

OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Worship	337
Adult Bible Class	22
Sunday School.....	45
Sunday School Staff.....	10
FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:	
Thank you for supporting God's work through St. John's. Our offering received last weekend:	
General Fund: \$7989.98	
Building Fund: \$580.00	

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)

**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!

THE EAGLE
St. John's Newsletter
DECEMBER 24, 2017

Church Office Hours
Monday–Friday 8:00–11:30/12:30–4:00
Email: saintjohnslcms@gmail.com



- *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
6 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship/Holy Communion
- *Monday, January 1, 2018
9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES
RESUME JANUARY 10**

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

6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion

YOUR EVANGELISM BOARD makes up bags of useful items to deliver to the Cancer Center for those undergoing treatment. They received the following letter:

Dear Friends, I am a minister of the First Church of Christ in Mulberry Grove, Illinois and am a patient of the Crossroads Cancer Center there in Effingham.

On my visit yesterday, I was the recipient of a beautiful little gift bag. I just wanted to express my thanks for your lovely gift. It meant a lot to me. I had the opportunity to pray with and share with several of the other patients. Some were searching, some didn't care too much...everyone uncertain about the days ahead. I know your gift will be meaningful to them all. I praise God for your kind thoughts and gift.

*In Christ,
Randy Whitehead*

**No Crosstones Practice
until January 15**



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!

Huge thanks to all who donated food, cash, time to our Food Pantry this past year. We are truly blessed.

Collection items for January:

Peanut Butter

Saltine Crackers

Applesauce

Spaghetti Sauce

SAVE THE DATE!

Orientation for the Lifelight Study

The Gospel of John Part 1

























**is Sunday, January 14 at 9:15 a.m. in
Trinity C**

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.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

-  In memory of Jim Wall, given by the Wall family
-  In memory of Rose Haake, given by Howard
-  In memory of Dyanne Haake, given by Howard
-  In memory of our mother, Gert Winter, given by Larry & Pat (Winter) Milleville and family
-  In loving memory of those in my family who have gone to Heaven and in honor of those here on Earth who are celebrating Jesus our Savior's birth, given by Phyllis Miller
-  In loving memory of Melvin Wendling, given by Ilda, Doug & Brenda, Phil & Tammy and grandchildren
-  For God's blessings of children and grandchildren, given by Neal & Sarah Mellendorf
-  In loving memory of Bob Wendling, given by wife, Norma, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren
-  In memory of Kurt & Ethel Ziegler and Mardell Carter, given by Judy Ziegler and Vicky and Courtney Cook
-  For all the many blessings we've received, given by Dave & Carol Althoff
-  Thankful for all the blessings and in loving memory of Alfred & Clara Potts and Lisa Marie Walker, given by Marlene Walker
-  A white poinsettia was given in memory of Lowell (Crow) & Joyce Miller by their kids and grandkids
-  A white poinsettia was given in memory of Clyde Janis by his kids and grandkids
-  In memory of Jeanine Wente, given by Leroy and family
-  In memory of Leroy Ziegler, given by Beulah
-  For blessings received by the Paul Wendling, Sara Sandifer and Steve Wendling families
-  In loving memory of our parents and brother and in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings, given by Warren & Lois Schlechte
-  In loving memory of Harold Hartman, given by Rhea and family
-  In memory of Russ Wieneke, given by Sandy
-  In memory of loved ones, Rev. Earl Brown & Liz
-  In memory of Rolan & Lois Moeller, given by John & Marla Jackson
-  A white poinsettia was given in loving memory of Ferd & Angie Gall, by Rev. Ted & Ruth Gall and Rev. Tim & Tara Gall
-  A white poinsettia was given in loving memory of Clarence & Marie March, by Rev. Ted & Ruth Gall and Rev. Tim & Tara Gall
-  To the glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Klay, given by Jack Klay and family



Three poinsettias were given by an anonymous donor to be shared with area shut-ins or nursing homes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		December 24-31, 2017	
SUNDAY	24	9:00 A.M.	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
		4:00, 6:30, & 11:00 P.M.	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
MONDAY	25	9:00 A.M.	CHRISTMAS WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK DECEMBER 20 – JANUARY 5			
WEDNESDAY	27	6:00 P.M.	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY	28	NOON	GOLDEN EAGLES
FRIDAY	29	1:00 P.M.	OFFICE COMMUNION
SATURDAY	30	5:30 P.M.	WORSHIP
SUNDAY	31	9:00 A.M.	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
		6:00 P.M.	NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 12/24 Carla Bierman, Emmeline Flach, Gary Norris, Tommy Quance
- 12/25 Christine Casteel
- 12/26 Mitchell Haller, Eugene Koebele, Shannon Stuemke
- 12/27 Jessica Budde, Douglas Jackson, Dylan Kuhns
- 12/28 Dannie Braun
- 12/29 Tyler Devall, Clayton Gregory, Andrew Knight, Phillip Knight, Zachary Pruemer
- 12/30 Pauline Beckman

12/31/12 Troy & Lindsay Van Blaricum
“May God bless you, the members of St. John’s Lutheran, with a grand MERRY CHRISTMAS as you serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and celebrate His birth. May God also bless you wil a great NEW YEAR. Gloria and I thank God for blessing us and as I help Pastor Gall in serving God’s people at St. John’s LCMS. Pastor Gary & Gloria Fortkamp

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 12/25/96 Brian & Jill Marxman
- 12/27/75 Pastor Earl & Liz Brown
- 12/29/73 Daniel & Sarah Riordan
- 12/30/66 Chuck & Lorri Mayberry

HAPPY 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.