

# Week of 2/26/17

## SUNDAY (26) Transfiguration

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

## MONDAY (27)

5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH  
6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, CLC  
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team, APR

## TUESDAY (28)

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC  
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, CLC  
6:00 p.m. Board of Elders, CLC  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, APR  
6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ, CDC Basement

## WEDNESDAY (01) Ash Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Worship  
4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth, Gym  
5:00 a.m. Handbell Choir, Balcony  
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship  
6:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation, CLC  
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

## THURSDAY (02)

8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC  
9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC  
10:00 a.m. Our House Monthly Worship  
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH  
2:30 p.m. Heritage House Shut in Services

## FRIDAY (03)

No Activities

## SATURDAY (04)

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

## SUNDAY (05)

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](http://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](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com)**



**On top of Spaghetti all covered with cheese, I lost my poor meatball when somebody sneezed!**

## Join us for the 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 3<sup>rd</sup>

\$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

### Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-9: Jesus was flesh and blood like you and me and each one of the disciples. In many of their day to day situations that was all they could see; they couldn't begin to comprehend that He was at the same time the perfect and holy Son of God. As His outward appearance changed (transfigured) before them, they were given a glimpse of the full glory of who Jesus is as both God and Man. During the ups and downs of our daily lives, we can see Jesus, only Jesus when we are in the Word - as Peter tells us in His Epistle - which is even better than seeing the transfigured Jesus - because the Word is the Living Jesus for us to see every single day. Share Him. Listen to Him in His Word. And share the power of His Word and presence by sharing a verse from His Word today!

# St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 334

Unified Received: \$12,560.18

Other Contributions: \$1,180.00

TOTAL: \$13,740.18

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](mailto:jim@atkinsonrealtor.com)

Check out the link below to register:

[fpu.com/1036909](http://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 26	St. John's CDC
March 5	Millers/Fairfield's
March 12	LWML
March 19	Becky and Chuck Williams Theresa Smith



A big THANK YOU to Amanda Kohn and her team, for the sweethearts Valentine dinner. You made the day special and the dinner was great. With much appreciation by all of us.

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

Illness:

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

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

**Mary Loomans** (receiving chemo)

Comfort & Healing:

**June Anderson**; recovering from surgery

## 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.**

## Lenten Supper Schedule

3/8/17: **Open**  
 3/15/17: **Open**  
 3/22/17: **Open**  
 3/29/17: Women Guild  
 4/5/17: Adult Choir  
 4/12/17: **Open**



LENT

**We still have dates open for groups to volunteer to sponsor the Lenten Supper!**

Please stop by the church office to volunteer or call 742-9000.

Check next weeks bulletin for updates on meals.



## Stewardship Thoughts

**Matthew 17:8** "And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only." Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

## **CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY**

Starting Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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### **Week 4 – February 27, 2017**

Monday	Genesis 36:1-37:36
Tuesday	Genesis 38:1-39:23
Wednesday	Genesis 40:1-23
Thursday	Genesis 41:1-40
Friday	Genesis 41:41-57
Saturday	Genesis 42:1-44:34
Sunday	Join God's People for Divine Service

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**Would you be willing to serve on the St. John's Nominating Committee?**

The executive committee wishes to appoint a nominating committee to create a ballot for church officers and board chairpersons for an election to be held at a voters meeting in late May or early June. It should only take a couple of meetings to accomplish this task in March and April. The executive committee would like to select the individuals to serve in this capacity at their March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Please contact Pastor Greg or any member of the Executive Committee if you would be willing to help in this capacity. Remember, this is just a short term commitment. The terms of the church officers and board chairpersons will be from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2019.



Lutheran Counseling and Family Services provides counseling for mental health issues or substance abuse to people of all ages regardless of culture or economic status. We are perhaps best known for our adoption services, placing children into loving Christian homes for over 120 years. We rely heavily on generous donations for our work and through the income provided by thrift stores such as the volunteer-run **The Rainbow Shoppe**, located at 230 W. Wisconsin Ave, Portage, WI. We are currently in need of volunteers willing to give just a few hours a week working at this store. Please consider this fulfilling cause; it means so much to so many! Or, perhaps consider making a donation of gently loved clothing or household items for resale. For additional information, please contact us at 608-745-4489 (store) or LCFS at 800-291-4513 or [reception2@lcfswi.org](mailto:reception2@lcfswi.org). Thank you!

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***Have you noticed the new faces in our growing church family?***

We are looking for volunteers to help with a new church directory for our church family. The committee will be choosing a vendor to take pictures, setting up times for pictures to be taken with all our church members and families. If you are interested in being apart of the team, please sign up on the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center! If you have any questions, please contact an Elder.

### **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





**JULY 16TH, 2017**

**FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT! WITH THE MADISON MALLARDS!!!!!!**

**\$20 PER TICKET (deadline March 20th)**

Faith, Family, Food and Fun for the all! Want a fun family outing this summer? Join St. John's Lutheran Ministries at the Faith and Family Night on Sunday, July 16th. Ticket price includes all you can eat and drink

Ballpark Buffet (burgers, brats, hot dogs, chicken salad sandwiches, veggie burgers, potato salad, coleslaw, Pepsi products and water) tailgating before the game starts. Tailgating starts at 2:30pm and game starts at 4:05pm.

Call(608-742-9000), email(cmusser@stjohnsportage.com) or stop in to get your tickets ordered!



We have some great items for the annual auction, but we could always use **MORE MORE MORE!**

Donations for the auction are a great way to promote your business with gift certificates, or show off your creative talents.

And what's even better, the donations are tax deductible!!!

You can drop off your donation in the church office M-F 8:30-3p

\*Donation items must be new.

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



**FOLLOW THE WHITE RABBIT**

Thursday April 27th 10a and 6:30p.

St John's very own **TRINITY RIETMANN** has written a play, which the 6th-8th grades will be performing! So mark you calendars!

There is no budget for the play, and we are in need of donations for props, scenery, and miscellaneous items, specifically wood (2x4s) and hinges. If you are handy with a hammer or just plane board, we are looking for carpenters to assist in setting up our scenery backdrops.



You can drop off your donations to the church office. For questions, please contact Kara Rietmann 608-697-1260

**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.

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

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