

Week of 2/12/17

SUNDAY (12) The 6th Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 8:00 a.m. School Lower Choir Sings
- 9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening, Nursery
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:30 a.m. LWML Meeting, CLC

MONDAY (13)

- 10:00 a.m. Tivoli Service, DSH
- 5:00 p.m. 8th grade fundraiser at Culver's
- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH

TUESDAY (14)

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
- 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, CLC
- 2:00 p.m. Shut in Service Wyocena-CHC
- 5:30 p.m. Financial Meeting, CLC
- 6:30 p.m. Sisters In Christ, CDC Basement

WEDNESDAY (15)

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth, Gym
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir, Balcony
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth, Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation, CLC
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

THURSDAY (16)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
- 9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
- 10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH

FRIDAY (17)

No Activities

SATURDAY (18)

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Dino's
- 5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

SUNDAY (19)

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

*Christian Education Hour This Week

Sunday School, School Gym

APR = All Purpose Room; CLC = Christian Life Center

CDC = St. John's Child Development Center

Also listed on www.stjohnsportage.com under "calendar" link.

***Announcements to be printed must be in the church office no later than Wednesday NOON. Send all correspondence to churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com**



Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

(Plus more fun for the entire family to enjoy!)
Saturday, March 11, 2017
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Ticket Sales: Available at St. John's School, Church & Child Development Center Offices Prior to March 3rd

\$6.00 per Adult / \$4.00 per child under 12

**Fundraiser Profits will benefit St. John's School Playground Updates.



Our **Sunday morning broadcast** of the previous Sunday service

continues at 10:00 a.m. on WPDR 1350 AM. Broadcasts (\$50) as well as the order of service booklets (\$30) may be sponsored in honor or in memory of a special person or occasion.

Everyone His Witness

Epiphany 6

Matthew 5:21-37: As Jesus teaches about sin, be that murder, adultery, divorce, or swearing falsely, it all begins in the heart. Jesus knows the heart of the matter begins with repentance and being made right with Him. Once our hearts are made right and confirmed in the truth, they can share the truth. Nothing is easier for us to share with one another than something that we have confirmed in our hearts. If in our hearts we are convinced that dark chocolate is better than white chocolate, we will speak about it with a conviction that rivals defending our favorite sports team. But it all begins in the heart, which the Bible says controls our thought, words and deeds. Let God create a clean heart in you and then reach out to the world with the truth that fills your heart from God.

St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 369

Unified Received: \$19,472.71

Other Contributions: \$2,702.77

TOTAL: \$22,290.48

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00

Financial Peace University (FPU)

Want to get out of DEBT, Want to have Financial Peace in your LIFE. Want to strengthen your MARRIAGE or SINGLE Life. Learn how to handle Finances the Biblical Way. THIS CLASS has something for you to learn no matter what age. Classes Starting Monday Feb. 27 at 6:00 pm in the CLC. Materials can be purchased at Church office for \$100. More info contact class Leader Jim Atkinson 697-7052 or jim@atkinsonrealtor.com

Check out the link below to register:

fpu.com/1036909



Are you able to Host?

We encourage groups to host coffee hour on Sunday mornings so that individuals aren't

overwhelmed. If you are involved in a Bible Study, Board or group that would like to host, please contact the church office to sign up!

February 12	Ray & Sharon Norland, Eugene & Carol Pribnow
February 19	Open
February 26	Open
March 5	Open



Dishes, Pans, Bowls...

Do you have any dishes that may have been left in the Christian Life Center? There is a growing collection of dishes and pans in the storage closet

of the Christian Life Center. Please claim them! We appreciate your service in preparing dishes for funerals, Lenten meals, coffee hours, etc.

Illness:

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Names in bold face are members of St. John's)

Donna

Dawn Schallow (recurring brain cancer) niece of **Judy Kerr. Gary Herwig** (knee surgery).

Stauber;

Comfort & Healing:

How Do I Get Someone on the Prayer List?

If you or someone you know would like to have your name added to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Individuals will remain for a 2-week period. Please keep us **updated on a regular basis.**

***Please notify the church office when one of our church family members is in the hospital so that a pastoral visit may be made or arranged. ALSO: Please be sure that you have the permission of the individual before contacting the church office to add them to the public prayer list.**



Don't forget to sign up for the **One Heart**

24th annual Inter-Denominational Women's Seminar on Saturday, February 25th. Questions, contact Bonnie Mulhern at 608-742-6893.



Stewardship Thoughts

1 Corinthians 3:7 : "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" Isn't that the truth! And it's not just true about preachers like Paul, but about all of us in all of the Christian life. God can do such wonderful things with our feeble efforts. This is so very true of our gifts to the Lord's work in the Church. From His generous giving to us, we learn to give generously; and then the Lord blesses this response to His grace in turn and uses our very giving to continue to bless us in the Church where we hear of His gracious generosity to us. And the cycle repeats, and the Lord give growth!

CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Starting Monday, February 6th, join the congregation in a personal, in-home, 2-year Bible Study. The goal is that we collectively grow in Christ through God's Word. Spend time with God in His Word Monday through Saturday using the Today's Light Bible that you see in the pews. In just 15 minutes "Get the big picture" and "Sharpen the focus" in your Christian walk.

You may choose to purchase one of the pew Bibles (\$15 for the maroon NIV edition or \$25 for the "cloud covered" ESV edition.) You are also free to use your own Bible as the Today's Light reading schedule will be printed in the weekly bulletin. Join us! Contact an Elder or Pastor Greg with questions about the study.

.....Week 2.....February 13, 2017.....

- o Monday Genesis 12:10-13:18
- o Tuesday Genesis 14:1-15:21
- o Wednesday Genesis 16:1-17:27
- o Thursday Genesis 18:1-19:38
- o Friday Genesis 20:1-21:35
- o Saturday Genesis 22:1-24
- o Sunday Join God's People for Divine Service



**Lutherans
For Life**

Celebrate Sanctity of Life

– There is still time to return baby bottles for the Pregnancy Resource Center

Baby Bottle Fundraiser to support this pro-life ministry. There is a need for cash donations, which can be placed inside the bottles and also baby wipes and diaper ointment. Your gifts may be placed in the basket in the narthex or returned to the office by the weekend of Feb 11-12. The staff of the resource center and members of Lutherans For Life thank you for your support. If you have an interest in becoming a member of LFL, there are membership forms in the welcome center.



JOIN US IN PARTNERING WITH ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL AS THEY COLLECT TO HELP STOCK THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY. FOR ONE WEEK ONLY BRING IN NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FEB 13-19.

WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN FILL THEIR SHELVES!

St. John's Elder Directory

The Elders listed below are available to talk with and pray with you. Feel free to contact us wherever you are with whatever you may be going through. We CARE and are here for you:

Elder Ken Chvojicek 697-2102
Elder Bob Griepentrog 566-9810
Elder Ron Mueller 369-1845
Elder Gene Thompson 697-4786
Elder Al Volpentesta 697-9566
Elder Don Wakershauser 617-6171
Elder Mark Witt 697-0224
Head Elder Jim Atkinson 697-7052



**Join us Monday, Feb 13th
from 5-8pm for
Culver's Share Night
to benefit
St. John's 8th Grade
Class Trip**



Do you like to walk? Do you like to talk?

If the answer is yes, we have just the thing for you!

St. John's Health & Wellness Ministry has organized the "Walkie-Talkies" to walk and talk on Monday at 5:30pm and Thursdays at 10am. We meet at the information desk at Divine Savior Hospital and walk the tunnel. We'd love to have you join us!

Call with any questions: Lois (512)366-3280 or Theresa (608)697-0509.



Counters Wanted...

The dedicated people who count the weekly offerings need your help. We are getting more and more offering envelopes with no number on them and sometimes a hard to read scribbled name which makes it necessary to try to decipher the name and search for the envelope number – a very time consuming task. We want to ensure that the person giving that offering gets the proper credit for it. Also, we are often getting checks without an envelope making it necessary to search for the missing offering envelope number. Please help us by using your offering envelopes. Let the office know if you need envelopes.

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS at 9:15

Pastor Hovland will lead Sunday Morning Bible study with us in the Christian Life Center. We hope to see you there for coffee, fellowship, and study!

STUDY OF THE EPISTLES This class is led by Dave Tamminga **Sunday mornings at 9:15** in the All-Purpose Room.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets **Tuesday mornings at 9:15** and is led by Pastor Hovland. Come a few minutes early for treats and coffee.

SISTERS IN CHRIST BIBLE STUDY meets **at 6:30 pm Tuesday nights** in the CDC lower level. All women are welcome. Contact Elaine Hull 742-2034.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets **Tuesday mornings at 6:00 a.m.** in the CLC. Contact Ken Manthey at 742-5216.

ESTHER BIBLE STUDY meets **Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m.** in the CLC. Contact Mary Loomans at 742-3972.

RACHEL BIBLE STUDY meets **Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** in the CLC. If you have questions, contact Gladys Chance at 608-566-1123.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets **Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m.** at Dino's in Portage. The group is working through Corinthians. Contact Dave Tamminga at 742-3164.

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY'S WILL NOW BE IN THE MONTHLY CORNERSTONE .**

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