

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

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**

MONDAY, 12/25.. **9:30am Christmas Day Divine Worship**

TUESDAY, 12/26.. 7pm Gym Rental

WEDNESDAY, 12/27.. 9:30am Support Group; 6pm Food Pantry

THURSDAY, 12/28.. 1pm Bowling Alley Rental; 6:30pm Gym Rental; 7pm Support Group

FRIDAY, 12/29.. Gym Floor Refinishing

SATURDAY, 12/30.. 10am Music Room Rental; 2pm Fellowship Room & Bowling Alley Rental

SUNDAY, 12/31.. **8am Divine Worship;** 9am Coffee Hour; 9:30am Bible Study/Sunday School; **11am Divine Worship;** 1:30pm Church & Conference Room Rental; 3pm Conference Room Rental; 4:30pm Church Rental; **6pm Worship**

**PLEASE BE AWARE..** that the office will be opened from 9am to 3pm December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**BLESSINGS..** The faculty and staff of St. John's Lutheran Church and School wish each member of St. John's and their families a New Year blessed with Christ's abundant blessings.

**GYM FLOOR..** will be refinished over Christmas Break. There will be no gym use or kitchen use from December 29<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> of January.

**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).

**NEW PRINCIPAL SURVEY INFORMATION..** After meeting on Monday, the Principal Call Committee has created a survey to collect information. We want to know what you want us to consider as we evaluate candidates to fill the position of principal at St. John's. As our stakeholders, your voice is important to us. Please follow the link below to complete the survey. We will continue to keep you updated throughout this process. Thank-you for your continued support! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BG532GT> The deadline to complete the survey is FRIDAY, January 5, 2018. Mr. Jeremy Benedict, Chairman, Principal Call Committee

**PORTAL OF PRAYERS..** are available to be picked up for January through March in the back of church.

**EAGLET- December 24, 2017**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS TODAY...**

**CROWN OF LIFE..** +Margaret Lyons+

**HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL..** Jay Davis

**IN REHAB..** Leonard Heldt

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**December 19, 2017 - Prayer Chain**

**PEACE AND COMFORT:** family and friends of Dawn Benson who passed away; family and friends of Mildred Keller (Rachel Lent's grandmother) who passed away; family and friends of Jim Alyward who passed away; family and friends of **Margaret Lyons** who passed away; 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; Jovanni; Terry and Diana; Iggy; John – has a lump on this neck after being in remission; Billy – struggling with diabetes; Patty – undergoing second surgery for a back injury; Melissa – meeting with specialist regarding back problem, strength to quit smoking; Lori.

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

**HOSPITAL:** Linda R – pneumonia.

**MISC PRAYERS:** Joshua Oberdieck; Mike; Laurel; Stacy and Ryan – safety as they travel this holiday season; Bob's son - recent heroin relapse; Jim – caregiver to a difficult patient; **Pastor Heinz** as he transitions into his new position at Concordia; for **Kristi Heinz** as she transitions into her new position; that God would lead the right persons to St. John's for the Pastor position and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher position. **Debbie Callaghan** – continued healing and a quick recovery from knee surgery.

**PRAISE AND THANKS:** for the birth of Cealynn Barzano

**PREGNANCIES:** **Jayne 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.

**RECYCLING BINS..** St. John's is serving the community at large with these recycling opportunities. Please put aluminum in the silver bins, and newspaper, office paper and mail in the yellow and green bins. **WRAPPING PAPER IS NOT RECYCLEABLE!**

**LUTHERAN HOUR..** 6am on WGN AM720 for December 31<sup>st</sup> is **"Children of Promise"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook. Our identity as God's children encourages us to live in His grace, to embrace the freedom Jesus won, and to resist the ways of the world that strive to keep us captive. (Galatians 4:4-7)

**WORSHIP ANEW..** airs Sundays at 11:30am on Comcast Channel 138. The topic for December 31<sup>st</sup> is **"Mother and Son"** When Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to Jerusalem Simeon confessed: "my eyes have seen Your salvation." Jesus is our salvation. He has come to "redeem those who were under the Law."

**SCHOOL NEWS..** For the month of November we awarded the following students as they were our Outstanding Christian Kids for the month. Brielle DiLiberto, Ned Shero, Marisa Merced, Rafael Prats, Elayne Castro, Abner Andreson, Chloe Todd, Jacquelyn Prats, Simon Wagner, Jessica Griggs, and Holly Shero.

**COKE REWARDS..** Please check your Coke products for a code found under caps or inside cartons and either send it to the office or enter it online at MyCokeRewards.com. If you enter it online you must click on schools then "Donate to your School" button. Thank You.

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK..** It's not what's under the tree that matters it's who's gathered around it.

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

**THIS WEEK ON KFUE.ORG..** we wish all of our listeners a blessed Christmas! Tune in to hear Christmas music and readings for the Sacred Season beginning December 24 and continuing through Epiphany. Regular programming will resume January 2, 2018.

**PLEASE BE AWARE..** that there is no Book Club this month. They will meet again in January to discuss the December and January books.

**POINSETTIAS..** Plants that are not picked up this week will be given to the homebound of St. John's.

**GIFTS TO THE GIVER..** Of highest importance is that you are here. The Lord is the Greatest Giver who wants to gift you with His Word and Sacraments! In faith, we can't help but share His love, and generously give to support the needs of others and His Church. The calendar dates and days of the week are lined up with Christmas Day and New Year's Day on Sundays. These celebrations are joyous, no matter the day, but can result in a challenge in our giving. Please remember not only your Sunday offerings, but your special offerings for Christmas, New Year's, etc. The King of kings gives everything to us, and we humbly give back to Him. Also, please note that the date on the envelope is what counts. If you wish it to be attributed to your 2017 giving, the check needs to have a date reflecting that. Please make the effort to bring those offerings in at services on the 24th, 25th, or 31st. Checks dated for 2018 will count toward the next year's statements.

# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT



## Christmas

**~~~~New-Year's Eve**  
December 31<sup>st</sup> at 8am, 11am & 6pm

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



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

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

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
8am: 87, 11am: 49, 6pm: 10  
Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>:  
4:30pm: 7pm:

Our "Gifts of Love"	Week of: 12/17/17	Goal:
Contributions	\$7,419.50	\$5,136.00
Mortgage	\$ 1,420.00	\$1,223.00
Missions	\$50.00	
Memorial	\$671.00	

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

**Preacher:** Rev. Richard Heinz (9:30am, 4:30pm & 11pm)  
**Organist:** Mark Eggert (9:30am, 4:30pm & 11pm)  
**Musical Enhancement:** Chancel Bells & Church Choir (9:30am & 11pm)  
**Communion:** D. Wheeler/K.Buhler (9:30am, 4:40pm & 11pm)  
**The Trustee:** T. Wilczak (opening) R. Kraak (closing)



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