

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S..**

SUNDAY, 12/17.. **8am Divine Worship**; 9am Coffee Hour-Birthday Party for Jesus; **11am Divine Worship**; 1:30pm Church & Conference Room Rental; 2:30pm Fellowship Room & Bowling Alley Rental; 3pm Conference Room Rental; 4:30pm Church Rental; **6pm Divine Worship**

MONDAY, 12/18.. 6pm Girl Scouts; 6:30pm Gym Rental/Cub Scouts; 7pm Boy Scouts/LCC Rehearsal in the Music Room

TUESDAY, 12/19.. 6:30pm Council Meeting; 7pm Gym Rental

WEDNESDAY, 12/20.. **9am Children's Chapel**; 9:30am Support Group; 12pm Gym Set Up; 2:45pm Cookie Walk; **4:30pm Midweek Worship**; 5pm Gym Rental; 6pm Fellowship Room Rental/Food Pantry; **7pm Choral Vespers**; 8pm Cookie Walk

THURSDAY, 12/21.. 5pm Fellowship Room Rental; 6:30pm Chancel Bells/Gym Rental; 7pm Support Group; 7:45pm Church Choir

FRIDAY, 12/22.. ½ Day of School; 6:30pm Ellinger Hall & Bowling Alley Rental

SATURDAY, 12/23.. 10am Music Room Rental; 6:30pm Ellinger Hall & Bowling Alley Rental

SUNDAY, 12/24.. **9:30am Divine Worship**; 1:30pm Church & Conference Room Rental; 3pm Conference Room Rental; **4:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**; **11pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**

**THE COOKIE WALK..** is this week! Don't forgot to drop off your homemade cookies in the gym kitchen Wednesday morning. The cookie walk will be open for business starting at 2:45pm until time of service and then again after the Choral Vespers service.

**CHORAL VESPERS..** will soon be here, along with more available seating and parking! What?! Yes! It's true! This year, the upper grades already have participated in their Christmas programs. The adult choir and bells, along with congregational hymns and carols, will provide a beautiful service of Lessons and Carols. Come and hear God's Word, respond in prayer and praise with these joyous songs that celebrate the birth of Our Lord, and then enjoy treats from the Cookie Walk, supporting the Agape Fund!

**THE CHRISTMAS BANNER..** lovingly created by Linda Galek, boldly displays the ROSE of Sharon (a name for Jesus prophesied in Isaiah 35:1,2; Isaiah 11:1,2; and Song of Solomon 2:1) under the greeting of BEHOLD, inviting us to remember the prophesy fulfilled. The right side of the banner spells out the Greek word for "fish," ΙΧΘΥC. ΙΧΘΥC is also an acrostic on the first letters of "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior." Bordering the entire banner are tiny Greek crosses reminding us of Christ's redemptive work on earth. **MAY THESE SYMBOLS CONTINUALLY REMIND YOU OF GOD'S GREATEST GIFT OF ALL, JESUS CHRIST.**

**EAGLET- December 17, 2017**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS TODAY...**

**CROWN OF LIFE..** +Ken Nelson+  
**IN THE HOSPITAL..** Jay Davis  
**HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL..** Debbie Callaghan  
**IN REHAB..** Leonard Heldt

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**December 12, 2017 - Prayer Chain**

**PEACE AND COMFORT:** family and friends of Maria's cousin – a 25 year old young man who committed suicide; family and friends of Ian's mother and Kenneth Little who both passed away from cancer; family and friends of Ken Nelson on his passing; for all those who have suffered a loss and continue to mourn.

**CANCER: Charles Lorenz;** Paul Abts; Anna Rowley; John; Elisabeth Bannerman; Dennis; Stephen's brother; **Sandra**; ; Karen; Edie; Dylan; Lukas; Jay True, Kristine Edmunds, Alma Hill; Felicia ; Marge Howard; Linda Anderson; Emma Oberdieck; Josie; Barbara Livermore; Carmelo Scuncio; Rev William Uffenbeck.

**HEALING& RECOVERY: Melinda Ortega; Nancy;** Elizabeth; **Ann Keaton; Bev Bricker;** Ralph Helfen; Terri – MS; Bernie; **Dolores Sauser;** Rick Giovacchini; **Carrie O'Grady;** Nelly Diaz; **Mark Zanders Jr;** Cynthia; Beatrice; George Marcum; Mario Garcia; Gilbert Lowery; Tina Walk; Josh; Patty – the Lord's guidance for the doctors to resolve and treat her pain due to an unsuccessful spinal cord surgery; Joevanni – 10 year old with heart and liver issues; Terry and Diana – an elderly couple both struggling with multiple health issues; Iggy – having two mechanical valves implanted in his heart;

**HOSPICE:** Rich; Robert Phillips; Ruth Martin.

**HOSPITAL:** Linda R – pneumonia; Josie – pneumonia, delaying chemo treatments

**MISC PRAYERS:** Joshua Oberdieck; Mike; Laurel; Stacy and Ryan – safety as they travel this holiday season; Bob's son - recent heroin relapse.

**PRAISE AND THANKS:** for a successful knee surgery for Debbie Callaghan

**PREGNANCIES:** Dani Barzano; **Jayme Wier, Rachel Lent;** Katy Mizuchi; Brittney Wondrasch.

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:** our Seminarians, **Chris Antonetti** and Connor Wondrasch; safety for Police, Firemen and our military; the unemployed and under employed; for growth and stability of St. John's and Concordia Chicago; our Missionary family; our church and school leaders; wisdom for our government leaders and for our nation.

**NAMES FOR PRINCIPAL..** The Principal Call Committee welcomes you to submit names of LCMS rostered educators for the position of Principal for St. John's Lutheran School. Names are being solicited from the Northern Illinois District as well. Please either submit them to the office, and label "Principal Call Committee," or email the committee chair, Mr. Benedict, at [jbenedict@stjohnschicago.org](mailto:jbenedict@stjohnschicago.org).

**CHURCH ENVELOPES..** for 2018 are ready to be picked up in the back of church.

**LUTHERAN HOUR..** 6am on WGN AM720 for December 24<sup>th</sup> is **"The Greatest Story Ever Told"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. What is your favorite story? This Christmas Eve Day, The Lutheran Hour speaks about God's greatest story. (Luke 1:30-32a)

**WORSHIP ANEW..** airs Sundays at 11:30am on Comcast Channel 138. The topic for December 24<sup>th</sup> is **"A Great Announcement"** The angel Gabriel made a great announcement to mark. This story brings us comfort and joy, as we consider the way the announcement was made, what was announced, and how God prepared Mary for the role announced to her.

**SCHOOL NEWS..** The children in our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class were able to share the Christmas Story with the folks at Harmony House. Harmony House is a local nursing home that St. John's has had the privilege to visit over the years. The children were able to sing, visit and play Bingo with the residents there.

**DO-IT-YOURSELF MESSIAH..** is a Chicago tradition which brings together a world class conductor and soloists, an all-volunteer orchestra of local professionals and amateur musicians along with thousands of chorus/audience in a thrilling performance of Handel's masterpiece, the Messiah. Don Erber would like to get a group together to see this wonderful show on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please contact him if you are interested.

**DID YOU HAPPEN TO MISS..** the children's Christmas program these past two Wednesdays? Well have no fear it was videotaped and is on our Facebook page. Be sure to check out the amazing work that our Music Teacher, Mrs. Jurica was able to share with all of our students.

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK..** When you focus on problems, you'll have more problems. When you focus on possibilities, you'll have more opportunities.

**A WINTER HOLIDAY FAMILY EVENT..** will take place on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 7pm at Carl Schurz High School located at 3601 N. Milwaukee. The day will be jam-packed with family-friendly events sure to get you in a festive mood, from arts and crafts to a free concert, and everything in between! Donations will also be accepted for their food, toy, and clothing drive.

**PLEASE GET YOUR ORDERS IN..** for the Christmas poinsettias. All orders need to be in by Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out a form and turn it in at the Altar Guild window or drop it in the offering plate. Donations are also appreciated.

**PLEASE BE SURE..** to stop by the Dorcas Table at Birthday Party for Jesus as they will be selling packages of seasonings for \$5.00.

## Christmas

### **Birthday Party for Jesus**

December 17<sup>th</sup> between services

### **Choral Vespers**

December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### **Christmas Eve Divine Service**

December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**

December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 & 11pm

### **Christmas Day Worship**

December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

### **New Year's Eve**

December 31<sup>st</sup> at 8am, 11am & 6pm

### **Epiphany**

January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm



# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT



## **YOUR "GIFTS OF LOVE" IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL..**

### **OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
8am: 76, 11am: 43, 6pm: 17  
Bible Study: 33  
Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>:  
4:30pm: 18, 7pm: 236

Our "Gifts of Love"	Week of: 12/10/17	Goal:
Contributions	\$8,471.00	\$5,136.00
Mortgage	\$ 1,914.00	\$1,223.00
Missions	\$82.00	
Memorial	\$0.00	

### **SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Preacher:** Rev. Richard Heinz (8am, 11am & 6pm)  
**Organist:** Mark Eggert (8am & 11am)  
**Musical Enhancement:** Strings  
**Fellowship Hour:** Church Council  
**Communion:** S. Kurash (8 & 11am); Elders (6pm)  
**The Trustee:** T. Wilczak (opening) R. Kraak (closing)



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