



**HURRY!
STILL A FEW BAGS
OF OUR DELICIOUS PEANUT BRITTLE
AVAILABLE!**

There are still some bags remaining--they will be sold after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services; any remaining will be available in the office this week.



May the God of hope
fill you with all joy
and peace as you
trust in Him, so
that you may over-
flow with hope by the
power of the Holy
Spirit.

--ROMANS 15:13 NIV



Third Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 17

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101
9:30 Worship (F. Hall)
10:00 Men's Choir
11:00 Worship
12:00 p.m. Worship
6 p.m. *Worship FH

MONDAY - DECEMBER 18

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (parlor)

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 19

*6 p.m. Lifepointe (Y.L.)

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 20

4:00 p.m. P.w/ Christ, Hymnology
5:30 Discovery Dinner
6:00 Girl Scouts
6:15 Prayer group

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 21

12:30 p.m. Women's Guild
1:00 p.m. Rittenhouse Ministry

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 23

*8 a.m. Manhood Initiative



SUNDAY - DECEMBER 24

**CHRISTMAS EVE
4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
FOOD BANK**

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101
9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12 p.m. Worship
6 p.m. Children's worship service
8:00 p.m. Traditional worship

**Denotes Lifepointe Church
activities taking place this week*

NEWS-NOTES

Sunday, December 17, 2017



Pastor William H. Fine

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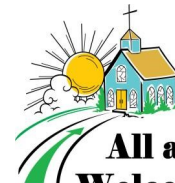
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**All are
Welcome**

As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. We are glad to have you sharing in our celebration of worship. We invite you to sign our guest book in the Narthex and take a "Welcome" brochure. The "Welcome" brochures contain more information about St. John's United Church of Christ, as does our website, www.stjohnsmc.org. **For your convenience, childcare is provided each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the preschool playroom.** Please join us for refreshments between services in the Fellowship Hall. A church member will be happy to show you the way.

ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 9:30 a.m.: 59; 11:00: 23; 12:00: 12; Total: 94
Sunday School: Adults, 13



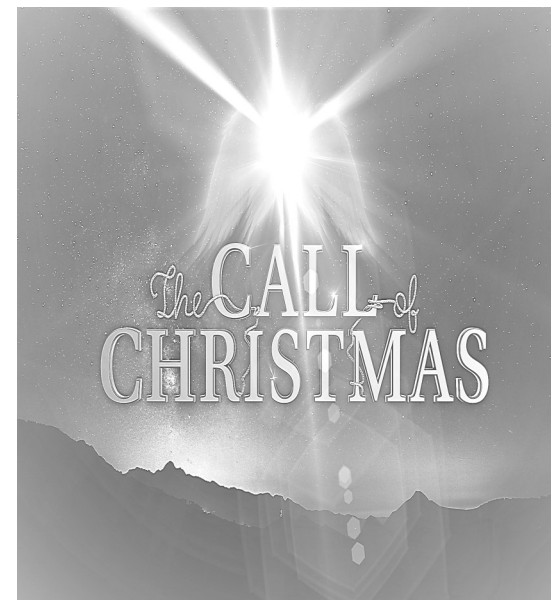
ADVENT WORSHIP

**Sundays,
December 17th & 24th**

**9:30 a.m. Contemporary
11:00 a.m. Traditional**

**Sunday, Dec. 24th,
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**9:30 & 11 a.m., 12 noon
6:00 p.m. Children's service
8:00 p.m. Traditional service**



IMMEDIATE HOST NEED

A volunteer host home is needed for an International student attending Marquette Catholic H.S. for 2nd semester. Busing is available to Marquette from Valparaiso, Portage, and Chesterton. The student has insurance, spending money, and is under a strict set of behavioral rules (no drinking, drugs, or driving) Hosts provide a bed, food, and a measure of guidance. Call Lisa at 219-874-4375 or Sandy 1-844-528-1145 for more information.

FOOD BANK

Especially needed are juice, stews, hash, and toilet paper. Thank you for always being so generous in your donations to our Food Bank!



MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree is set up next to the office and we are collecting mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for children to keep little noses and fingers warm during this colder season. Just hang your donation and decorate our tree!

MEN'S CHOIR

New members are always welcome! Please come join us for a "harmonic experience." We meet Sundays, 10:00 a.m., prior to the second service. Any questions, please call Dolores at 362-3665.

RITTENHOUSE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES – JOIN US!

Every first and third Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
Upcoming Dates: Thurs., Dec. 21st,
Thurs., Jan. 4th and Jan. 18th
2nd floor of Rittenhouse, 4300 Cleveland
Our St. John's Rittenhouse Ministry now meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Sue Allison coordinates and Pastor Dennis Carrol preaches. We pray, sing, hear a devotional message, and share communion. Come join us!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

The Monday evening Men's Bible Study has resumed meetings on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor. Come join us!

DISCOVERY DINNERS

Don't forget! For a hearty meal, good company, and great classes, come by on Wednesday nights for a delicious meal! Join us for Discovery Dinners, Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. ***Please note, if the Michigan City Area Schools have closed for that Wednesday, there will be no Discovery Dinner served that evening.*** A freewill offering to cover the cost of the meal is always welcomed and greatly appreciated.

BLOODMOBILE

The next Bloodmobile at St. John's will be Tuesday, January 2nd, from noon to 6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your blood donation appointment, or you may go online at: redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code *stjohnsucc* to schedule your appointment.



OFFICE CLOSINGS

The office will be closed on the following days due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays: Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, Dec. 26th, and Monday, Jan. 1st.

Except for those days listed above, our present office hours through the month of December are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The office closes at noon.



SNOW and WORSHIP SERVICES

Please note, in case of snow or other inclement weather, please listen to local radio station WEFM for any cancellations regarding Sunday worship services here at St. John's. Please also use your best judgment—if it is too snowy, icy, etc. for you, then please do not venture out! We will miss you but we want you to have a safe and healthy winter!

MESSENGER/NEWS NOTES DEADLINES

Due to the holiday office schedule, please note the following deadlines to submit information for inclusion the News Notes and Messenger:

Mon., Dec. 18, 9 a.m.: January Messenger
Tues., Dec. 19, 9 a.m.: Dec. 24 News Notes
Thur. Dec. 28, 9 a.m.: Dec. 31st News Notes



MINISTRY LEADERS: ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!

Just a reminder to all ministry leaders: your annual report is now due!! Please also email your report to the office at secretary@stjohnsmc.org.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28th
After the 9:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary (one service that day), the Annual Meeting will follow in the Sanctuary. Potluck will follow in Fellowship Hall.

MESSENGER HELPERS

If you have a couple of hours to spare one day a month, please join our group of dedicated volunteers who fold the Messenger.

For more information on how you can help, please call the church office, 872-9121. *Your help will always be welcomed and greatly appreciated!*

