

# Week of 3/12/2017

## SUNDAY (12) Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament  
9:00 am. Blood Pressure Screenings, Nursery  
9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour  
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

## MONDAY (13)

8:00 a.m. Touched Twice Clothing Drive, Gym  
10:00 a.m. Tivoli Service, DSH  
1:30 p.m. Altar Guild, CLC  
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH  
6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, CLC  
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team Meeting, APR

## TUESDAY (14)

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC  
8:00 a.m. Touched Twice Clothing Drive, Gym  
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, CLC  
2:00 p.m. CHC Wyocena Shut-In Worship, CHC  
6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ, CDC Basement

## WEDNESDAY (15)

8:00 a.m. Touched Twice Clothing Drive, Gym  
10:00 a.m. Lent Worship  
4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth, Gym  
5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir, Balcony  
5:30 p.m. WEBS, Cafeteria  
5:30 p.m. Lent Supper  
6:30 p.m. Lent Worship  
6:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation, CLC  
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

## THURSDAY (16)

8:00 a.m. Touched Twice Clothing Drive, Gym  
8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC  
9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC  
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH  
6:30 p.m. Grief Ministry, CLC

## FRIDAY (17)

8:00 a.m. Touched Twice Clothing Drive, Gym  
12:00 p.m. Prop Preparation for Middle Grades Play, Gym

## 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](http://www.stjohnsportage.com) under "calendar" link.



*We will be sending boxes to our military men and women in time for Easter.*



If you have a family member that is in the military, please call 608-745-4669 or the church office 608-742-9000 with their address before March 31. We will be needing homemade cookies and candies. Monetary donations for postage will also be appreciated. We will be packing the boxes on Monday, April 3rd at 1pm in the Christian Life Center. Feel free to stop in and give a helping hand.

*Thank you for your support  
-St John's Military Ministry*

*Lord, We give thanks to you for our brave men and women in uniform. We pray for your love to lead them and your wisdom to guide them each and every day. Amen.*



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

### LENT 2

John 3:1-17: Do you ever have questions about what you hear in worship, in a Bible reading or in a sermon? Is there something that we teach as a church that you're just not absolutely crystal clear on? Do you think you're alone? Nicodemus was a highly trained Pharisee and a teacher of the Law. But he had questions. Instead of ignoring his questions and leaving it alone, he came forward and asked them. There is no place to properly raise your hand and ask questions during the worship service. That's why time spent together in Bible study is so critical. And here's the key point: Once you have the question resolved, you're more likely to share this Good News truth with someone else. And that's what we are called to do as the people of God! Step out! Ask a question. Get the truth resolved in your heart so you can reach out with the truth to the world around you.

\*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)



# COFFEE HOUR

## 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!

**March 12: LWML**

**March 19: Becky and Chuck Williams  
Theresa Smith**

**March 26: OPEN**

**April 02: OPEN**

# St. John's Info. Corner

**Last Weekend's Attendance: 383**

**Unified Received: \$19,269.10**

**Other Contributions: \$2,332.21**

**TOTAL: \$21,601.31**

**Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00**



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

Illness:

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.**

## GOT MILK...Jugs?



St John's Aftercare and 4k are in need of 50 one gallon milk jugs and 15 half gallon milk jugs to finish their Igloo. So if you drink milk save the jugs and drop them off at the CDC or Church Office.



# STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

## Lent 2

**Matthew 15:27** — "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table – He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

## Lenten Supper Schedule

- 3/15/17: Youth Group/WEBS
- 3/22/17: 6th Grade
- 3/29/17: Women Guild
- 4/05/17: Adult Choir



**Thank you to all the groups sponsoring the Lenten Suppers.**

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

**Lutherans For Life will meet Sunday, March 12 at 10:30am in the CLC. Anyone interested in life issues is invited to attend!**

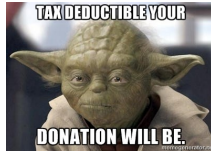


### TOUCHED TWICE CLOTHING DRIVE

MARCH 13-17

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW AND GENTLY USED CLOTHING AND SHOES FOR ALL AGES.

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ST JOHN'S SCHOOL GYM OR RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH



### FOLLOW THE WHITE RABBIT

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



Follow the White Rabbit

St John's very own TRINITY RIETMANN

has written a play, which the 6th-8th grades will be performing! So mark you calendars!

We are looking for monetary donations to go towards props, scenery, and other miscellaneous items. We are also looking for a donation of two 7yd panels of fabric, any color will do. They can be red, or yellow, green, or brown, or scarlet, or black, or ochre, or peach...

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

### ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

says THANK YOU!

The Orphan Grain Train, Wisconsin Branch thanks you for the generous donation. Your contribution will benefit those in need physically and spiritually. Please be assured that the gospel is shared in word and deed...

"God is our refuge and strength" Psalm 46

Again, our thanks as we embark on the Lenten Journey to Calvary



### Prayer Shawls Ministry

#### Who are we?

We are a very small group of women who love to crochet and Knit. We donate our time and our talents by crocheting and knitting different shawls for the elderly, for the sick, for the grieving, for the newly baptized, or for someone "just because". God has given us these talents so we want to share them with you.

Please join us for our next meeting, **March 28th 6pm.** We will be learning how to make our new project, Prayer Clothes.

If you don't know how to Knit or crochet, come any way. Any one of us would love to teach you how!

Questions, call Heidi Thompson, 608-697-4787



The Altar Guild will be meeting Monday, March 13 at 1:30pm in the CLC. Please attend as it is sign up time for Holly Week.



### HAPPY BIG 30 PHILECIA PRIBNOW!

A donation was made in your name to St John's Lutherans for Life by your loving parents.

### St John's Handbell Choir is in need of helping hands, and bells!

Much of the handbell music is written for more handbells than we have, and our handbell choir has been working hard on raising funds to purchase additional bells.

On the weekend of **March 18/19**, there will be a display in the narthex where you can try out the bells. Perhaps you would consider becoming a member of the choir?! Members of the handbell choir will be on hand to answer questions and envelopes will be available for donations. BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! For anyone donating \$100.00 or more, we have a special thank you gift and a piece of St John's history! When our organ was updated, there were some pieces of wood removed and St John's very own Ken Baars has crafted 25 pens from the pieces of wood. If you have any questions, please contact

Michelle Nummendor (Handbell Director) or Lisa Tessmann (Financial Action Committee)

## Altar Guild Easter Flower Fund

THOSE INTERESTED IN DONATING FOR EASTER FLOWERS, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY APRIL 12. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN'S ALTAR GUILD.

A GIFT IN LOVING MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_



**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!



*Looking for ways to help others?*

*Join Grief Ministry  
Reaching out to grieving members of St. John's*



**Next Grief Ministry Volunteer meeting  
is  
Thursday, March 16,  
6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. John's church,  
CLC room.**

**Volunteers meet every other month as  
a group to receive information and  
support.**

**For More information, call  
Danielle 697-3560 or  
Ken 742-5216**

## 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.

### 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

#### **St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**

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