

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER:

Sun. 4: Communion Sunday; 10 Men's Choir; 8:30-Chr. 101, Worship 9:30, 11, 12
Mon. 3: Labor Day (office closed)
Tue. 4: 12-6 Bloodmobile
Wed. 5: 4:15 pm Hymnology, 5:30 Discovery Dinner, 6:30 Handbells
Sat. 8: 9:00 Women's Study
Sun. 11: 8:30-Chr. 101, Worship 9:30 (Sanc.), Church Picnic to follow in F. Hall
Mon. 10: 6 pm Men's Bible 6 pm Preschool Board
Wed. 12: 4:15 pm Hymnology, 5:30 Discovery Dinner, 6:30 Handbells
Thur. 13: 6:30 Consistory
Sun. 18: 8:30-Chr. 101, 10 Men's Choir; Worship 9:30, 11, & 12; Goodtimers, 2 p.m. (F. Hall)
Mon. 17: 6 pm Men's Bible
Wed. 19: 4:15 pm Hymnology, 5:30 Discovery Dinner, 6:30 Handbells
Thur. 20: 9:15 Rittenhouse; 12:30 pm Women's Guild
Sat. 22: 9 am Women's Study Youth Summit (all day)
Sun. 25: MemFood Bank; 8:30 Chr. 101, 10 Men's Choir; Worship 9:30, 11, & 12
Mon. 24: 6 pm-Men's Bible
Wed. 26: 4:15 pm Hymnology, 5:30 Discovery Dinner, 6:30 Handbells
Sun. 30: Noisy Offering 10 Men's Choir; 8:30-Chr. 101, Worship 9:30, 11, 12

DECEMBER:

Mon. 1: 6 pm Men's Bible & Preschool Board
Tue. 2: 12-6 Bloodmobile
Wed. 3: 4:15 pm Hymnology, 5:30 Discovery Dinner, 6:30 Handbells
Sun. 7: Communion Sunday; 10 Men's Choir; 8:30-Chr. 101, Worship 9:30, 11, 12
Mon. 8: Columbus Day (office open); 6 pm Men's Bible & Preschool Board
Wed. 10: 4:15 pm Hymnology, 5:30 Discovery Dinner, 6:30 Handbells
Thur. 11: 6:30 Consistory
Sun. 14: 8:30-Chr. 101, 10 Men's Choir; Worship 9:30, 11, & 12
Mon. 15: 6 pm Men's Bible
Wed. 17: 4:15 pm Hymnology, 5:30 Discovery Dinner, 6:30 Handbells
Thur. 18: 9:15 Rittenhouse; 12:30 pm Women's Guild
Sun. 21: Stewardship Sunday; 8:30 Chr. 101, 10 Men's Choir; Worship 9:30, 11, 12
Mon. 22: 6 pm-Men's Bible
Wed. 24: 4:15 pm Hymnology, 5:30 Discovery Dinner, 6:30 Handbells
Sun. 28: Food Bank, 10 Men's Choir; 8:30-Chr. 101, Worship 9:30, 11, 12
Mon. 29: 6 pm Men's Bible
Wed. 31: (Halloween) 4:15 pm Hymnology, 5:30 Discovery Dinner, 6:30 Handbells

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ARRIVAL OF A KING! ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The arrival of a baby changes everything. Babies change schedules, change priorities, change plans and in fact your entire life is changed. Even though a baby brings change, it is accompanied by great joy. New life is a Joy.

Now consider that this baby is also a King. Even though Jesus was a baby he represented a change in how people could relate to God. In Holy love he brought the capacity to offer grace in response to sin. Jesus was the incarnation of grace which brought joy to God's people who waited for his coming.

Grace is the Good News that came in the arrival of Christ. Jesus brings light into a darkened world. When Jesus stood up in the synagogue in Nazareth he was given a scroll that recorded the words from Isaiah. Jesus read aloud these words:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom
for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free, to proclaim
the year of the Lord's favor."*

--Luke 4:18-19

Jesus by his grace has changed our lives. He is good news to the poor in spirit and we were poor in spirit at one time. He proclaimed freedom from many kinds of bondage to which we were prisoners and he set us free. He restored our sight when we were blind so we might see him working in this

world. He freed us when we were oppressed by spirits that hindered us from serving God.

Now that Christ has changed you, you are set free to proclaim Good News to someone else. You and I are witnesses of the power of Christ to change a life. How is God calling you to share the Good News?

Blessings to all as we celebrate Thanksgiving and prepare our praise to worship the arrival of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Praising Jesus! Pastor Bill

PROPOSED UPDATES TO CURRENT BYLAWS

Please stop in the office if you would like a copy of the proposed revisions to our bylaws, and if you would like a copy of the current bylaws. If you are unable to stop in, please call the office and we will be happy to email (or postal mail) you a copy (872-9121; secretary@stjohnsmc.org). Copies of each are also posted on the main bulletin board outside the office.



VETERAN'S DINNER

For veterans and their spouses
Monday, November 5th,
here at St. John's
5:30 p.m. entertainment, dinner to
follow. Reservations required!
Please call Geisen-Carlisle to reserve
your place, 219-874-4214

TOASTMASTERS

A Toastmasters membership
gives you the courage to speak with
confidence, improve communica-
tion with family and friends, give
and get constructive feedback, and
thrive in a supportive learning en-
vironment. Start your journey to-
day!

Michigan City Toastmasters meet
on the first and third Monday of
every month at "The Nest," 803
Franklin St., Michigan City. They
meet from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.. Please
call Valerie Mrak, 773-255-1425 or
email mrakulous1@gmail.com for
more information.

WOMEN'S STUDY

The Women's Study group is re-
suming meeting. They will meet
on Sundays immediately after the
9:30 a.m. worship service. They
will be studying the Book of Ro-
mans. Questions, please call Jer-
ry at 219-617-0526.



**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!
PEANUT BRITTLE,
ANYONE?**

Work Dates:

**Nov. 15th, Nov. 29th,
Dec. 6th, and Dec. 13th.**

**Pick up of orders is during office
hours (M, T, Th, Fr, 9-12) or on**

Sunday mornings

between church services.

Join our Guild project by eating
peanut brittle, selling peanut brittle,
or making peanut brittle! All togeth-
er we can contribute to agencies in
our community which serve others.
We can make a difference right here
in Michigan City! St. John's will begin
offering its famous peanut brittle at
\$8.50 per pound and just in time
for Thanksgiving!

Tell your family and friends that
once again all profits from the sale
will be donated to community agen-
cies or to St. John's projects. Or-
ders for peanut brittle can be picked
up before the church office closes
at noon (M, T, Th, & Fr) or on Sun-
day mornings between church ser-
vices.

If you would like to be a part of
our team, a sign up sheet will be
posted beginning Nov. 1st or you may
talk with Judy Kerestury.

"PEOPLE & SONGS"

Nov. 2nd & 3rd, 2018,
LaPorte Civic Auditorium 1001
Ridge St.,
"Turn Up The Lights"

Please see the main bulletin
board for complete ticket pric-
ing and event schedule.

USHER NEEDED!

We are looking for someone who
would be willing to help with the
ushering responsibilities for the
11:00 service for the month of Janu-
ary. Please contact Debbie Dill at
219-362-4345 if you are available to
lend a hand.

CHRISTMAS CHILD

Many thanks to those who con-
tribute all year! Good buys right
now are back-to-school sales—
they are a great way to help fill
our boxes! Also needed are t-
shirts, small toys, and bar soap.
Thank you so much!

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

An International Student attending Mar-
quette Catholic H.S. is in need of a vol-
unteer host family. She has insurance
and her own spending money. Please
call Lisa at 219-229-8875 or email [lisa-
browndash@gmail.com](mailto:lisa-browndash@gmail.com).

RITTENHOUSE MINISTRY

Every third Thursday, 9:15 to
10:15 a.m.

Thursdays, Nov. 15th
and Dec. 20th
~1st floor Memory Care,
Rittenhouse~
Join us!

DID YOU KNOW??

*The St. John's Women's Guild
has an ongoing prayer chain. St.
John's members and friends can
ask for Guild members to pray for
them for specific or general rea-
sons. (If you are asking for a friend,
please get their permission.) Just
call the church office (872-9121)
to leave your requests. God has a
plan for each of us, and all prayers
are our lifeline to our Father God!*

