
ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Mid-Week Advent Services

Dreams of Christmas: Visions in the Night Proclaim the Savior

Wednesday at 10:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Dec. 5 – Joseph dreams of a wondrous birth

Dec. 12 – Wise Men dream of a dangerous king

Dec. 19 – Joseph dreams of safety in Egypt

Mission Statement

We are called by God to be the light of the world. We are to go forth and show Jesus' love and forgiveness through loving care for all God's creation

Christmas Services

Children's Christmas Service: The Trees of Christmas
Sunday, December 16 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Worship
Monday, December 24 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 25 9:30 AM

Advent Devotionals

“Radical Advent” and “Revolutionary Christmas” are the titles of this year's Advent Devotionals available from Lutheran Hour Ministries. We are offering the “Revolutionary Christmas” devotional in booklet form to our members.

You may want to pass this on to a friend or neighbor who is un-churched or who does not yet know Jesus Christ as Savior. The devotionals are specifically written with these persons in mind, but will also provide some challenging reading and reflection for those who are churched

and believers as well. “Radical Advent” is the more traditional Advent devotion which you may be more familiar with. We are offering this devotional in a weekly format. It can also be downloaded from the Lutheran Hour Ministries web site:
<http://www.lhm.org>.

You can also sign up on this website to receive these devotionals in your e-mail daily, or to listen to an audio version.



Thanks

The Board of Human Care thanks those who contributed to the October collection for Lutheran World Relief. Four large boxes containing blankets, quilts, baby clothing, and personal hygiene items were delivered to the boxcar to be distributed along with donations from other area Lutheran churches, to our world's needy. Thank you.

Fellowship

The 2nd Sunday of each month



Christmas Adopted Family

Our family to share our blessings with this year, includes Mom, Dad, and four children, referred to us by the area Family Resource Center. Pick an ornament from the tree if you wish to give the item indicated, or take the list of ages and sizes and have fun buying. The small tree is set up in the narthex. A basket is near by if you

wish to donate a non-perishable food item for the family's Christmas dinner. Please bring your wrapped and name-tagged gift to church by Sunday, Dec. 9, as the gifts need to be delivered by the following Friday, Dec. 14.

Thank You and God Bless—
Human Care



Deadline to bring gifts to church

Sunday, Dec. 9

Fellowship

If you would like to serve for Fellowship after church services choose a month that is open and sign up. Please bring bars or cookies and serve coffee.

Bulletin, Flower, and Fellowship Sign Up Sheets are all located on the north bulletin board

Bulletin Chart

If you would like to donate \$15 for the cost of printing the weekly bulletin select a week and sign up to be a sponsor. More than one person can be signed up for the same date. Donations can be made in honor of a birthday, anniversary or

memorial. Please enclose payment in an envelope marked "Bulletin" and place in the offering plate or give to an elder. You may also mail or drop it off at the office. If you would like it published enclose your name and personal message.

Altar Flower Chart

The new Altar Flower Chart is ready for sign ups. If your flowers are for a special occasion and you would like that information published in the bulletin please make note of that by your name or call the church office. Bulletin

deadline is Wednesday at noon.



Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettia orders are due in the office by Dec. 9. Please use the insert in the bulletin to place your order or call the church office for more information.

2008 Envelopes

Please pick up your 2008 envelopes in the narthex. **Do not use your new envelopes until January 1, 2008.**

Board of Education Update

In November, the Weekday School Mission Project for 2007 began. To share our love of Jesus with tsunami families in Southern India, children of St. John Weekday School were asked to donate school supplies. In December, the congregation will be asked to join in the effort. Our plan is to fill and ship 30 Global

Care Packages.

You may have noticed (or will soon notice) bookmarks in the Hymnals. These bookmarks were made for you, by the children, with financial support from the Ladies Evening Guild.

The Children's Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00

pm. The theme of this year's Christmas Service is "The Trees of Christmas".

The children have begun practicing on Wednesday nights and a final practice will be held Saturday, December 15th from 10:00 – 11:00 am.



Wednesday
Weekday School

New In The Library

THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE (DVD)

Story about a mother and her son who hire a wood carver to carve a copy of a Nativity set that was given to the boy. Fun for family to watch. Approx 91 min.
THE QUAILS' FIRST CHRISTMAS (DVD)

Story of 3 quails and how they go on a mission to find Baby Jesus before King Herod does. Good one for young children. Approx 30 min.

ON A SILENT NIGHT/THREE PRESENTS FOR BABY JESUS.

This is a set of 2 Arch

Books for Reading Level 3rd Grade/ages 5 to 9. These books are spoken on the CD and there are 3 songs also sung on the same CD. If you are interested in checking these new items out you can find them on top of the video/DVD/CD cabinet.

Thank You

The office would like to thank everyone who helped out this past year. Making copies, folding, stapling, donating paper and supplies and sponsoring the bulletin—all these things have been a great help. A special thanks to Doug and Karen Ross for being our after office hours UPS pick up and a special thanks to August Henke for picking up our paper recycling. Thanks again to all and "Merry Christmas."



Holiday Events

Ladies Aid Christmas Party—Thursday, December 6 at noon at the church. Please bring a dish to pass and a \$5 gift exchange. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

Ladies Evening Guild Holiday Party and Dinner—Tuesday, December 11. Meet at 6:00 PM at Rapids Roadhouse. Eat at 6:30 PM. Secret Pals will be revealed. Guests are welcome.

Lutheran Laymen's League—Friday, December 14 at St. John-Kellner at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be Roast Beef. Program will be Christmas Caroling. Cost \$ 6.50. For reservations call Duane Steinke at 423-2716 by Tuesday, December 11.

Visions of Chocolate

Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin is hosting its annual fundraiser Visions of Chocolate at the Milwaukee County Zoo on Friday, April 25, 2008, from 7:00-10:00 PM. Parking, the Zoo's outdoor exhibits, food, and beverages are

included in the price of the ticket. Tickets are on sale now: through December 31st-\$35; January 1st- April 24th-\$45.00; \$50.00 at the door. Consider giving tickets as a Christmas gift and help LCFS at the same time. Call 800-291-4583.

Balance and the Man in the Middle

God created our lives with balance-spiritual, emotional, physical, social/behavioral, work/education, recreation/leisure. We lost God-given balance when our first parents sinned. That balance had to be restored and was when

Jesus Christ died on the center cross. He's the Man in the Middle. When we're out of **balance**, counselors at **Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin** are available to help. Call 800-291-4583.

Upscale Resale Store

Don't forget to include the Upscale Resale Store in the Rapids Mall for your shopping destination in December. The store is loaded with clothing, gifts, and Christmas items. Stop in and pick up a real bargain - always low prices. We will be open on Sun. (Dec. 9, 16, & 23) from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

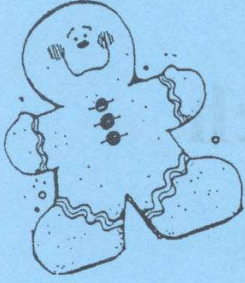
Come and enjoy a special Christmas discount sale on everything in the store Dec. 17-22 and again Dec. 26-31. We will be closed Dec. 24-25. We also need volunteers to help at the register and in the sorting room. Please volunteer today. Thanks for your support for Bethesda Lutheran Home.

Monteverdi Master Chorale

Monteverdi Master Chorale invites you to join us for "Lessons and Carols" this holiday season. Bring the whole family as we explore the meaning of Christmas in story and song. Familiar carols sung by the audience and choir, readings of the Christmas story by local clergy and community leaders, and classic music of the season performed by Monteverdi Master Chorale. Performances will be on Thursday, December 6 at the Church of the Intercession in Stevens Point at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 8 beginning at 8:00 p.m. at St. Maximillian Kolbe in Lanark and on Sunday December 9 at St. Stephen Church in Stevens Point beginning at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from the UWSP Ticket Office. Tickets may also be purchased through the Monteverdi Office at 342-5636 or on the web. Tickets are \$11 for general admission, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. One free student ticket is available with each paid general admission or senior ticket purchased. Bring the whole family and celebrate the Christmas season with Monteverdi Master Chorale.
www.monteverdichorale.org



Merry Christmas



**St. John
Lutheran Church
Kellner**



Corner of 80th Street South and South Park Road
(The Stone Church on the corner by the Park)

**13th Annual
Cookie & Candy
Walk
Saturday, December 8
Doors open at
9 a.m.**

A large variety of delicious
homemade

Cookies and Candies
are sold by the pound



Matching Funds through Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans

St. John Lutheran Church

13th Annual Cookie/Candy Walk

Saturday, December 8, 2007
9 a.m.

What is a cookie walk...?
How do we get involved...?
Why should we get involved...?

All families of St. John Lutheran Congregation are asked to bring 2 to 4 dozen (or more if you would like), of your favorite **HOLIDAY COOKIES OR CANDY** to the church by Friday, December 7. On Saturday morning the **Holiday Cookies & Candy** will be sold "By-the-Pound" **Holiday Cookies and Candies** can be purchased individually, or by two's or three's or whatever... 1/2 dozen, whole dozen or an assortment! Cookies and Candies will also be sold in attractively packaged **Holiday Gift Boxes and Trays**, ideal for your Holiday Parties and as Gifts! The sale will be open to the Congregation as well as to the surrounding community.

It past years the **Cookie/Candy Walk** was a huge success! Everyone who participated last year is eager to purchase cookies and candy again this year. A good turn out of the finest cookies and candies in the area is expected from all the fine cooks, candy makers and chefs in our congregation!

It's time to look over your favorite **HOLIDAY COOKIE & CANDY** recipes, make a few dozen extra to help make this the "Sweetest" event of the year! Share your baking and candy making talents!

Remember to have you **HOLIDAY COOKIES & CANDY** to the church by Friday, December 7, and the **SALE** will be on **Saturday, December 8, at 9 a.m.**

For more information contact Carol Pierce at 424-2431; Bonnie James at 335-6731; Marianne Timm at 423-1651 or Judy Shepard at 423-2071,