THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S …

SUNDAY .. **8:30am** Fellowship - Council**; 9am German Worship**/Sunday School/Bible Study; **10:15am Divine Worship Service w/Communion**; **11:30pm** Voter's meeting & pot luck lunch; **12:30pm** Building Rental; **6pm** Worship; **7pm** Adult Volleyball

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

TUESDAY.. **3:15pm** Market Day Pick-up; **7pm** Music Room/Men's Open Gym

WEDNESDAY..9am Children's Chapel; **3:15** Talent Show Practice**; 3:30pm** Handbell practice**; 4:30pm Worship**; **5:30pm** Confirmation class/ Youth Night; 7:15pm Elders Meeting

THURSDAY.. **3:15p**m Talent Show dress rehearsal; **6:30pm** Cadette Troop/Adult Handbells; **7pm** New Members Class; **7:45pm** Church Choir

FRIDAY .. **3:15pm** Talent Show Practice; **6pm** Ellinger Hall Rental; **7pm** Talent Show

SATURDAY ..

SUNDAY … **8am Divine Worship Service w/Communion**; **9am** Fellowship-Dorcas/Super Bowl Sub Pick-up; **9:30am German Worship/Sunday** School/Bible Study; **11:00am Divine Worship Service w/Communion**;**12:30pm** Building Rental; **2pm** Ellinger Hall & Bowling Rental; **5pm** Baptismal Meeting; **6pm** Worship

TALENT SHOW.. will take place Friday, February 3rd at 7pm. Come out and enjoy the many talents of our students and parents. You will see some dancing, a little singing and maybe even a comedian. It is sure to be a great show so don't miss it.

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.

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).

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS TODAY..

REHAB.. Lorraine Steffens at Norridge & Marla Bland

IN THE HOSPITAL.. Doris Hain at Resurrection & Kathy Byrd at Alexian Brothers

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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 23, 2012

Kucan Family - death of Martin
Nadine Panagakis - seizures
Vaughn Family - death of Fred
Pete Wright - loss of his mother
Young woman - loss of a pregnancy
Zachary - multiple health problems
Ed - that he will secure steady employment
Edith - fell & broke her pelvis
Bob Anderson - tumors on his only kidney - upcoming surgery
Melissa - multiple health problems, feeling stressed & overwhelmed
Sandee's mother - in failing health, needing a lot of care
Matt - still has severe pain after having a knee replacement several weeks ago, also having trouble sleeping.
Congregation & clergy of Mayfair church, closing in June - strength & comfort that God will continue to guide them

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

DID YOU NOTICE..the first envelope in your new box of offering envelopes? It is there for an extra gift to cover the cost of their printing. An extra $5.00 from each of us would cover the entire cost of envelopes for the year.

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.. This class will be held every Thursday starting 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. **"God Is Faithful. Get Busy And Wait On The Lord"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz We can wait on God-joyfully, expectantly, hopefully-because we can trust Him. (Isaiah 40:28-31)

MEN'S BASKETBALL.. The LAA Men's Basketball season is in full swing. They lost a tough game against Pilgrim last week, with their record now at 4-1. Show your support by joining them this Sunday at 4:45pm at Luther North as they take on St. James. It's as good as watching the Bulls game.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL.. The LAA Women's Volleyball season has begun. They will be playing this Sunday, January 29th at St. James against St. James. Game time is 2:00pm.

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.

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!

SUPER BOWL SUBS.. The Youth Group is selling subs for the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 5th. Forms are in the narthex. Please return them to the church/school office by Monday, January 30th. If you have any questions please call Mark Zanders, Jr. at 773-793-3012.

FUSION.. We continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 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. Don't forget that there is Youth Night this Wednesday and we will have an open gym night.

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.

YOUR "GIFTS OF LOVE" IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

	Week of: 1/22/12	Last Year: 1/23/11
Contributions	4,360.85	3,680.50
Rentals	2,610.00	135.00
Other Donations	0.00	28.13
Mission	170.75	33.50
Mortgage Contributions	1,185.75	4,169.65
School Fund	14,173.48	18,695.06
Memorial Contributions	285.00	0.00

OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

January 22nd : English Worship Services - 162

German Worship - 14; Bible Study - 29

Wednesday - 15

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 136 years of God's Blessings

January 29, 2012 - 4th 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 (10:15 & 6:00); Dr. Paul Kreiss (9:00am)
The Organist: Mark Eggert (10:15); June Berveiler (9:00)
Fellowship Hour: Council
The Altar Guild: Karen Buhler, set up 10:15; Elder 6:00pm
The Trustees: Mr. Ray Bickel (opening); Mr. Gordy Johnson (closing)
The Tape Ministry: Mark Eggert

ALTAR FLOWERS .. beautifying the chancel today are placed in honor of Kenneth & Dorothy Waldmann's birthdays in January, by Doug & Karen McLane.

VOTER'S MEETING.. Don't forget that there is a Voter's meeting today after the Worship Service. Please join us in Ellinger Hall for a pot luck lunch followed by the meeting.

LADIES BOOK CLUB .. will meet this Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage. We will be discussing *So Big* by Edna Ferber. We look forward to seeing everyone again. Please RSVP to Kristi at 773-736-3053.

CHURCH ENVELOPES.. have arrived! Please be sure to pick your envelopes up today in the back of church. Please notify the office if yours are not there.