THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S …

SUNDAY .. **8am Divine Worship w/Communion; 9am** Fellowship - Dorcas/Super Bowl Sub pick-up; **9:30am German Worship**/Sunday School/Bible Study; **11am Divine Worship Service w/ Communion**; **12:30pm** Building Rental; **2pm** Ellinger Hall & Bowling Rental; **5pm** Baptismal Meeting; **6pm** Worship

MONDAY.. **6:30pm** Cub Scout Meeting; **7pm** Boy Scouts

TUESDAY.. **7pm** Music Room/Men's Open Gym/Dorcas

WEDNESDAY.. **9am** Children's Chapel; **3:30pm** Handbell practice**; 4:30pm Worship**; **5:30pm** Confirmation class; 6:30pm Scrabble Night/ Early Childhood Reading Night

THURSDAY.. **6:30pm** Cadette Troop/Adult Handbells; **7pm** New Members Class/Gym Rental; **7:45pm** Church Choir

FRIDAY ..

SATURDAY .. Mr. & Mrs. Club; **9am** Set-up Gym; **12:00pm** Ellinger Hall & Fellowship Room Rental; **7pm** PTL Silent Austion/Wine Fair

SUNDAY … **8am Divine Worship Service w/Communion**; **9am** Fellowship**-** Dorcas; **9:30am German Worship**/Sunday School/Bible Study**; 11:00am Divine Worship Service w/Communion**; **12pm** Dinner & a Movie**; 12:30pm** Building Rental; **6pm** Worship; **7pm** Adult Volleyball

SUNDAY SCHOOL..has many VHS Sunday School movies and music videos, and would like them to be copied onto DVD's. Can anyone copy them for us, and I of course will provide the DVD's. If you have any questions please contact Kathi Deahl at 312-217-1219 at kdeahl@stjohnschicago.org.

IN GRATITUDE.. Thanks to members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, our church received $4,347.00 and our school $2,464.00(totaling $6811.00) during 2011 from the "Choice Dollars" benefit program that Thrivent sponsors. Through Thrivent's program "Care Abounds in the Community", two of our organizations received a total of $3,200.00 for projects they undertook during 2011. Praise and thank the Lord for this fraternal organization that has helped our congregation by granting us $10,000 in 2011.

WHAT IS THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS?..They are a leading provider of financial services including annuities, mutual funds, life insurance, long term care insurance and more. Go to www.thrivent.com for information, or call one of our congregation's financial associates: Ed Nelson (773-545-5255) and Pat Eggert (773-286-3376).

SAVE THE DATE.. Attend the *Art of Marriage!* FamilyLife has created a biblically-based marriage conference that brings together expert teaching, engaging stories, real-life testimonies, and humorous vignettes in order to help couples fully experience God's design for marriage. There is nothing ordinary about this event! Mark your calendars for Friday evening, April 13th and Saturday April 14th to be here at St. John's. More information coming soon. Engaged couples and singles seeking to learn more about marriage are also welcome! Please contact Gwen (Honebrink) Hand with any questions and to register, 773-771-3727 or ghonebrink19@yahoo.com

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS TODAY..

REHAB.. Lorraine Steffens at Norridge & Marla Bland

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL.. Kathy Byrd & Vicente Perez

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PRAYER REQUESTS .. *There is a basket at the Altar Guild Window for you to leave your prayer requests. You may also place them in the offering plate, give to an usher or to Pastor Heinz.*

PRAYER CHAIN - January 30, 2012

Rev. Geske Family - death of wife & 2 children in an auto accident in Kansas
Green/Becerril Families - death of Jamie's father, Fred
Vicente - hospitalized with pancreatitis
Linda Richenberger - in ICU after surgery today to remove her cancerous kidney
Norman Schinler - hospitalized, very sick
Jordine Berg - new chemo treatment
Harry T - severe eye problems
Heidi - broke her tail bone while bowling
John Buettner - recovery
Alcoholics - for those who enable them to drink
Byrd/Kovacs Family - praise & thanks for healthy baby girl, Vivian Louise
Daina Z - about to give birth in Italy (Navy wife)
Connie G - safe travel to Italy to be with her daughter
Natasha - with many health issues most recently hospitalized with fluid in her lungs

Continue to pray for: Zachery, Barbara Leineweber, Lorraine Steffens & Sophie Bauer - recovery; Lynn Sorci, Julie Bronow, Ceil Torres, Pastor Dangler - cancer; the unemployed; Lutheran Churches & Schools; St. John's financial situation; our Missionary Family, our military & our leaders.

ALTAR FLOWERS..Did you know that flowers may be placed in memory or honor of a loved one, in thanksgiving, for a birthday, anniversary, or to the Glory of God? Two vases or the centerpiece each cost $25.00. Flowers may be picked up after worship on Sunday. Call the office at 773-736-1196 to place an order, or look for the blue Flower Book at the Altar Guild window**.**

NEW MEMBERS CLASS.. has begun. They will be meeting Thursday nights from February 2 through March 29 beginning at 7pm in the Science Room. Anyone interested in becoming a member of St. John's should attend this class, along with congregation members who would like to brush up on their Lutheran theology. This is another opportunity to be in God's Word, to learn and refresh our minds as we receive His Gospel together.

RELIGIOUS BROADCAST..The Lutheran Hour, WGN 720am, Sundays at 6:00am. **"You Can't Muzzle True Joy."** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz. Joy is rooted in a relationship with God. You can't muzzle joy when that joy is connected to Jesus. (Mark 1:40-45)

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL.. The LAA Women's Volleyball season is in full swing. This week they will be playing Irving Park/Christ at St. James at 3:15pm. St. James is located at 2101 N. Freemont

LADIES, LADIES, LADIES..Dinner and a Movie will take place Sunday, February 12th. The movie that we will be showing is "What if" starring Kevin Sorbo. (What if you had your life all planned out just to discover that it wasn't up to you and God has a different plan for you?) A light lunch will be served at 12:30 followed by the movie and dessert with discussion. Women of all ages are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH FIRE SYSTEM.. The Trustees are looking for volunteers to help with the installation of equipment for upgrading the fire system. This is a huge undertaking and they can use all the help that they can get. Some of you might say that you know nothing about fire systems, but that's okay. We will show you. Some of the work that needs to be done is: running conduit and wire above the ceiling, mounting equipment to walls and doors, bringing equipment to each floor and cleaning up after everything is installed. Starting day will be announced once all the equipment and engineering is finalized. Any questions please contact Terry Wilczak at 708-243-8968. This work will be done on Saturdays.

LUTHERAN WITNESS DEADLINE.. If you wish to subscribe to the Lutheran Witness, please submit the subscription price of $16.00 per year by February 27th. Make checks payable to St. John's.

SAVE THE DATE.. Don't forget that on Saturday, February 11th from 7-10pm, PTL will host its First Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction to benefit the school. This is an adult only event that will be held in the gym. Join us for an evening of fellowship, fine wine tasting and bidding at our silent auction all to help the school. Tickets are now available for $10.00 in the office, or you may purchase them for $15.00 that evening. We will have a wide variety of appetizers at the event including chocolate, artisan breads, cheese/crackers, fruit and desserts. Items available at the silent auction include: 4 one day hopper passes for Disney's Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios or Disney's Animal Kingdom (Florida only), Certificates: Morton's, Wildfire, Eggsperience, Lou Malnati's, French Pastry School demonstration; Stampin' Up basket, handmade jewelry by KHeinz Designz, Chicago Chocolate Tour, Lynfryd Winery Wine Tasting, Tickets to Chicago Fire, Chicago Wolves, Sky Deck, Santa's Village, Brookfield Zoo, CPX Paintball, Emerald City Theatre, Big Swing dance lessons, Gigi Hill bag and much, much more!

OPEN HOUSE.. We are proud to announce that our first Open House for new students is scheduled for Friday, February 3rd from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Be sure to tell your friends what a great school we have! In addition, Open Houses will take place on Tuesdays, February 14th, March 13th, April 17th, and May 8th from 9am to 3pm.

PRAYER SHAWLS.. All shawls have been prayerfully given to others by our congregation. So, if you can crochet or knit, please get those fingers working and prayerfully create more. We are also making lap throws and chemo caps. We have yarn and patterns for your use. Our group will meet in the Conference Room on Monday, February 20th at 7:00pm and Saturday, February 25 at 10:00am. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Leineweber or Kathi Deahl.

YOUR "GIFTS OF LOVE" IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

	Week of: 1/29/12	Last Year: 1/30/11
Contributions	2,927.75	4,310.50
Rentals	140.00	210.00
Other Donations	53.00	130.00
Mission	44.75	100.50
Mortgage Contributions	1,180.75	1,102.50
School Fund	13,378.54	8,304.55
Memorial Contributions	586.00	1,465.32

OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

January 29th : English Worship Services - 172

German Worship - 12 Bible Study - 30 Wednesday - 16

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 136 years of God's Blessings

February 5, 2012 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY .. We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We extend the warm welcome of St. John's to you. If you would like to know more about us, to become part of our church family or if you are just visiting with us today, please provide the information requested in the red Pew Pad. Also, please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to our Pastor. Our members are also asked to register their church and communion attendance in the Pew Pad and to pass the pad to the others in the same pew during the Offering. May God bless your worship with us.

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Today we celebrate and receive the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body & Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. You are invited to refer to pages 329-330 in Lutheran Service Book to review the "Christian Questions with Their Answers," to assist you in examining yourself. In participating, we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian faith, not only unity in the Body of Christ, but also a harmony of teaching and practice. To support this unity in teaching, congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion. Guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not in fellowship with our Synod, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate that by folding your arms over your heart while at the communion rail.

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP ..

The Preachers: Rev. Richard A. Heinz (8,11 & 6:00); Rev. Juan Berndt (9:30am)
The Organist: Mark Eggert (8 & 11); June Berveiler (9:30am)
Fellowship Hour: Dorcas
Acolytes: Allison Zanders (8am), Katerina Fiedler (11am)
The Altar Guild: Debbie Wheeler, set up 10:15; Elder 6:00pm
The Trustees: Mr. Ron Byall (opening); Mr. Rick Gernhofer (closing)
The Tape Ministry: Mark Eggert

ALTAR FLOWERS.. beautifying the chancel today are in honor of the first anniversary of Mike and Bonnie Mayrens.

FUSION.. We continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am for Bible Study. We are currently doing a series on the various trees of the Bible. Youth grades 6-12 are welcome to come out.

ASH WEDNESDAY.. is a day of reflection on our sin and need for forgiveness. St. John's church will be open on Wednesday, February 22nd from 7:30-8:30am, and 10am to 3pm for confession and ashes. There will be a Divine Service with ashes at 4:30pm and 7pm. Soup and Sandwich will be served by Dorcas between services.