

Week of 4/02/2017

SUNDAY (02) Fifth 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 (03)

1:00 p.m. Military Ministry, Packing Boxes, CLC
4:00 p.m. Board of Stewards, APR
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH
6:00 p.m. Health and Wellness, APR
6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, CLC

TUESDAY (04)

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, CLC
5:15 p.m. Executive Committee, CLC
6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ, CDC Basement
6:30 p.m. Voters Meeting, CLC

WEDNESDAY (05)

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 (06)

8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
10:00 a.m. Our House worship
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH
2:30 p.m. Heritage House worship
5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees, CLC

FRIDAY (07)

No Activities

SATURDAY (08)

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Dino's
1:00 p.m. Wedding
5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

SUNDAY (09)

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

*Christian Education Hour This Week

Sunday School, School Cafeteria

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**



*This weekend we help
Andre and Sassha Coullard
celebrate and welcome their daughter
Emmeline Raen Coullard
into our St John's
family by the waters
of Baptism.*





**JOIN US!
AND GAIN, EASILY,
75-100 FACEBOOK
FRIENDS!**

Interested in Joining St John's Lutheran Church?
We'd love to have you!

New member classes will be held on
Saturday, April 29 and Saturday, May 6th from
8:00-11:30a.m.


Pastor wants to make sure he has enough
doughnuts, so please register by calling the
church office,
742-9000 (option 4), or email
churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com.



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING!

TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH AT 6:30 P.M.

This meeting is to consider the purchase of the property at 419 W. Marion St. behind the school and daycare center. There is a letter explaining the proposal at the welcome center in the back of the church. Please pick one up ahead of time to aid in your prayerful decision. This is the only item on the agenda for the meeting.





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!

- April 02:** **Gordon Grossmann, Eugene and Carol Pribnow**
- April 09:** **Handbell Choir**
- April 23:** **Donald Wakershauser, Eugene and Carol Pribnow**
- May 07:** **OPEN**
- May 14:** **LWML**

St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 323

Unified Received: \$11,536.48

Other Contributions: \$1,045.00

TOTAL: \$12,581.48

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00



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

EVERYONE HIS WITNESS

Lent 5

John 11:1-45: Do you know anyone who is facing a time of despair, a feeling of hopelessness or some struggle in the flesh? YOU HAVE A WORD OF RESURRECTION FOR THEM! Dry bones live! God calls what was dead to life! God has the power to bring change to your circumstances! God's Word of resurrection life breathes new life into every situation and circumstance of life and gives renewed hope. That's why you are a light-bearer; you are salt; you are living, breathing hope and a ray of Good News. Pray for someone today who is weighed down by the things of death in this world and the struggles that leaves one feeling like a bunch of dry, lifeless bones. God has given you a Word of resurrection to share with them, both in this life and for the next. Jesus is the I AM. He is a personal God. He is the Resurrection and the Life. May God send you to someone with this Word to be a breath of resurrection Good News.

Illness:

Comfort & Healing: Brent Pigorsch

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

4/05/17: Adult Choir



Thank you to all the groups
sponsoring the
Lenten Suppers.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

LENT 5

Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God, because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

Witness: As we move through the Lenten season let us remember that in John 3:16 it says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

 **Follow** 
The White Rabbit
A Sequel to The Girl With the Golden Locks
 **April 27**
10:00am & 6:30pm
St. John's Gym





**Q. HOW DOES AN ESKIMO
STICK HIS HOUSE TOGETHER?**

A BIG thank you to all who donated milk cartons for the igloo at the Child Development Center. It is now finished and the kids
L-O-V-E, LOVE IT!

A. WITH IGLOO!

Help Wanted

EASTER BREAKFAST

Volunteers needed for Easter Sunday Breakfast

- † Serving
- † Cleaning up
- † Donations of: Doughnuts, sweet rolls, and coffee cake
- † Monetary gifts are welcomed to defray the costs of food items

If you can help or offer a donations, please contact Gary Zastrow 608742-4775

God's Blessings to you.

Hot dog, hot dog, hot diggety dog

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.



EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

LUTHERAN EVANGELISM

Do you know how to LASSIE?
(no, it is not a dog that will go get help)

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!

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



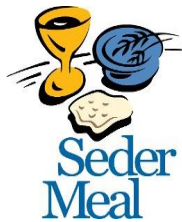
Help Support the homeless of Portage!
River Haven Homeless Shelter is hosting "Harmony for the Homeless" showcasing Mike Powers and Company!

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



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.



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 mjc-ms@hotmail.com **no later than April 10.** Monona Lutheran Church 4411 Monona Dr Monona, WI

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 9—APRIL 02, 2017

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| MONDAY | EXODUS 34:1-35 |
| TUESDAY | EXODUS 35:1-36:38 |
| WEDNESDAY | EXODUS 37:1-38:31 |
| THURSDAY | EXODUS 39:1-40:38 |
| FRIDAY | LEVITICUS 1:1-17 |
| SATURDAY | LEVITICUS 2:1-3:17 |
| SUNDAY | JOIN GOD'S PEOPLE FOR DIVINE SERVICE |

Holy Week and Easter schedule

April 13, Maundy Thursday

10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

April 14, Good Friday Tre Ore Service

"Three Hour"

7, 20 minute services beginning at 12:00 p.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m.

April 15, Saturday Easter Vigil

5:30 p.m.

April 16, Easter Sunday Sunrise Vigil

6:00 a.m.

April 16, Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

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 am** in the CLC. Contact Ken Manthey at 742-5216.

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

RACHEL BIBLE STUDY meets **Thursday mornings at 9:30 am** 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 am** at Dino's in Portage. The group is working through Corinthians. Contact Dave Tamminga at 742-3164.

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