

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Worship .....	332
Adult Bible Class .....	22
Sunday School.....	32
Visitor .....	1
Sunday School Staff.....	8
Advent services .....	109
<b>FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:</b>	
Thank you for supporting God's work through St. John's. Our offering received last weekend:	
General Fund: \$ 9,283.00	
Simply Giving General Fund: \$620.00	
Simply Giving Building Fund: \$25.00	

**Our First Sunday Breakfasts have been postponed until February 4, benefiting all the music programs at St. John's...**

- Bells**
- Choir**
- Crosstones**
- Praise Band**

**ATTENTION ALL BOARDS!**  
 Please list in your minutes:  
 1. All members of your board, elected and appointed  
 2. The Chair, Secretary (and Treasurer, if applicable)

The annual **LYF CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK** will be held Saturday December 16 before and after Church and all morning on Sunday December 17.



# THE EAGLE

St. John's Newsletter

## DECEMBER 17, 2017

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00–11:30/12:30–4:00

Email: [saintjohnslcms@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnslcms@gmail.com)

### O Come Little Children

Children's Christmas Program

December 17 at 10:30 a.m.



### CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SCHEDULE:

- \*Sunday, December 17 at 10:30  
Children's Christmas Program
- \*Friday, December 22 – Office closes at noon
- \*Saturday, December 23 – No Church
- \*Sunday, December 24  
9 a.m. Contemporary Worship/Holy Communion  
4 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
11:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
- \*Monday, December 25  
9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
- \*Saturday, December 30, 5:30 p.m. church
- \*Sunday, December 31  
9 a.m. Contemporary Worship/Holy Communion  
6 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship/Holy Communion
- \*Monday, January 1, 2018  
9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SUNDAY – 9:15 A.M.**

“He Shall Come Again”

**WEDNESDAY 3:30 P.M.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES GRADES 6  
AND 7**

## **GOLDEN EAGLES**

**DECEMBER 28 AT NOON**

Please sign up TODAY on the main hall bulletin board so we can plan for food. All you can eat for \$3!!! Then, you may want to enjoy cards and games after, so be sure to join us!

### **FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:**

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN  
THE GYM. PICK THEM UP AT YOUR  
EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, BUT  
PLEASE WAIT UNTIL JANUARY TO  
USE THEM.**

### **PECANS FOR SALE**

**Come by the church office during office  
hours or contact a Lydia Guild member**

**Halves - \$10.25**

**Medium pieces - \$10.00**

### **FOOD PANTRY NEWS!**

At the December 12 distribution, the volunteers served 52 families in one hour!



## **The Gospel of John Part 1**

**LifeLight starts in January!**

**SAVE THE DATE! January 14 is  
the orientation meeting.**

### **SCRIP GIFT GUIDE**

Why drive all over town? We have gift cards on hand at the display in the Atrium. **LAST DAY TO ORDER FOR CHRISTMAS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17!!**

Free Christmas gift card cover for each card you buy for a gift!

### **LYF CARD SALES FUNDRAISER**

Check out the Christmas and all occasion cards for sale!

Make your selections, fill out an envelope and drop it in the office mailbox.

### **From your Call Committee:**

The committee met on Monday, December 11 to discuss the names of potential pastor candidates. Those names were passed on to our Circuit Visitor, to await the results of his calls, so we can continue the call process.

# Friendship Weekend December 30/31

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to our services:

**December 30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**December 31**

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
- 6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion

**The Board of Social Ministry** offers \$5 vouchers for groceries at Save A Lot. You may purchase them at the Scrip table after all services.

When you encounter someone in need, feel free to share the voucher and Scripture verse.

## **LYDIA GUILD**

We will no longer be accepting empty pill bottles. Thank you for the great response that we had. Approximately 12-1500 were collected and sent to the Matthew 25 Ministries.

**No Crosstones Practice  
until January 15**

### **December Acolyte Schedule**

5:30 p.m.	Wes Radloff
8:00 a.m.	Makenna Duckwitz
10:30 a.m.	Tyler Budde Camille Zeigler
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
4 p.m.	Coralin
6:30 p.m.	Tyler
11:00 p.m.	Tori Budde

The LWML Mite Box is located on our Welcome Center!

Your spare change helps with our mission work in the Central Illinois District and nationally.

**Thank you!**

## **Stewardship Corner**

Many things in life we can't control. For the most part, we can control our attitude. As Christians, we should be living with attitudes of gratitude because we know that our lives and blessings are all gifts from God. Rev. Chuck Swindoll says: "The attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes.

***Lord, grant me an attitude of gratitude for Who You are and what You do. Amen.***



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****December 17-24, 2017**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
		<b>9:15 A.M.</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>
		<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</b>
<b>LYF COOKIE WALK!!!</b>			
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>YOUTH BOARD MEETING</b>
		<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK DECEMBER 20 – JANUARY 5</b>			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BELL CHOIR PRACTICE</b>
		<b>6:30 P.M.</b>	<b>PRAISE AND WORSHIP CHOIR</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>NO CHURCH</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
		<b>4:00, 6:30 &amp; 11:00 P.M.</b>	<b>WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- 12/17 Jonathan Marxmann, Shirley Morse, Darell Reynolds, Brenda Wendling  
 12/18 Debra McClure, Jake Wendling  
 12/19 Shawn Bourland, Nic Koester  
 12/20 Ryan Mayberry  
 12/21 Joyce Marxman, John Mellendorf, Leo Wyckoff  
 12/22 Wilma Krueger, Carol Lading  
 12/23 Travis Barr, Renee Kremer, Patrick Romero, Anne Stine

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 12/18/69 Eldon & Judy Joergens  
 12/21/13 Aaron & Blair Smith  
 12/21/96 Philip & Shannon Stuemke

**IN THE NEW YEAR...****St. John's****Church Family Potluck****Sunday, January 21 at noon**

Let's get together for the joy of fellowship and good food.

**Check out our FACEBOOK page! You can re-watch the sermon beginning on Wednesdays.**

