



News & Notes

January 6-7, 2019

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To Our Guests: Welcome to St. John! We are happy you are worshiping with us today. Please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors after the service so that we can get to know you.

Serving Today:	8:00 am	11:00 am	Monday 7pm
Preacher	Rev. Bradley Smith	Rev. Bradley Smith	Rev. Bradley Smith
Liturgist	Rev. Peter Elliott	Rev. Peter Elliott	
Organist	Melvin Machemer	Melvin Machemer	Mel Machemer
Acolytes	Emma Culvahouse Kendyl Nader	Makena Hengy John Van Hulle	Bradley Filip
Elders	Tim Topel Dave Rochlitz	Scott Scharich Jim Shields	Dennis Huser
Elder Assistants	Bob Monroe John Shields	Mark Mick Isaac Rousso	Dominic Misuraca
Altar Guild	Barb Klonke, Mary Wier		
Trustee	Ryan Gergely/Jeff Morley		
Ushers (8am)	Roy Spranger, Bob Wier, Aaron Saunders, Dan Saunders, Bob Meyer, Chris Nader, Bob Georgevich, Martin Scherer		
Ushers (11am)	Jim Stoetzer, Mark Stoetzer, Tom Harder, Mike May, Andrea Marble, Lynn Marble		
Coffee Hour	Saunders Family		

This Week at St. John (Jan. 6 - 13)

Sun	8/11 am	Worship©	6:30 pm	A/A
	9:00 am	Coffee/Fellowship	6:30 pm	HB
	9:30 am	Education Hour	7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study
	12:30 pm	Undecorate church	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Mon	8:00 am	PATS	7:30 pm	Stewardship
	7:00 pm	Worship©	Fri	9:30 am MOPS Bible Study
Tues	6:30 pm	PTL Brd. Mtg.	2:50 pm	Daisies
	7:00 pm	Weeknight	Sat	8:00 am Men's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Assimilation	8:00 am	Eagle BB Camp
Wed	9:00 am	Costume Creators	10:00 am	Loving Arms LFL
	1:00 pm	All Widows Welcome!	Sun	8/11 am Worship
	7:00 pm	Elders	9:00 am	Coffee/Fellowship
Thurs	9:00 am	Bible Study	9:30 am	Education Hour
	11:30 am	55+		

COMING EVENTS

A BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Wed., Jan. 23rd, from 1-7pm in Rutkowsky Hall. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church, or you can go to redcrossblood.org. Call Kathy Ellison with any questions, 586-293-7086.

REGISTRATION

BEGINS! Registration begins today for our apologetics conference.

There is a table in the back of the church where you can register and pay your \$5. This amount includes Continental breakfast and lunch! We look forward to seeing many of you attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR EUCHRE - The first tourney for 2019 will be on Friday, Feb. 22, in the school cafeteria. \$10 to play includes light snacks. Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Mark your calendars now so you don't overbook. More info and sign-ups as we get closer to this date.

SHARE THE NEWS! As you see friends and family during Christmas break, please let them know that our Open House and Early Childhood Expo will be quickly approaching in the new year. Share the blessing of our wonderful Christian school. Save the dates! Open House – Sun. 02/10, 12-2pm. Early Childhood Expo – Sun. 03/10, 12:30pm.

Today's Light Bible Study – Week 41
Nehemiah 11 – Job 1. Once the walls were completed and the gates in place, the Israelites chose 10% from among the returned exiles to populate Jerusalem. Not only does Nehemiah lead in the rebuilding effort, but he also leads in the reforming effort to correct all the wrongs having been done in the temple. The book of Esther follows Nehemiah. It is believed that Esther actually made it possible for Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem through her marriage to the king of Babylon. It is impossible to guess, but had it not been for Esther, Jerusalem may never have been rebuilt. The book of Job opens with him as an extremely wealthy individual with high integrity, a kind and humble man, suffering a complete reversal of his fortunes. But Job remains faithful to God.

Opportunities for Study

Sunday School meets in the church for opening at 9:30. **Large Group** is studying the book of Thessalonians in the cafeteria. **Small Group** is studying *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis in the 7th grade classroom. **Marvel Youth** meets in the 5th grade classroom, and the **Senior Youth** meets in Rutkowsky Hall. **Coming Jan. 13th**, a small group led by Pastor Elliott will meet in the library. This will be a 15-week study titled *The Plan* which overviews the entirety of the Scriptures in the hope that this will incorporate devotional life within the congregation. The study will teach general content of the Bible, distinction of Law and Gospel and the centrality of Christ in all Scriptures.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

HELP NEEDED! Today, Jan. 6th, immediately following the late service, we'll be taking down the Christmas decorations. Any and all help is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

THE NOMINATION BOX for Laypersons of the Year is up. Please take a moment to nominate a deserving person and drop the ballot in the box at the visitor center through 01/06.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY IS “LUTHERANS FOR LIFE”.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matt. 2:11 – “And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.” Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS FOR OUR ST. JOHN FAMILIES – Lynn & Andrea Marble, Charlene Massey, Sharon Massey, Mona Mathews and Mike & Linda May.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the back of the church. If you haven't already done so, please grab yours today.

BRANCHING OUT WEEKLY FUNDRAISER – Enjoy a delicious dinner AND help support our Branching Out efforts! Every Tuesday from 4-10pm come to Infinity Hall & Sidebar for dinner. Just mention that you are from St. John and 10% of your food bill will be given to our building program! Hope to see you there!

PRAYERS : (Please contact the church office with prayer requests to be included in the service or if you see a name that could be removed from the list.)

In the Hospital:

Strength & Healing: Georgia Allen, Jenny Balcerzak, Lois Bellis, Amy Blake, Mike Bongiorno, Fred Brandt, Bob Bresinski, Ted Brouillette, Marian Bujak, Janet Bunge, Clay Coon, Matthew Dantes, Kathy Detrick, Robert & Sharlene Ebbole, Pat Everett, Lois Feldbush, Deanne Garr, Henrietta Georgevich, Cher Gieseking, Diane Griffin, Margaret Hagen, Jim Hagerty, Tom Harder, Keith Harris, Bill Hertel, Kendal Hicks, Pastor Thees Hoft, Linda Holtz, Ron Housley, Randy Jackson, Richard Kassube, Cheryl Keyes, John Kutz, Joyce Lannon, Aileen Lietz, Vicki Little, Deborah Livingston, Leslie Loepp, Magen Lorenz, Toni McTaggart, David Merrill, Norman Miller, Dave Mitchenall, George & Shari Movsesian, Larry & Marie Muehlbrandt, Julie Nalezty, Shirley Nelson, Kim Norman, Patty O'Malley, David Peterson, Mary Philimon, Geri Ann Pollock, Diana Rang, Wayne Reindel, Ron Rohrbeck, Larry Schemansky, Kent Schmidt, Irma Schurig, Kathy Seguin, Janet Sharp, Nancy Shooltz, Ruby Singel, Patricia Smith, Maria Spencer, Michael Spica, Shirley Stier, Trevor Swazey, Paul Tepker, Alma Tomlinson, Sallie Walunas, Millie Wichman, Claire Winter, Hailie Witt, Marci Witt

Continuing Prayer Needs: Gerry Friedeman

For Roger Edwards, Michael & Jackie Folcarelli, Tristen Howitt, Samantha Knapman, Nicole Rieck, Megan Stidwill, Merissa Stevens, Roger Carl VanVechten, Elizabeth Vermeesch and all those serving in the military; for Dan Hebel and those affected by natural disasters, and those involved in relief efforts.

<u>Last Week's Contributions</u>		<u>Year to Date (As of Nov. 31)</u>		
Designated Funds	\$ 9,711.27		Budget:	Actual:
General Fund	\$ 32,292.44	Total Income	\$ 1,505,441.74	\$ 1,464,875.10
Day School Tuition	\$ 1,370.00	Total Expense	(\$ 1,630,062.06)	(\$ 1,528,444.39)
Preschool Tuition	\$ 134.00	Difference	(\$ 124,620.32)	(\$ 63,569.29)

Branching Out Contributions

Oct. - \$33,903.87

Branching Out – Total Given (End of Oct.)

\$890,840.87

Church Attendance: Sunday – 187/265; New Year's Eve – 135; Total – 587.