

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Our Wednesday Night classes are on a hiatus until 2020

SUNDAY EDUCATION 9:55-10:35 am-

This is the last week of classes until January 12th.

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 in study and discussion. This class meets in the Music Room.

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 Luke Watt

Organist and Adult Choir Director: Pamela Johnson

1st-4th Choir Directors: Jennifer Tinkey and Pamela Johnson

Elders: (4:30 pm) Rick Reed (8:30 am) Rick Reed

**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 Lockliear, Joe Tilford, Mark Miske, Tony Watkins, Chris Hinton, Gary

Fox, Todd Kendrick, Lee Grubbs

Acolytes: (8:30 am) Derek Rode (10:45 am) Malin Bullock

Altar Guild: Judy Bernath, Sarah Bernath, Carolyn Darnell,

Stephanie Terry

A/V: Sandy Pride, Ryan Rosenau









# "What Did You Go Out to See?"

December 14-15, 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?

**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



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 23<sup>rd</sup>

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

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 stjohningy.org.

**Financial Update:** Our tithes and offerings through November were \$1,071,836. We were also blessed with other income in the amount of \$597,140, making our Total Year to Date income \$1,668,976. Our expenses to date were \$1,837,867. This makes our deficit at the end of November was \$168,891. We thank God for our November Blessings. We pray for December responses to help us continue and expand the opportunities for ministering and sharing the true story of our Lord and Savior.

Offering Envelopes: 2020 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up. If you normally attend the Traditional Service, you may pick up your envelopes by the Commons by the Courtyard. If you attend the New Song Service, your envelopes are outside the Dwelling Place. If you normally give online but still received envelopes and don't need them, please let the office know.

# **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

Grades 1-4 Choir: Go Tell It on the Mountain

## Confession/Absolution

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

## Prayer

**Scripture** Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-11; Matthew 11:2-15

Children's Sermon

Sermon

### **Apostles' Creed**

# **Tithes and Offering**

- Come, Lord Jesus (Even So Come)
- The King of Glory Comes

# **Prayers**

# Lord's Praver

### Benediction

There is Joy in the Lord

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