

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2012**

<b>SUN.</b>	9:00 AM	Worship/Receiving New Members
	10:00 AM	Fellowship Time
	10:15 AM	Learning Hour for children/youth
	10:30 AM	Annual Meeting
<b>MON.</b>		
<b>TUES.</b>	8:00 AM	Men's Group/Quilting Ladies
	7:00 PM	AA
<b>WED.</b>	8:00 AM	Women's Bible Study at Main St. Café
	9:30 AM	Chapel at Evansville Heights
	10:30 AM	Chapel at Evansville Manor
	6:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:30 PM	Sweet Wednesdays for High School Youth
<b>THURS.</b>	7:00 PM	Financial Peace University
<b>FRI.</b>		
<b>SAT.</b>	5:00 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous
<b>SUN.</b>	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:00 AM	Souper Bowl of Caring Fellowship
	10:15 AM	Learning Hour for children/youth

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Count on worship here at St. John's, no matter the conditions outside. But please use your best judgment regarding your own safe attendance.

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**Monday thru Thursday**  
**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**EVANSVILLE, WI**

*The Epistle*



*"Epistle" from the Greek: a message or letter, especially concerning matters of faith.*

**The Weekly Announcements**

**January 28 & 29, 2012**

*Saint John's Lutheran Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ gathering:  
 To reach up in worship, To reach out in evangelism, and  
 To reach within for spiritual growth.*

**Welcome, Guests, to  
 St. John's Lutheran Church!**

We rejoice in your presence with us for worship and hope the experience is meaningful for you. **Help us to remember your visit by completing the black registration book at the end of your pew.** We also have a "guest book" in the narthex that we'd appreciate you signing. Please share your name with those around you and with the pastor. Whether you are here for only one service or are seeking a permanent place to worship, please feel at home among us!

**Nursery:** *Children are always encouraged to participate in worship. Should the need arise, there is a nursery room off the fellowship hall that is available for parents and children. Volunteers help staff the nursery during 9:00am Sunday worship. Activity Bags are available in the narthex (the gathering area) on the coat rack.*

**Children's Bulletins** are available from ushers.

**Restrooms** are located in the hallway next to the kitchen. An accessible restroom is located in the nursery just off of Fellowship Hall.

**Holy Communion**

We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, and he invites all people to his table to join the feast together. **Christ is the host of this meal, and all are welcome.** White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available on request for those who prefer. Those not prepared to receive the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing from the pastor or communion assistant. *Indicate a desire for a blessing by crossing the arms over the chest.*

In the Lutheran tradition, Holy Communion is known by many names. Among them include Sacrament of the Altar, The Eucharist, The Lord's Supper, and the Holy Meal. By whatever name is used, we believe that in this sacrament God renews our faith, forgives our sins, and fills us with the hope of life everlasting.

For news, pictures, sermons, articles, and more information, visit us online at

**[www.stjohns-lc.org](http://www.stjohns-lc.org)**

## TODAY

### FOURTH WEEKEND AFTER EPIPHANY

During the winter weeks of the Epiphany season we follow the story of Jesus' life and ministry with his disciples, as Jesus becomes well-known through the region. Today we hear how Jesus freed a man from a demonic spirit.

### RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

- Chris Cole, with daughter Marabeth
- Gary and Donna Lewis
- Kathryn Robinson
- Kendall Wethal
- Dave and Coreen Williams, with children Alex and Rachael

St. John's welcomes you all into our church family! With your commitment to the Lord and to us, we commit ourselves to support you in faith. May God unite us into one body.

If you are interested in setting down roots with us and becoming a member of St. John's, talk to Pastor Matt or call the church office.

### ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 29 AT 10:30 AM

Sunday we meet as a congregation following 9:00am worship. We'll see a slideshow, celebrate the year of 2011, and look forward to the year ahead. Please plan on attending. Also available is the **2011 Annual Report**, which helps to tell the story of a great church year together. Pick up your copy on the welcome station in the gathering area.

## SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

<b>Accompanists:</b>	Melanie Greenleaf, Sharon Magee, Ben Welch
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Carolyn Butts
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Tammy Pomplun
<b>Readers:</b>	Karen Krajeck, Jeff Updike
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Craig and Linda O'Leary
<b>Greeters:</b>	Dan and Lori Drake, Vonnie Hatlen, LaVonne Craven
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Cora and Kailey Persons
<b>Usher Team:</b>	Tonto Abey's Team
<b>Sound:</b>	Scott Brummond
<b>Nursery:</b>	Courtney Butts, Hayden Reese
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	JoMarie Oakeson, Sue Miller
<b>Worship Steward:</b>	Carolyn Butts

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### LEARNING HOUR FOR ALL AGES —

Following Sunday morning worship we share a time of fellowship and jump into learning about faith and life from 10:15 to 11:15am:

- Sunday School for K-5th graders
- Youth Group for 6th-12th graders
- **Annual Meeting**

### OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to

- Scott Tortomasi and family as they grieve the death of his grandmother Bennett Barrelman.
- Peg Ramsett and family as they grieve the death of Peg's husband Glenn.

Our hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ, who loves us in life and in death.

### WORLD HUNGER

Our world hunger offering this weekend will purchase food for *Kids Against Hunger*. On February 11 (1:00pm-3:30pm) we'll be packaging nutritious meals with that organization right here at St. John's. We're buying enough food to package 6000 meals. The cost per meal is \$.25. \$10 buys 40 meals for a child in need! Watch for the wicker baskets passed after our regular offering.

### HUNGER MISSION PROJECT TEAM

Would you like to serve on the Kids Against Hunger mission project team? Add your name today to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. **On Saturday, February 11, from 1:00pm-3:30pm** we need about 50 volunteers. If we have more, we'll take turns.

## LIFE TOGETHER

### A WEEKEND OF MUSIC AND MISSION

On February 10-12 St. John's is the place to be for people of all ages. Friday night join us for a 6:00pm potluck and 7:00pm concert with the band Captive Free. Youth will stay into the night for games (8:30pm-11:00pm). Then on Saturday 50+ servants put their hands on a hunger mission project. The band Captive Free will also lead worship and education hour on Saturday and Sunday. Don't miss it!

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

During the month of February, St. John's—along with our brothers and sisters from other Evansville churches—will be collecting non-perishable food items for our local Care Closet. This collection will “kick off” on the weekend of February 4/5, to coincide with the playing of the Super Bowl.

After worship next Sunday we'll have a special fellowship (an assortment of soup, sandwiches, etc), with the free will offering to benefit the Care Closet. At least as much as we like football, we take care of those experiencing lean times. Please be generous as we collect food for our Evansville neighbors in need.

### LWR SOAP COLLECTION

In the month of January we ask each family to bring one bar of soap and place the soap in the pans on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Your gift of soap is a simple thing to do that makes a difference to someone in need.

### YOUTH SPONSORSHIPS TO NEW ORLEANS

Eleven youth and two adults are attending the National Youth Gathering in July 2012! You are invited to walk alongside our youth in prayer and financial support as they prepare to serve and grow in faith. See the welcome desk for support forms or talk to Becca Poock.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### HOSPITAL VISIT AND PRAYER LIST

If you or your family member is in the hospital, or planning to be in the hospital, please notify the church office. Let us know also if you or someone you know is especially in need of prayer.

### St. John's Members

Ron Carlsen	Al Hipke
Charlotte Radtke	Dolores Reese
Ruth Janes	Karen Anderson
Wanda Johnson	

### Friends

Julee Devlin	Violet Goodrich
Claire Renz	Nick Kuenzli
Lori Mortensen	Orlo Espeland
Randy Rinehart	Pat Schmidt
Jim Jones	Esther Brodsky
MutterPat Johnson	Larry Wickersham
Gus Stewart	Carol Burns

### Serving Our Country

Jesse Rice, Curtis Langer, Joe Hunt, JJ Boley, Holdin Worley, Eric Carlson, John Garbrecht, Jake Reynolds, Jake Schmidt

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### GIVING IS AN ACT OF JOY

This new year holds lots of exciting promise for our ministry. Worship, education, outreach — we make it happen together, with our time, our talents, and our financial resources. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### SIMPLY GIVING

Try a new practice of generosity this year. *Simply Giving* is a way to share your financial offering through **electronic funds transfer**. It's easy to set up, and it helps keep your commitment to generosity. Forms are in the wall display case.

**Worship Attendance:** January 22 & 23 = 242