

ST JOHN LIFE Together

SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 16-17, 2019

ADORING

The Prayer of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Egypt

Iraq

Maldives

Saudi Arabia

Partner Church:

Lutheran Church in Korea

Baptism:

Oliver Jeffrey Rosenwinkel (son of Lindsey and Jeffrey Rosenwinkel, grandson of Penny and Ken Rosenwinkel)

Comfort, health, recovery:

Dale (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)

The Balmages family (friends of Cindy and Tim Loest)

Gary Barnes (brother of Glenn Barnes)

Marion Beckner

Harold Brubaker (cousin of Joan Kaliher)

Leslie Deckert (sister of Karen Rossetti)

Candice Garcia (niece of Kathy and Rick Deist)

Michael Gilbert (uncle of Carol Heidorn)

Sharon Grant (friend of Ruth Harrison)

Lauren Hoffman

Carol Jablonsky (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)

Kevin King (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)

Bruce Klein

Jackie Kold (friend of Carol Heidorn)

Lily Kostecki

Amy Piunti (niece of Jim Williams)

Audrey Redgate (sister of Dave Richardt)

Bonnie Roberts (mother of Gretchen Musa)

Anna Scheidt and unborn child

(daughter-in-law of Laura and Mark Scheidt)

Kathleen Simpson (grandmother of Dave Simpson)

Richard Simpson (grandfather of Dave Simpson)

Jason Tipner (brother of Jennifer Vogel)

Joshua Tipner (brother of Jennifer Vogel)

Karla Von Lehe (friend of Marianne King)

David Wohlrab

Rev. James Yonkers

(brother of Elissa O'Leary and Emilie Yonkers)

Rhonda Zacharias

Peace and comfort for the family and friends of:

Lillian Haupt (mother of Jodie Chester)

Dorothy Milnamow (aunt of Gretchen Scheel)

Those who need our ongoing prayers:

Frederick Fellendorf (father of Ann Williams)

Eldon Geyer (cousin of Joan Kaliher)

Paul Haskin (friend of Anna Piro)

Kristen Karkan and unborn child

(sister-in-law of Betsy Karkan)

Ryan Markel (son-in-law of Karen Crawford)

Joy Peterson (mother of Kim Peterson)

Edith Rosenwinkel

(granddaughter of Kathy and Jim Rosenwinkel)

Diana Shaw

Brian Weiss (nephew of Pat Fullhart)

Marlane Weslian (friend of Beth Rupert)

Donald Whitely (relative of Paul Donohue)

Please submit your prayer requests to the website
or call the church office at 630-668-0701 x400.

ADORING

Baptism

We rejoice in the new birth given in Baptism today to:

- **Oliver Jeffrey**, son of **Lindsey and Jeffrey Rosenwinkel**. Sponsors are Laurie and Benjamin Stellwagen. Oliver was born December 4, 2018.

MATURING

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study

Beautiful Work: Prayer as Loving God and Others with All You've Got

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Pastor Bruzek bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org
Among the happy last words of Private Absolution are these: "live toward the work and the beauty [Christ] would fulfill in you for Himself and for others." Part of that beautiful work is prayer, but just its mention can unnerve us with feelings from inadequacy (it's so hard for me!) to guilt (I'm so bad at it!). Let's see if we can embrace prayer as a gift of privilege and joy—even though it always remains a cry from the helpless (us!)—because it springs from the invitation, instruction, and energy of our Lord.

High School Youth Catechumenate:

What's next?

- **Place:** Lower Level High School Room
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Pastor Buchs dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

Forty-five minutes a week! We have so much to do. Come along as we work together to build on all the things you've learned so far. This class is driven by your interests and participation as you learn to follow Jesus with maturity—as we work to answer the question: what's next?

Confirmation—The Small Catechism

- **Place:** Lower Level—Confirmation Room
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org

Confirmation at St. John is a three-year process beginning in 6th grade. The journey continues this year as we explore the Christian faith through the six chief parts of The Small Catechism. From playing with water in Baptism to dining on holy food in the Lord's Supper, from the description of life in the 10 Commandments to the description of forgiveness in Holy Absolution, and from hearing faith in the Creed to speaking faith in the Lord's Prayer, Confirmation will invigorate and extend the children's faith.

Sunday School

- **Place:** Lower Level
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 50 minutes
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

Children in preschool 3's through grade 5 are invited to come along for Sunday School each week. This is sure to be a fun year filled with God's word, sacred music, good friends, and lots of Bible adventures! Bring a friend and join us. Parents are asked to sign in and sign out children in preschool through grade 2. Older students will be dismissed at 10:50.

WEDNESDAYS

J.O.Y. Group (Jesus. Others. You.)

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes
- **Contact:** Vicar Miguel Barcelos 630-668-0701 x412 mbarcelos@stjohnwheaton.org

Join us as we study the Book of Revelation together, reading it through the lens of its self-proclaimed content: "the revelation of/about Jesus Christ" (Rev. 1:1). Revelation will be placed in the larger context of Old Testament apocalyptic texts with emphasis on its overall comforting message: Christ has won the victory over evil and rules the world even though appearances may lead us to think otherwise. The goal: to comfort a new generation of Christians in the face of evil using the Book of Revelation—a prophecy that calls for faith and is full of hope. All are welcome to attend.

Pastor Chats

- **Place:** Gym
- **Time:** 4:00–5:20 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 80 minutes
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org or Val Gaede 630-668-0701 x436 gaede@stjohnwheaton.org

Children are invited to join our pastors as they help us get to know some of the important saints. All are welcome to bring friends. We'll gather in the gym, and then enjoy snacks in The Study. We will rotate smaller age groupings through Taizé singing, lessons in the sanctuary with Pastor, and fun fellowship activity time.

THURSDAYS

Men's Bible Study

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 6:30–7:15 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Vicar Miguel Barcelos 630-668-0701 x412 mbarcelos@stjohnwheaton.org

All men are welcome to attend as we study the Book of Isaiah and explore some of the main themes in the first chapters of the book.

FRIDAYS

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study

After God's Own Heart: 1 and 2 Samuel

- **Place:** Chapel and The Study
- **Time:** 9:00–10:15 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 75 minutes (childcare provided)
- **Contact:** Pastor Buchs dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

Join us as we dive into this epic history. The story of Samuel, Saul, and David has all the elements of riveting drama—there are no dull moments! Come along as we unpack the plot, get to know the characters, and most importantly discover that Christ is on every page.

SATURDAYS

The Catechumenate: Welcome to St. John!

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 8:30–10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes, breakfast and childcare provided!
- **Contact:** Pastor Buchs 630-668-0701 x408 or dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

St. John is a wonderful, happy community of faithful folks, and we'd love to have you be a part of it. Surrounded by the beauty of this sanctuary and intent on living a thankful life of mercy and witness, we are devoted to Christ and rejoice in his Word and Sacraments. Come and see if this is the place for you. If you have any questions at all, or know somebody who might enjoy the class, please contact Pastor Buchs.

EMBODYING

Time to Sign Up for ESSE!

- **Place:** St. Paul Lutheran Church
515 S. Wheaton Avenue
- **Time:** Throughout February
- **Commitment:** Varied
- **Contact:** Toni Breseman 630-668-6811 or Julie Nyquist julie.brooks.nyquist@gmail.com

Sign up on the calendar in The Commons stairwell to help at ESSE (Ecumenical Support Services for the Elderly) during February. Here are some of the opportunities to volunteer:

- **Bring coffee break treats by 8:30 a.m.**—coffeecake, bread, muffins, cans of decaf coffee
- **Bring afternoon snacks by 2:00 p.m.**—cheese and crackers, cut up fruit, fish crackers, pretzels, cupcakes, bars, sugar-free powdered drink mix, sugar free cookies and candies.
- **Help serve lunch**—11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- **Entertain or share**—between 10:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. or 1:15–3:00 p.m.
- **Donate small Bingo prizes**—candy, jewelry, samples, etc.

Please include your preferred email or phone number to receive a friendly reminder!

People's Resource Center— Job Fair Interview Clothing

- **Place:** Lower Level stairwell—PRC collection cart
- **Time:** Throughout February
- **Commitment:** Clean out a closet
- **Contact:** Ann Williams 630-215-3318
or annwms22@sbcglobal.net

The People's Resource Center (PRC) has a particular need for appropriate interview apparel for an upcoming Job Fair. You can help by donating clean business attire: trousers, skirts, blazers, suits, dresses and dress shoes. Please clearly mark your donation *PRC Career Fair* and bring it to the PRC collection cart downstairs. Thanks for helping our neighbors look their best as they seek to gain successful employment.

Place your order now for the 2019 Lutheran Witness

- **Place:** offering pouch or church office
- **Time:** subscription deadline is February 24
- **Commitment:** 5 minutes, \$16
- **Contact:** Carol Toenies 630-668-0701 x417
or toenies@stjohnwheaton.org

A \$16 subscription fee will guarantee that the *Lutheran Witness* will be mailed to your home each month starting in May. You may order using the *Lutheran Witness* envelope included with your January envelopes or print *Lutheran Witness* on an envelope found in the pew racks. *Please make checks payable to St. John Lutheran Church.*

This magazine is written and provided for the lay people of the LCMS. It writes about Christian life, the ministries of congregations, worldwide missions and people of faith. Regular features include Bible studies, a message from the synodical President and updates on Synod developments.

Volunteers Needed at Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois

- **Place:** LCFS, Oakbrook and Oakbrook Terrace offices
- **Time:** Flexible
- **Commitment:** Varies
- **Contact:** Matt McDermott, Community Engagement Manager 708-488-5558 x258
or Matt_McDermott@lcfs.org

NEW! Looking for an opportunity to make a meaningful impact? Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS) of Illinois is looking for volunteer receptionists and

administrative office workers as well as case aides to work directly with children and families. Be an important part of protecting children, strengthening families and building futures by contributing your time, expertise and energy to help those in need. Learn more about current volunteer opportunities at LCFS.org/Volunteer.

LWML Meeting: Making Cards for Shut-ins Tuesday, February 19

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 9:30 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes
- **Contact:** Kathie Thorne 630-308-7281
or kjthorne@comcast.net

NEW! Marilyn Hess is bringing her craft ideas to inspire us to create greeting cards for shut-ins. To supplement the supplies she has, she asks us to bring our own scissors and glue (glue stick, tape runner, double-sided tape, or tacky glue) and old cards (Christmas, Easter, Birthday, etc.) that can be cut up. There will also be a business meeting and Mites collection.

Morning Eucharist and Breakfast Club Thursday, February 21

- **Place:** Chapel and The Commons
- **Time:** 7:40 a.m. and following
- **Commitment:** 20+ minutes
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel 630-668-0701 x403
gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

NEW! All are invited to Morning Eucharist followed by a light breakfast in The Commons. Please come to enjoy the Lord's Supper and His Word and stay for the second most important meal of the day and a chance to visit with friends. Gluten-free options are available. Breakfast Club is held on the third Thursday of the month during the school year.

High School Winter Retreat

Thursday, February 28—Saturday, March 2

- Place: Wausau, Wisconsin
- Time and Commitment: 2 days (Thursday after school through Saturday evening), \$120
- Contact: Pastor Buchs 630-668-0701 x408
dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

Join us as we head up to Wausau for a Winter Retreat. We'll spend time together reflecting on Lenten preparations to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. We'll go skiing at Granite Peak on Friday, relax, play games, eat and enjoy northern Wisconsin.

Men's Discussion Group • Thursday, March 7

- Place: Emmett's Brewing Co.
121 W. Front St., Wheaton
- Time: 8:00–9:30 p.m.
- Commitment: 1.5 hours
- Contact: Aaron Zoeller 630-818-5123
or azoeller@scccombustion.com

We have a great group of men at St. John and would like to offer more opportunities to get to know one another. The Steak Fry and the Men's Retreat are excellent, but they only happen once each year. Please join us at Emmett's for a monthly "Man Date"! At least one of the Pastors will be in attendance to facilitate discussion and keep us between the lines. The format will be pretty open; so bring your ideas, questions and insights to share.

100 Greek Words Every Christian Should Know • Saturday, March 9

- Place: Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
9701 Melvina Ave, Oak Lawn, IL
- Time: 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Commitment: 5 hours, advance registration is required
- Contact: The Rev. Dr. Mark Birkholz 708-424-1059
or Greek@faithoaklawn.org

NEW! Pastor Mark Birkholz is a former intern and longtime friend of St. John. He has taught courses on biblical languages and interpretation to undergraduate and graduate students. In this one-day class, he will teach a brief history of the Greek language, the Greek alphabet and pronunciation, 100+ Greek words commonly used in the New Testament, and Greek phrases and bible verses. There is no cost for the event, and it is open to all ages and education levels. Lunch is included. *Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 6.*

Women's Book Club • Thursday, March 14

- Place: The Commons
- Time: 7:00 p.m.
- Commitment: 1–2 hours, plus reading time
- Contact: Gretchen Scheel gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

NEW! Ladies, join us the second Thursday of each month for an evening of fellowship and book discussion. Our March selection is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate, a "thought-provoking [and] complex tale about two families, two generations apart ... based on a notorious true-life scandal."

Coming up:

- April 11—*The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* by Elaine F. Weiss

Annual Blood Drive • Saturday, March 16

- Place: Rooms 202 & 203
- Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Commitment: 1 hour
- Contact Janet or John Lattmann 630-432-7353
or scooterbeagle@comcast.net

NEW! Again this year St. John is hosting a blood drive for the Heartland Blood Center. There is always an urgent need for blood donations. If you or family members have ever needed blood products, you know what a difference it makes! Are you new at St. John? Never had the opportunity to donate before? Contact Janet or John for more information or to schedule an appointment. Our past donors get reminder cards, an e-mail sign up opportunity and a phone call to schedule. We absolutely need your donation! Please consider this precious act of mercy. What a beautiful way to share the gift of life!

Wills vs. Trusts: Which is better for you?

Wednesday, April 10

- Place: The Study
- Time: 7:45 p.m.
- Commitment: 1 hour
- Contact: James Yonker 630-728-9411
or james79703@gmail.com

The law firm of Kuczek and Associates has drafted living trust-centered estate plans for more than 2,500 families in the Chicagoland area. Attorney Ted Kuczek returns to St. John to present this on-site, complimentary workshop. Estate planning with a living

trust is a good idea for everyone but especially for the following:

- if you have an estate over \$100,000 and want to avoid probate upon death and avoid property guardianship upon incapacity;
- if you are infirmed or elderly;
- if you have real estate in multiple states;
- if you have a large estate and want to avoid Illinois estate taxes and federal estate taxes;
- if you are a parent with minor children.

RSVP to Attorney Ted Kuczek 847-940-7780 or trustattorneys@kuczek.com. Five percent of legal fees are donated to St. John Lutheran Church.

27th Annual Parish Nurse and Congregational Health Ministries Conference

Wednesday, May 22 and/or Thursday, May 23

- **Place:** Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. Wednesday through 1:00 p.m. Thursday
- **Commitment:** 1 or 2 days, \$80 per day (includes materials and meals)
- **Contact:** Dr. Carol Lueders Bolwerk 262-243-4233 or CarolLuedersBolwerk@cuw.edu

“Christ’s Love, His Calling to Serve” is the theme of this year’s Concordia University Wisconsin Conference for Parish Nurse and Congregational Health Ministries. At this national gathering, nurses, pastors, lay ministers and others interested in congregational health ministry have the opportunity to network with like-minded souls and share Christ-centered information and strategies. Numerous keynote speakers and breakout sessions will explore a variety of topics concerning the health needs within congregations.

Christian Caregiving Conference

Monday, June 3—Thursday, June 6

- **Place:** Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin
- **Time:** 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. daily
- **Commitment:** 4 days, \$400* (includes materials and meals)
- **Contact:** Dr. Carol Lueders Bolwerk 262-243-4233 or CarolLuedersBolwerk@cuw.edu
**group rates, scholarships and mission grants are available*

For 30 years, Concordia University has offered educational opportunities in congregational health. This comprehensive conference is a four-day intensive

professional development course for RN’s, clergy and others who want to learn more about health ministries and parish/faith nursing. (The course may qualify for continuing education credits for RN licensure in some states.)

Summer study opportunity at Westfield House: *Martin Luther and the Reformation in England* • June 29–July 6

- **Place:** Westfield House, Cambridge, England
- **Time:** Saturday, June 29–Saturday, July 6
- **Commitment:** One week
- **Cost:** \$1,500 per person includes 7 nights’ accommodation in shared, en-suite rooms, meals and field trips. Airfare is not included.
- **Contact:** Dr. Cynthia Lumley, Principal, Westfield House cl767@cam.ac.uk

Cambridge is regarded as a birthplace of the Reformation in England, so where better to learn about this important time in the history of the Church? A one-week course for laity will be taught by Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger, Concordia University Chicago Pastor and Westfield House alumnus. The format will include assigned pre-reading, seminar style lectures and numerous field trips to important Reformation sites. Space is limited to 20 students. For details and registration, please contact Dr. Lumley. Westfield House is the house of theological study of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England, a partner church of the LCMS.

ME and MY Shadow • Every other Wednesday

- **Place:** Hosted in homes or local parks
- **Time:** 9:30–11:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes or as long as you can stay or play
- **Contact:** Sarah Hopkins 630-362-1897 or sarahdhopkins@gmail.com

Me and My Shadow gives little ones a chance to play and interact socially while moms and dads do the same! Upcoming dates are February 20 and March 20. Contact Sarah for the location or if you have questions.

Food Pantry Donations

- **Place:** Lower Level
- **Time:** Before/after weekend worship
- **Commitment:** 5 minutes
- **Contact:** Ann Williams 630-665-3315
or annwms22@sbcglobal.net

Please help provide for our hungry neighbors in need by filling one or more grocery bags with non-perishable food and household items. Place donations in the grocery cart at the bottom of The Commons stairwell and we'll get them to our local food pantries. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Needed items include canned fruit and canned mixed vegetables, high nutrition cereals, condiments, cooking oil, tea, diapers (sizes 4 and up) and baby formula.

Other suggestions are canned soup and soup mixes, canned tuna or chicken, dried or canned beans, rice, dry pasta, baking and pancake mixes, peanut butter and jelly, and macaroni and cheese.

Thank You Bakers!

Several groups from St. John baked cookies for Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) lunches, but due to the abundance of cookies, cookies were enjoyed by more people than LERT. Seventy-five pounds of homemade goodies made their way to Panama City, Florida and were served to food pantry patrons as they waited patiently for boxes of food; two bible study groups as they studied the book of James and then Paul's missionary journeys chronicled in Acts; two sessions of free tax accounting services which were held at the church; the cookies were also given to the homeless who stopped in for respite; they were enjoyed by church volunteers and staff; and what was left was sent home as "road snacks" as we traveled back to our families. Your generosity was incredible—and tasty!

As the food pantry patrons were waiting in line, they asked if they could munch on cookies—they were told "Yes! They were baked by Lutheran ladies up north and the cookies were blessed and they have no calories!"

Thank you! Soli Deo Gloria!
Anna Piro, for St. John LERT

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • February 17

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (The Study)
- 10:00 a.m. High School Catechumenate (Lower Level)
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation (Lower Level)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Lower Level)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 p.m. Governing Board (203)

Monday • February 18

President's Day—No Preschool
CLOSED

Tuesday • February 19

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:30 a.m. LWML (The Study)
- 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal (Balcony)
- 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Lower Level)

Wednesday • February 20

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. JOY Group (The Study)
- 9:30 a.m. Me & My Shadow (off site)
- 4:00 p.m. Pastor Chats (Gym)
- 7:00 p.m. Kantorei Rehearsal (Balcony)
- 8:00 p.m. Winds & Strings Rehearsal (balcony)

Thursday • February 21

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (The Study)
- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
Breakfast Club following (The Commons)

Friday • February 22

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Chapel/The Study)
- 6:30 p.m. Mom & Me Tea (Gym)

Saturday • February 23

- 8:30 a.m. Catechumenate (The Study)
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday • February 24

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (The Study)
- 10:00 a.m. High School Catechumenate (Lower Level)
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation (Lower Level)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Lower Level)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*You can prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Genesis 45:3-15; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42;
Luke 6:27-38*