

# Week of 3/19/2017

## SUNDAY (19) Third Sunday in Lent

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

## MONDAY (20)

5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH  
6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, CLC  
6:30 p.m. Parish Life, CLC

## TUESDAY (21)

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC  
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, CLC  
1:30 p.m. Women's Guild, CLC  
5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ, CDC Basement  
7:00 p.m. LWML, CLC

## WEDNESDAY (22)

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. Lent Supper  
6:30 p.m. Lent Worship  
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

## THURSDAY (23)

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

## FRIDAY (24)

No Activities

## SATURDAY (25)

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

## SUNDAY (26)

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)**



## LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKETS

\$20 PER TICKET (deadline March 20th)

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

**JULY 16TH, 2017**

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](mailto:cmusser@stjohnsportage.com)) or stop in to get your tickets ordered!



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 3

John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42): Do you find yourself parched in the middle of this Lenten season? If you do, think of what the world that doesn't regularly taste the living water of God's Word must be going through. The Bible has what we have been thirsting for, and God's Spirit quenches our thirst with the life-giving sustenance of Himself. Do we know who is offering us the gift of living water? Or are we like the Samaritan woman looking everywhere else but the true fountain? The post-modern world in which we live is either not looking at all, or they are looking in all the wrong places for something to quench their thirst. The spiritual thirst mechanism is a gift from God. But Satan looks to satisfy the thirst with the things of this world rather than that which truly satisfies: Christ alone. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you draw from the only well that gives life, Jesus Christ Himself. Draw living water from this Well in the course of your daily living and satisfy the thirst of those around you by sharing Jesus Christ, freely pouring out His love and saving grace without limit.



# 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 19: Becky and Chuck Williams  
Theresa Smith**

**March 26: OPEN**

**April 02: OPEN**

**April 09: OPEN**

Members of St John's Lutheran Church,

Happy New Year! All of us at Bethesda Lutheran Communities would like to wish you and your member abundant blessing in 2017. Your generous gift to Bethesda is a blessing we celebrate all year long. Thank you for remembering Bethesda with your donation and for believing in our mission. Without your support, people with disabilities would not have the opportunity to live their lives to the fullest.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new  
-2 Corinthians 5:17

Thank you and God bless you in 2017

-Bethesda Lutheran Communities



# Stewardship Thoughts

### Lent 3

**Luke 11:21-22** — "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup> but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil." Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with: he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours – and we have none to fear.

# St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 386

Unified Received: \$16,552.26

Other Contributions: \$1,311.00

TOTAL: \$17,863.26

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00



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

### Illness:

Dale Scholl (son-in-law of **Roger and Elowyn Kershaw**; cancer)

### 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.**

### Lenten Supper Schedule

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.

### SAVE A COW! SAVE A PIG! SAVE THE DATE and EAT A HOTDOG!

Up coming fundraisers for the 8th grade calls trip to the Wisconsin Dells.

April 08th : Hot Dog Hut fundraiser at Pierces Grocery store  
9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

April 22nd: Hot Dog fundraiser at Wal Mart  
9:00a.m to 2:00p.m.





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 Live Center. Feel free to stop in and give is 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.



**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. 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)

**CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY**

**Week 7 – March 20, 2017**

Monday	Exodus 14:1-31
Tuesday	Exodus 15:1-27
Wednesday	Exodus 16:1-17:16
Thursday	Exodus 18:1-27
Friday	Exodus 19:1-20:26
Saturday	Exodus 21:1-22:23
Sunday	Join God's People for Divine Service



Coming April 22  
8:30 am-3 pm  
Location: CLC

The "Every One His Witness" workshop is designed to equip individual believers to be more effective witnesses of Jesus in their everyday lives.

It draws on God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions to build a solid foundation for bearing witness of Jesus and provides practical resources for sharing the simple Gospel in today's complex world.

Learn how to **LASSIE**: Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage!



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Children will be singing with the band!  
March 26th, at 10:30 Worship



Glorious God,  
Grant that what we sing with our lips  
we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts  
we may practice in our lives.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.



The flowers this week are given in thankfulness to our Lord for the blessings of their fathers and in their memory.  
*Herbert Soderlund and Leonard Szews*  
by their loving children, Eric and Mary Soderlund

*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: \_\_\_\_\_



**EASTER SURPRISE**

*EASTER EGGS, YELLOW AND BLUE  
EASTER EGGS, FOR ME AND YOU  
EASTER, EGGS, CANDY SWEET  
EASTER EGGS, ARE GOOD TO EAT  
EASTER EGGS, PRETTY AND FUNNY,*

*BUT...*

**WHERE OH WHERE IS THE  
EASTER BUNNY?**

**SAVE THE DATE**

April 16 at 9:51 a.m.

St John's 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt



**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

# BOBLE STUD- DES



**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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