconsin

Announcements for

December 3 & 4, 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.

- Family, friends, holidays
- My aunt with diabetes
- My friend's hockey team and his grandma, who is about to have chemo therapy
- For my friend to stay out of trouble
- For Pastor Jennifer to be a great pastor at St. John's
- My scholarship student in El Salvador

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.

4. ENHANCING WORSHIP

- ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jerry and Sherry Olson in honor of granddaughter Maelyn's 3rd birthday.
- 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.

3. WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

Each time a Confirmation student fills out their Worship Notes, they are invited to share any prayer requests they might have in hope that the pastor and the community at St. John's will pray with them. Here are this week's requests:

- Help my friend with cancer to get better
- The Packers to continue in success!
- For everyone in America to have something for the holidays
- All the homeless, poor, and less fortunate
- Help me pay attention in class
- My dad to recover well from surgery
- My basketball team
- For my friend's knee to get better
- To get my skill back on bars
- My family and my grandma's health

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 discussion and questions with the stained glass committee.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

"Walking with Christ, Strengthening Lives"

This Week at a glance

- Dec 4** 8:30a Worship
9:45a Discipleship Hour
11:00a Worship
6:15p Parenting Class for Dads
6:30p 9th Grade & Mentor Session
- Dec 6** 6:30p Boy Scouts
6:45p Joyful Bells
- Dec 7** 5:30p KOTK & Confirmands carol at Franciscan Woods
6:30p Senior Choir
- Dec 10** 9:30a Madrigal Rehearsal
5:15p Worship in the Youth Room
6:00p Madrigal Dinner
- Dec 11** 8:30a Worship with Kid's Advent Message
9:45a Discipleship Hour
11:00a Worship
6:15p Parenting Class for Dads

Future opportunities

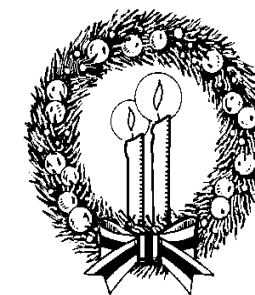
- Dec 17** Men's Advent Breakfast
Christmas Food Box Deliveries
- Dec 18** Music Sunday
Master Singers Concert
Kid's Club
- Dec 21** Senior Choir caroling at Brookfield Gardens and party
- Dec 24** Christmas Eve Worships
3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm
- Dec 25** Christmas Day Worship at 10:00am
- Dec 26** Office Closed
- Jan 1** New Year's Day Worship at 10:00am
- Jan 2** Office Closed

Adult Ed—Growing Deeper

Sanctuary

December 4
"Stained Glass Project"
with the Jubilee Committee

December 11
"The Bible for Busy People: A Panoramic View of Testaments Old & New"
with Chris Klink



2nd Sunday in Advent

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@MAKEDISCIPLS.COM.

CONGREGATION

1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

THIS WEEK: "Stained Glass Project" with the Jubilee Committee

NEXT WEEK: "Bible for Busy People" with Christ Klink

2. DADS AND DADS-TO-BE: "Being an Effective Father in a Defective World" meets TONIGHT at 6:15pm in the Ruth and Naomi room.

3. GIRLS, GOD AND GLAM: 8th-12th grade girls - Celebrate the beauty that God has given you!



Bring your beauty gear for an afternoon of makeover fun! 1-4 pm, Monday, December 26th in the Youth Room. Please RSVP to Cheryl Poth or Angie Rose-Mueller.

4. 3RD THROUGH 5TH GRADE LUTHERDALE RETREAT: January 13th -14th, 2012. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP! Please turn your registration form and payment in to Charis Gordon's staff mailbox by Thursday morning. If you have financial concerns or are interested in being a chaperone, please contact Charis Gordon at discipleship@makedisciples.com.

5. 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. John Anderson, former Green Bay Packer linebacker, will speak about why it is important for men to be involved in Men's Ministry and small groups.



6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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 TODAY for poinsettias and December 11 for the other donations.



9. 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 Effective Father class.



10. 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.

11. 6TH - 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION: No confirmation tonight due to the retreat.

12. 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.



13. ST. JOHN'S MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND The end of the year is often a time some consider a gift to the church. If you are looking for a way to leave a lasting legacy and ensure the work of our church continues, please think of the Mission Endowment Fund. Brochures can be found at the Information Desk, or contact Penny Prior (Committee Chair) via email at endowment@makedisciples.com

14. Thanks to these St. John's teens for their service in painting the Youth Room - Hannah, Isabella, Karmen, Tyler & Kevin!! You Rock! And thanks to all the adults who helped out!!!

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16. NEW MEMBERS CLASS: January 15th, 22nd, 29th, and February 5th in the library with Pastor Arnold. If you are ready to place your membership with St. John's, or if you just want to learn more about the church and Lutheranism, join us! Invite your friends who are looking for a church home! Feel free to contact Pastor Arnold with any questions.

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

WORLD

1. Last Call for Christmas Cards! Surprise a child in Los Heroes with a Christmas card! Generic cards in English are fine! We will write names on them for you! Scholarship sponsors are encouraged to write to their students. Cards must be dropped off at St. John's by Wednesday, December 7th at 7 pm.

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. Some of the activities we do are helping with a kindergarten, 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 debbierah@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!

3. LOS HEROES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2012 - information packets are available on the WORLD board and on the El Salvador board near Pastor Jennifer's office. No gift is too small! The new school year begins January 9th - and there are lots of opportunities for new sponsors to participate! Contact Linda Muth at linda.muth@gmail.com for information.

COMMUNITY

1. 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).



2. CARROLL UNIVERSITY CONCERT ~ Carroll University has given St. John's free tickets for their Christmas Concert on December 4 at 7:30 pm. The remaining tickets are in an envelope on the board in the narthex.

3. 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.



4. 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

5. SING FOR JOY! Christmas Caroling with All Peoples families - Wednesdays December 7th & 14th at 6:00 pm. Meet at All Peoples for singing followed by soup and hot cocoa.

6. FREE CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR HOMEBOUND Once again, St. Williams Church is offering meals. To arrange for a meal, contact Marcia Slowinski at 262-798-1520