

St. John's Newsletter

Committed to Jesus Christ and the spiritual growth of all God's children.

Winter 2018/2019

explore God™

Sharing our Faith

Are we ready to talk about our faith? Getting started is the difficult part.

During January we will discuss some of the central areas of concern that people have and discuss ways that we can be prepared to talk about these subjects. We will be sharing the themes for the Sundays in January and February with other churches in the Chicago area with the theme: Explore God Chicago. Here are the topics that will be discussed:

January 13: Does Life have a purpose?

January 20: Is there a God?

January 27: Why does God allow Pain and Suffering?

February 3: Is Christianity too narrow?

February 10: Is Jesus really God?

February 17: Is the Bible reliable?

February 24: Can I know God personally?

Invite others to join us as we tackle life's big questions together.

Holiday Schedules

Thanksgiving—Nov 22

Band rehearsal 9:00 AM (Bring your instrument and join the band)

Worship service 10:00 AM

Invited to Thanksgiving Dinner together at the Parish House.

Christmas Eve—Dec 24

5:00 PM and 10:30 PM Service

Christmas Day—Dec 25

10:00 AM service

New Year's Eve—Dec 31

7:00 PM service followed by

Champagne toast to the New Year

VisionPath

St. John's has been asking the question—through surveys and through the breakfast—”What is God’s purpose for us here in this place?”

The VisionPath committee has come up with a proposed vision statement for the congregation. They are open for comments and feedback. The proposed statement is:

- St. John’s Lutheran Church will demonstrate its love for Christ and its community through its
- V**ibrant and
- I**nviting worship
- S**afe and
- I**nspiring outlets for youth
- O**utreach with the
- N**eeds of the community

Heavens to Betsy 2

The second movie filmed at St. John’s will have its premiere on November 29 and December 6. Information and tickets are available at

heavenstobetsymovie.com

Breakfasts

Once a month the Elders are planning and serving breakfast to the congregation in the school gym. The purpose of the breakfasts is to bring the church together, to help us get to know each other, and to help form us into a community. The breakfasts are primarily paid for by the free will offerings that are received those days. Join us for breakfast—watch for announcements as to the days they will be held.



Thank You

... to Mr. Chad Brak for his generous gift to St. John's Lutheran Church in loving memory of his grandparents, Marvin & Dolores Meyer;

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CHICAGOLAND WORLD PREMIERES

Heavens to Betsy 2
A ROBERT ALANIZ FILM

EMAGINE
THE MAGIC OF MOVIES & MORE
19965 S. La Grange Road, Frankfort, IL

6 pm - Meet Director & Cast in the lobby
7:00 pm - Introduction to Film
Show time: 7:15 p.m.
After-party in the lobby following the show

Tickets & information at:
heavenstobetsymovie.com

NOVEMBER 29, 2018
ENCORE PREMIERE
DECEMBER 6, 2018

TWO NIGHTS ONLY!

Be Still and Know that I Am God Psalm 46:10



Calendar

Nov 20, 1:45 PM	School Thanksgiving Chapel
Nov 21-23	Thanksgiving Break—no school
Dec. 6, 9:00 AM	Students sing at St. John's Church
Dec. 20, 7:00 PM	All School Christmas Program (required)
Dec. 21-Jan. 4	Christmas Holidays—no school
Jan. 7, 8:00 AM	School resumes
Jan. 18	End of second quarter
Jan. 27, 9:00 AM	Lutheran Schools Sunday—students sing at St. John's Church
Jan. 27 – Feb. 1	Lutheran Schools Week
Feb. 18	Presidents' Day—no school

Academic Praise

Congratulations to the following students that earned academic achievement in the first quarter for grades third through seventh.

High Honors

Jalen A.
Nicolas A.
Terrence B.
Toniya B.
Jordyn E.
Jadah J.
Aramie L.
Nathan M.
Kendall P.
Adriana P.
Briana S.
Richard T.
Mason T.
Jackson W.

Honors

Kaliyah B.
Jordan C.

Rachel D.
Alexandria J.
Franklin J.
Jonathan L.
Jalen W.
Emeir W.
Ronald W.
Edward Y.

Sports News

The athletic year started out with girls and boys volleyball. The girls team had many first-time players this year that came out to play. They got better from one game to the next, showing competitiveness and team spirit. This year marks the second year of the boys volleyball program. They started their season out with two tournaments. It was nice to see how much they grew in their skills from last year. They will have

more games this upcoming spring. The boys basketball season has begun. Both A and B teams are undefeated as of now. Come out and support our student athletes!

Service

The students have been privileged this fall to help serve others. In October students in third through seventh grades had the opportunity to team up with other Lutheran schools and organizations to help pack food for children around the world for Feed My Starving Children. The students helped pack over 58,000 meals and as a school we raised \$800. Most recently students in grades first through seventh went to Phil's Friends to make cards, blankets, and care packages for individuals battling cancer.

Clubs

This year we have many clubs after school such as STEM, Drama, and Chess. About half of the student body are involved in the after school clubs this year. Amazing things are happening in each club. For example students learned how to build and program robots and the drama club is preparing for the upcoming Christmas program.

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All are welcome

Worship/Bible Class Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM
Saturday Worship 6:00 PM
in the School Gym
Thursday Bible Class 9:00 AM
in the School Gym

Christian Growth Opportunities

Wired Word Bible Class

Interested in discussing how the Christian faith intersects with current events? The "Wired Word" Bible Class does just that. With a variety of views expressed, the class takes one current event each week and connects it to scripture passages. The class meets in the Parish House on Sundays following the worship service.

Pastor's Bible Class

The Pastor's Bible Class connects with the lessons and themes for the day. The class meets in the church following the Sunday worship service.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

The group that meets on Thursday

morning usually watches a video such as one by Max Lucado, and then has a discussion based on the lesson for the day. The class meets at 9:00 AM in the school gym on Thursdays. They are currently on the series "Because of Bethlehem" and in January will begin the series "Unshakable Hope."

Children's Church

We are currently looking for a volunteer to organize a children's church for our children. The person would coordinate leaders for this. Themes would be connected with our Sunday morning worship. Volunteers would take turns leading the small group of children in the church basement

during the pastor's sermon.

Confirmation Class

Getting youth prepared to be full participants in the life of the church is the purpose of Confirmation Class. At the end of the class the students receive first communion. The class is arranged based on the availability of the students because of the schedules the youth have.