THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S …

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**;**12:00pm** Dinner & a Movie; **12:30pm** Rental; **6pm Worship**; **7pm** Adult Volleyball

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

TUESDAY.. **9am Open House; 6:30pm** BoCE; **7pm** Music Room/Men's Open Gym

WEDNESDAY.. **9am** Children's Chapel; **3:30pm** Handbell practice**; 4:30pm Worship**; **5:30pm** Confirmation class/Youth Night

THURSDAY.. **7am** All Pro Dad; **6pm** Youth Dance; **6:30** Cadette Troop/Chancel Bells; **7pm** New Members Class; **7:45pm** Church Choir

FRIDAY .. No School**; 6pm** Food for Thought**; 7pm** Fellowship & Bowling alley rental

SATURDAY .. **9am** Music Room Rental; **3pm** Fellowship & Bowling alley rental

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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.

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.

OUR ANNUAL PICNIC.. is set for June 3, 2012 at Linne Woods. Worship will be at 10:00am followed by games, food, and fellowship. The committee is hard at work contacting potential donors for raffles and prizes. Can you or someone you know make an in kind donation of gift certificates, products, or cash? Proceeds from the picnic will be used to refurbish/purchase handbells. Donation letters are available in the office or contact Cheryl Fasshauer at cfasshauer@stjohnschicago.org.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.. An Epiphany Hymn Festival will take place at First Saint Paul's on Sunday, February 19 at 3:30 pm, located at 1301 N. LaSalle Drive. In celebration of the 40th year of their Schlicker organ, Dr. Steven Wente will be directing the choirs and instrumentalists. There will be a reception following the Festival Service which everyone is invited to. Parking is available in the Franklin School lot on Goethe Street just two short blocks west of the church.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS TODAY..

REHAB.. Lorraine Steffens at Norridge, Marla Bland & Doris Hain

HOME FROM THE HOSPTIAL..Kathy Byrd & Alice Wenzel

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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 - February 6, 2012

Taylor Family - sudden death of young wife

Parents - son was arrested for murder

Families - of the victim and others injured

Angel Rodriguez - severe back problems

Jordine Berg - new chemo treatment

Luther Alumni - back from Iraq & thinking of taking his own life

Leslie - diagnosed with gall stones

Families - having difficulties

Sue C - God's blessings

Melissa - suffering from a rare & painful skin disorder while facing severe financial hardship. Pray that God will guide her to make better life decisions.

Linda Richenberger - bowel obstruction after surgery to remove her cancerous kidney

Keith - a non-smoker with a rare form of cancer, undergoing a 14 hr. surgery to have his tongue removed; Pray that he will be able to talk.

Employees - Wisdom & strength for the employees of a company that was recently taken over by a large, foreign corporation that is treating them quite poorly & asking some of them to behave in an unethical way.

Mackie /Styck Families - birth of baby girl, Quinn

Murphy - a beloved canine family member scheduled for leg surgery on 2/21.

Dial-a-Prayer Requests: *Jerry* - for understanding his family; *Shirley & Family* - peace; *Walter* - bi-polar; *Robert Summerville & family*.

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 are meeting on Thursdays now through March 29 beginning at 7pm in the Science Room. Congregation members who would like to brush up on their Lutheran theology are welcome to attend. This is another opportunity to be in God's Word, to learn and refresh our minds as we receive His Gospel together.

RELIGIOUS BROADCAST.."**A Resurrection Glimpse to Empower Your Faith**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Can you fathom what it means that it required the sacrifice of God's own Son in order that you might live, forgiven and redeemed? (Mark 9:2-11)

LADIES, LADIES, LADIES..Dinner and a Movie will take today, 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.

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, April 13th & 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.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL.. The LAA Women's Volleyball season is in full swing. They will be playing this Sunday, February 12 at St. James against St. Philip. Game time is 3:15pm.

LADIES BOOK CLUB .. will meet on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage. We will be reading *My Life in France* by Julia Childs. An autobiography written by Julia about her time spent in France. Please RSVP to Kristi at 773-736-3053. We look forward to seeing everyone again**!**

FUSION..A SUPER thanks to all who bought Super Bowl Subs this year!" We will also be hosting Lent dinner on March 21st, and Easter Breakfast on April 8th. Thank you for your support!"

OPEN HOUSES.. Open Houses for new students will take place on Tuesdays, February 14th, March 13th, April 17th, and May 8th from 9am to 3pm. Be sure to tell your friends what a great school we have! Applications are now being accepted for the 2012/2013 school year.

INVITATION TO ATTEND .. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to come to the meeting of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League on Monday, February 20 in the Fellowship Room at 7:00 pm. The evening's agenda will include a Bible Study, work on our prayer cubes, along with fellowship and refreshments. Please join us.

PRAYER SHAWLS.. We are making lap throws, chemo caps and prayer shawls, and have yarn and patterns for your use. Our group next meets in the Conference Room on Monday, February 20th at 7:00pm and Saturday, February 25th at 10:00am. If you have questions, please contact Barb Leineweber or Kathi Deahl.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT..will meet at 6:00pm on Friday, February 17th. We will be having an Italian pot luck at the Heinz's. It is important that you call the Heinz's at 773-736-3053 to let them know you are coming and what you will be bring so that we have a variety of things! Hope you can join us in feasting on God's Word & great Italian food!

ALL PRO DAD..Calling All Dads! Next Thursday, February 16th at 7am will be our next monthly breakfast for Dads and their children. We'll have a nice hot breakfast, discuss this month's topic, Being Courageous, and raffle off some cool prizes. Contact Mark Zanders, Jr. at 773-793-3012 or markjr@zanders.us with any questions.

YOUR "GIFTS OF LOVE" IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

	Week of: 2/5/12	Last Year: 2/6/11
Contributions	5,032.25	3,712.00
Rentals	245.00	160.00
Other Donations	1.00	0.00
Mission	37.25	85.00
Mortgage Contributions	3,490.50	1,497.00
School Fund	2,847.61	5,397.45
Memorial Contributions	375.00	130.00

OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN THE LORD'S HOUSE
February 5th : English Worship Services - 202
German Worship - 10; Bible Study - 28; Wednesday -17

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 136 years of God's Blessings
February 12, 2012 - 6th 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); Dr. Paul Kreiss (9:30am)
The Organist: Mark Eggert (8, 9:30 & 11)
Fellowship Hour: Dorcas
Acolytes: Charlotte LaFleur(8am) & Ashley Banko (11am)
The Altar Guild: Betty Carey, 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 placed in honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Dorcas Society.

IN THE BEGINNING.. that's today! Today we begin studying Genesis in Adult Bible Class. Come join us and listen to Jesus in Genesis.

THRIVENT MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED.. to watch their mail or email for new and updated information about the "Choice Dollar" program. One important change made for 2012 is that all members need to renew their selection of a Lutheran institution by either email or calling 1-800-847-4836. When prompted, say, "Thrivent Choice." If choosing our church or school, be sure to state the address at 4939 Montrose to further identify our church and school from the other St. John's in the city. If you have any questions or need help, please give Judy Knueppel, St. John's volunteer advocate, a call at 847-692-4563. It's an easy matter to take care of and one that helps you be a good steward of money available for your direction of use.