

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S..

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

MONDAY, 1/01.. **New Year's Day**; Gym/Kitchen Closed

TUESDAY, 1/02.. Gym/Kitchen Closed; 7pm Dorcas Meeting/Board of Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 1/03.. Gym/Kitchen Closed; 9:30am Support Group; 6pm Food Pantry

THURSDAY, 1/04.. Gym/Kitchen Closed; 7pm Support Group

FRIDAY, 1/05.. Gym/Kitchen Closed; 2pm Bowling Alley Rental; 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, 1/06.. Gym/Kitchen Closed; 10am Music Room Rental; 4pm Wedding; **7pm Epiphany Divine Service**

SUNDAY, 1/07.. **8am Divine Worship**; 9am Coffee Hour-Trustees; 9:30am Bible Study/Sunday School; **11am Divine Worship**; 1:30pm Church & Conference Room Rental; 2:30pm Bowling Alley & Fellowship Room Rental; 3pm Conference Room Rental; 4:30pm Church Rental; **6pm Worship**

GUEST PASTOR.. We welcome and thank Pastor Walter Otten for leading our morning services today and Bible Study. And we welcome and thank Chris Antonetti, Seminarian for leading our New Year's Eve evening worship.

EPIPHANY SERVICE.. St. John's will be celebrating the arrival of the wise men who came to see baby Jesus on Epiphany with a Divine Worship Service on Saturday, January 6th at 7:00pm. This will also be the last service Pastor Heinz will officiate at St. John's.

DO YOU HAVE THE PERFECT CANDIDATE?.. The Principal Call Committee welcomes you to submit names of LCMS rostered educators for the position of Principal for St. John's Lutheran School. You may email your recommendations to jbenedict@stjohnschicago.org.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY.. As a called servant of St. John's, our principal is very important to our church and school. The Principal Call Committee is asking everyone to please complete a very short survey. As our stakeholder, your voice is important. The deadline to complete the survey is FRIDAY, JANUARY 5. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BG532GT>

OFFICE HOURS.. The office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 3pm this week, and regular hours will resume on January 8th.

EAGLET- December 31, 2017

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS TODAY...

HOSPITALIZED .. Arnie Eurick at Resurrection
IN REHAB.. Leonard Heldt

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December 26, 2017 -Prayer Chain

PEACE AND COMFORT: Ryan whose father passed away Christmas morning; Sara whose grandfather passed on Christmas Eve; and for all families who continue to mourn lost loved ones.

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; Jenny – cancer that has traveled to her lymph nodes. Strength and courage for her husband.

HEALING& RECOVERY: Debbie Callaghan; 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; Billy; Patty; Melissa; Lori; Karen Atanasoff – broken wrist requiring surgery; Gail Potoczky - foot surgery on 12/21; Celeste – surgery on 12/20; Henry – emergency surgery for a leaky gallbladder with more possible surgery.

HOSPICE: Rich; Robert Phillips; Ruth Martin.

HOSPITAL: Arnie Eurick – hospitalized after a car accident; Linda R – pneumonia.

MISC PRAYERS: that God would lead the right persons to St. John's for the Pastor position and 1st grade teacher position. Pray for peace to all who are hurting through the changes taking place. Jo – suffered a miscarriage; Patty – recently lost her husband and is struggling to keep the house and make ends meet; Christine Dziadkovicz, Dutko and Rowley families.

PRAISE AND THANKS: to all of the St. John's friends and members who have been so generous financially to St. John's throughout the year; engagement of Cheryl and Josh; Rich – retiring; family and friends of Terry were able to travel from around the country to be by his side for Christmas as death seems imminent.

PREGNANCIES: 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.

GYM FLOOR.. The gym floor, stage and south gym hallway were refinished on Friday. The areas will reopen on January 7th.

CHURCH ENVELOPES.. Did you pick yours up already? Please take a look at whose are left. If you see a friend or neighbor's envelopes still here, you are welcome to deliver them, and thank you. If you did not see your envelopes, please contact the office and we will be happy to make sure you get a set.

LUTHERAN HOUR 6AM ON WGN AM 720.. January 7th – "Breaking News" by guest speaker Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Epiphany calls us to believe that the Light has come into the world. A New Year's message about confidence, if you'll believe it! (Isaiah 60:1-6) "Arise, shine, for your light has come."

WORSHIP ANEW.. airs Sundays at 11:30am on Comcast Channel 138. On January 7th, "The Gospel Unfolds", Mark 1:4-11 by Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege. The Gospel unfolds as God appoints a man (John the Baptist) to introduce the Gospel. This Gospel is directly linked to forgiveness. At Jesus' Baptism, the Gospel begins to unfold, identifying Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, the One who pleases the Father. The Gospel now unfolds for each of us in our Baptism.

SCHOOL NEWS.. Our students and teachers have a wonderful two full weeks of Christmas break to enjoy family, friends and relaxation. Extended Care and Classes resume on Monday, January 8th.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK.. Don't make excuses, make improvements.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS.. This refresher class will be offered on Tuesday, January 9 and Thursday, January 11 from 1:00 to 5:00pm at the Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma. Completing this course may qualify you for an insurance discount and is open to persons 55 years of age and older. Call 773-775-6071 to register.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.. A new *Illinois Tax Credit Program* can now help families send their children to St. John's who may otherwise not have been able to financially afford to do so. Please look closely at today's insert which explains completely how you may now donate to this cause and write it off on your Illinois taxes.

MARCH FOR LIFE.. The *Northern Illinois District Life Ministry* is partnering with *Lutherans for Life* to join thousands of pro-life advocates gathering in the Loop to celebrate the sanctity of human life. This will take place on Sunday, January 7th. If you are interested in joining Henry Knueppel and taking part in this walk and listening to the inspirational speakers, please call the office to get details. The plan is to take the Blue Line to Federal Plaza following our 11:00am worship service.

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. Checks dated for 2018 will count toward the next year's statements.

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

Sunday, December 24th
9:30am – 94; 4:30pm – 61; 11pm - 80

Christmas Day December 25th
9:30am - 35

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Guest Preacher: Rev. Walter Otten (8am & 11am)
Guest Preacher: Seminarian Chris Antonetti (6pm)
Organist: Mark Eggert (8am, 11am, 6pm)
Communion: D. Wheeler
The Trustees: T. Wilczak (opening) R. Kraak (closing)

First Sunday after Christmas



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