



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Our Wednesday Night classes are on a hiatus until 2020

SUNDAY EDUCATION 9:55-10:35 am-
These classes will meet through December 15th.

Children will meet in the following rooms: Early Childhood (Preschool-K)-Room 205, Elementary (1st-3rd) Room 203, Youth (4th-6th) Room 202, Jr./Sr. High Youth- Room 106

Youth Confirmation Class - Will meet in the Art Room

Bible Study with a Pastor – Join us on Sundays as our Pastors lead us through “Connected to Christ.”

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

WEEKLY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Ladies’ Bible/Book Study, Tuesday 9:30-10:45 am We are beginning a study on the book of Galatians. 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 into a study on the Gospel of Mark.

WEEKENDS AT ST. JOHN

Traditional Services in the Sanctuary:
Saturdays 4:30 P.M. | Sundays 8:30 A.M.

Contemporary Service in the Dwelling Place:
Sundays 10:45 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.

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SERVING US THIS WEEKEND

Preacher: Pastor Troy Countryman
Organist: Kristen McCartney
Jr. Choir Director: Dr. A. Paul Johnson
Elders: (10:45 am) Doug Pingel
Ushers: (4:30pm) Leigh Colgate, Dave Bernath, David Cooper, Garrison Benning, Tim Benning (8:30am) Lynn Fox, Greg Hausz, Terry Bowling, Dennis Walker (10:45am) Brad Walburn, Brent Locklear, Joe Tilford, Mark Miske, Tony Watkins, Chris Hinton, Gary Fox, Todd Kendrick, Lee Grubbs
Acolytes: (8:30 am) Garrett Belschner, (10:45 am) Porter Miske
Altar Guild: Brenda DeWitt, Cathy Adams, Pamela Johnson
A/V: Sandy Pride, Doug Hoeferkamp



St. John Lutheran
CHURCH & SCHOOL

“Thinking About Getting Ready Vs. Getting Ready”

December 7-8, 2019



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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?

Advent Concert: Join us today at 4:00 pm for our Annual Community Christmas Concert in the Dwelling Place. We will hear music from the Adult Choir and different hand bell choirs. Desserts to follow, sponsored by our 8th grade class.

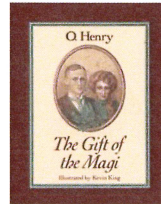


Poinsettia Orders: Stop by the Welcome Center to pick up your Poinsettia Order form. All orders are due by Sunday, Dec. 22nd.

Helping Children in Foster Care: This Christmas season, we are collecting toys and clothes for children in the Foster Care System. All donations can be placed on the table by the Welcome Center. They will be delivered to the Children's Bureau on December 23rd.



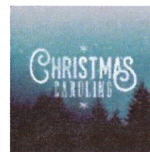
The Gift of the Magi: You are invited to join us for a Live reading of "The Gift of the Magi." Join us on Thursday, December 19th at 6 pm for the live reading. Join us for soup and desserts, and each family will receive a book as a gift. If you plan to attend, please sign up on My StJohn under Forms.



Quilt Tying: Did you know we have a quilt tying ministry? The quilts that are made are donated to many other ministries including some of our Community Partners. If you would like to help tie quilts, join us in the Commons on Monday, Dec. 9th from 11:45-2. Contact Phyllis Fleischer at 317-902-9133 if you plan to attend.

Ladies Aid: All ladies are invited to join us for lunch on Thursday, Dec. 12th, at 11:30 am at the Hideout. (7242 W. US 52 - New Palestine, In.) Car Pool will leave the back of church at 11:00 am. If you have any questions, contact Jo Ann Hartley, 317-356-4127 or joannhartley8901@comcast.net.

Christmas Caroling: Christmas caroling on December 22nd! You are invited to serve our homebound members by singing Christmas carols. We will gather at the church at 2:00 pm and will leave to visit the Altenheim and Rosegate facilities and several homes. We will return to the church around 5:00 pm for hot chocolate and desserts. Interested? Sign up on My St John under forms.



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

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 7, 2020! 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.



Upcoming Advent/ Christmas Worship Schedule



- **School-led Advent Services** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
- **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.
- **New Year's Eve Service**- will be at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NEW SONG

Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- Prepare Ye the Way

Confession/Absolution

- Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Tithes and Offering

- A New Hallelujah

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Communion

- How He Loves
- Taste and See
- Living Hope
- Your Great Love

Benediction

- He Is Exalted