

Week of 3/26/2017

SUNDAY (26) Fourth 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 (27)

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

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 (29)

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
6:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation, CLC
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

THURSDAY (30)

8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH
5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees, CLC
6:00 p.m. School Talent Show

FRIDAY (31)

No Activities

SATURDAY (01)

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

SUNDAY (02)

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.**

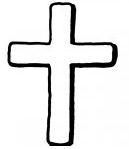
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baptism



This weekend we welcome Alex "Sandy" Swanson into our St John's family by the waters of Baptism and Adult Confirmation.

This weekend we help Zach and Lacey Swearingen celebrate and welcome their son Lawson Swearingen into our St John's family by the waters of Baptism



CHECK OUT THE ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN NEWSLETTER AT THE WELCOME CENTER AND SEE THE BEAUTIFUL PILLOWCASE DRESSES MADE BY THE TALENTED LADIES AT ST JOHN'S AND DONATED TO GIRLS IN HAITI.

Radio Ministry



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 4

John 9:1-41: Jesus is the Light of the world! Paul gives you your life story in a nutshell - once you were in darkness, but now you are to walk as children of Light.

(Eph 5:8) You are salt. You are light. God has no plan B if we fail. You are His A plan to share the Good News of salvation with the world. You are His means for bringing His Kingdom of life to a dying world. And the One who calls you to be salt and light makes you this promise: I will be with you to the very end of the age. His presence is LIGHT. While we remain distinct from the ways of the world, we dare not lose sight of the fact that we are called to permeate that very same culture with the grace and love of Jesus. How? By being who we are: God's people through and through where we live and living as Light because we live in Christ. That's Christ's mission - and because it's His mission, it is our mission. He lives in us and His light shines through us in our thoughts, words and deeds. May God bless you as children of the Light! Go shine!



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 26: Mary Witt

April 02: OPEN

April 09: Hand bell Choir

April 16: OPEN

St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 337

Unified Received: \$16,147.31

Other Contributions: \$1,307.00

TOTAL: \$17,454.34

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00



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

Illness:

Comfort & Healing:

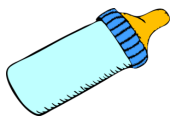
How Do I Get Someone on the Prayer List?

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.**

To the congregation of St John's Lutheran church

Thank you for your generous donation of \$542.20 to the pregnancy resource center through the Baby Bottle Fund Raiser. Your donation will be used to pay monthly rent at the center. Thanks to you, many women and their children are receiving the help they need.



God Bless you



Stewardship Thoughts

Lent 4

John 6:5 — Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?"

Of course Jesus knows the answer to that question – He knows how He means to care for His people.

The Lord provided, and He still provides. This knowledge frees us for generosity without fear.

Lenten Supper Schedule

3/29/17: Women Guild

4/05/17: Adult Choir

Thank you to all the groups sponsoring the Lenten Suppers.



Our friends at Monona Lutheran Church have invited our congregation to attend a Seder Meal on **Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 6:30pm.**

If you wish to attend, please contact Monona Lutheran Church 608-222-7071

or email mlc-ms@hotmail.com no later than April 10.

Monona Lutheran Church
4411 Monona Dr
Monona, WI



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.



Thank you to all who filled out the Pledge, Time & Talent sheets. The sheets are a way to help us get to know each member's talents and volunteer interests. As well as keeping our records up to date with member's correct addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

We pray each member will help keep St John's a well oiled machine.

If you have not returned your Pledge, Time and Talent sheets, it is not to late! Please drop them off in the church office.

Thank you
-The Steward Board of St John's



Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

The Handbell Choir would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. If you are still considering a donation, please feel free to drop it off at the church office or with any of the handbell Choir members.



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, Invite, Encourage!

April 22 8:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m.
Sign up at the Welcome Center



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.



Prayer Shawls Ministry

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



Help Support the homeless of Portage!
River Haven Homeless Shelter is hosting "Harmony for the Homeless" showcasing Mike Powers and Company!

Saturday April 8th at 7p.m at the Portage Center for the Arts
Tickets are \$15.00 and available at the Portage Chamber of Commerce

Questions about the event or to offer a \$500, \$350, \$200, or \$100 Sponsorship, please call River Haven at 608-742-7687

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: _____

CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Week 8—March 20, 2017

Monday	<i>Exodus 23:1-24:18</i>
Tuesday	<i>Exodus 25:1-27:21</i>
Wednesday	<i>Exodus 28:1-29:46</i>
Thursday	<i>Exodus 30:1-31:18</i>
Friday	<i>Exodus 32:1-35</i>
Saturday	<i>Exodus 33:1-23</i>
Sunday	<i>Join God's People for Divine Service</i>



Trinity is hosting a screening for the new Luther Movie that has been released at the AMC Theater in Lake Delton (next to the Kalahari). Tickets must be bought online in advance of the screening. There is a minimum number of tickets that must be sold.

The screening of the movie will be Thursday, April 27 at 6:30pm. We hope you and members of your congregations can join us for this. The link to purchase tickets is below:
<http://dells.NewLutherMovie.com>

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

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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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