

SERVING US THIS WEEKEND

Preacher: Pastor Troy Countryman

Organist: Pamela Johnson

Cherub Choir and Joyful Singers Directors: Kristen McCartney and Pamela Johnson

Elders: (4:30 pm) Rick Reed (8:00 am) Noah Schroeder (10:25 am) Jim Rosenau (10:45 am) Greg Hausz

Ushers: (4:30 pm) Leigh Colgate, Dave Bernath, David Cooper, Garrison Benning, Tim Benning (8:00 am) Lynn Fox, Greg Hausz, Terry Bowling, Dennis Walker (10:25 am) Brad Walburn, Brent Locklear, Joe Tilford, Mark Miske, Tony Watkins (10:45 am) Lee Grubbs, Gary Fox, Chris Hinton

Acolyte: (4:30 pm) Penelope Morrow (8:00 am) Gretchen Bernath (10:25 am) Emilee March (10:45 am) Hana Craig

Altar Guild: Judy Bernath, Sarah Bernath, Eunice Johnson, Sarah Rothe, Pamela Johnson

A/V: Zach Noggle, Mat Noggle

SUNDAY EDUCATION . . . 9:30-10:15 am

Children and Youth Classes will meet in the following rooms:
PreS/PreK-Room 205, K/1st-Room 203, 2nd-3rd-Room 204, 4th-6th in Room 202, Youth in Room 107

Bible Study with Pastor Troy - Next Sunday morning class sessions (12/16) we will be discussing what it means to be a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven and a citizen of the United States of America. In order to help guide our conversation we will be watching a video conversation between Dr. Joel Biermann and Dr. Dale Meyer from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Current Events thru the Eyes of Faith: led by Rick Kerr, meets in the Media Center.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Ladies' Bible/Book Study, Tuesday 9:30-10:45 am We are studying the book *The God of All Comfort* by Donna Pyle. All ages are welcome! We meet in the Commons by the Courtyard. If interested, contact Summer Burns, (812) 361-6450.

Wednesday Morning Midweek Bible Study, 9:45 am Join us every Wednesday as we dig back into the book *Echo*.

WEEKENDS AT ST. JOHN

Traditional Services in the Sanctuary:

Saturdays 4:30 P.M. | Sundays 8:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

Contemporary Services in the Dwelling Place:

Sundays 10:25 A.M.

The order of service for contemporary worship is available on our app.

Our nursery is located in the Commons by the Courtyard and is staffed on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Assisted hearing equipment:

Available for every service. For the Sanctuary, call Jim Lehenbauer at 317.862.5302. For the Dwelling Place, visit the AV desk.

Go further on our website:

Weekly sermons are available on the Church website.

Questions? Contact John Marohn, at 317.869.9208.

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CHURCH & SCHOOL

“Rejoice! Rejoice, O Israel!”

December 15-16, 2018



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WHERE DO I BEGIN?

Welcome! We are so thankful that you chose to attend St. John Lutheran Church. You may be a life-long Lutheran or taking your first step on a spiritual journey. Wherever you are on your path, you are welcome here.

If you'd like to connect with someone from our church or learn more, please fill out the guest card (available on the seat in front of you) or come to our guest desk in the Commons.

Children of all ages are welcome in our service. If you need the nursery, please see an usher or volunteer and he/she will direct you there.

OUR MISSION

- PROCLAIM God's forgiveness.
- PREPARE God's people.
- PROJECT God's love.

To learn more about our church, school and childcare center, please visit StJohnIndy.org

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO COMMUNE

In care for those desiring communion at our altar for the first time, we ask that you speak with Pastor prior to Communion.

- Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.
- Our Lord has instructed us to examine ourselves before participating in this meal (1 Corinthians 11:23-32).
- In preparation for the sacrament, you should ask yourself the following questions:
 - Am I a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
 - Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior?
 - Do I believe that Christ gives me His body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?
 - Will I try, with God's help, to amend my sinful life?

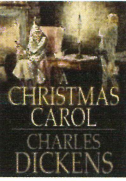
Christmas Ornament: Members of St. John Woodworkers will be passing out Christmas wooden ornaments this weekend. In keeping with the theme *IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT JESUS*, the 2018 ornament is made from maple and in the shape of a cross with the words JESUS in the cross arm. Merry Christmas!



Christmas Caroling: Join us this Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 pm. We will gather in the Commons by the Courtyard and then will leave to visit the Altenheim and Rosegate facilities, and several individual homes. We will be done by 5:00 pm.



A Christmas Carol Reading: Mark your calendars for Friday, Dec. 21st from 5:30-7:30 pm for a live reading of A Christmas Carol. The reading of A Christmas Carol will run between an hour and an hour and a half. Taken, for the most part, directly from Dickens's own words, the reading will be more like a radio play with readers "acting" with their voices. The readers will be some of our own St. John members. Each family will receive a copy of the book. Soups, salads and dessert will follow. Sign up to attend at www.stjohnindy.org.



Giving Envelopes: 2019 Giving Envelopes are available in the Commons on the way to the Sanctuary and outside the Dwelling Place. If you prefer giving online and would rather not receive envelopes, please contact Shannon Velzen svelzen@stjohnindy.org or 317-352-9196.

Night to Shine: St. John Lutheran Church is proud to be an official host church for Night to Shine, sponsored by the @TimTebowFoundation on February 8, 2019! Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. To volunteer visit stjohnindy.org.



Poinsettia Orders: This is the last weekend for Poinsettia Orders. Order forms can be found on the Welcome Center desk.

Upcoming Advent/ Christmas Worship Schedule can be found at www.stjohnindy.org.

For more information about St. John Lutheran, visit StJohnIndy.org

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NEW SONG

Invocation

- Grades 1-5 Choir: Prepare Ye the Way

Lighting of the Advent Candle- JOY

Confession and Absolution

- O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 7:18-35

Children's Message

Sermon "Rejoice! Rejoice, O Israel!"

Apostles' Creed

Announcements

Offering

- Come and Rejoice
- Joy to the World

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

- Arise and Sing

JOIN US FOR
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES
AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

- **School-led Advent Services** Wednesdays, December 5, 12, 19 at 7:00 pm in the Dwelling Place
- **Christmas Eve** – 7:00 pm Family Service in the Dwelling Place; 11:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service in the Sanctuary.
- **Christmas Day** – 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.
- **Dec. 29-30th**- Normal Weekend Services

Please note: THERE WILL BE NO NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE THIS YEAR