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Week of 7/16/2017

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (16)
8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour, CLC
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY (17)
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee

TUESDAY (18)
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Pictures
5:30 p.m. School Board, Science Room
6:30 p.m. LWML Salad Supper, CLC

WEDNESDAY (19)
2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Pictures, Nursery

THURSDAY (20)
7:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Pictures
7:00 p.m. Finding I AM, CLC

FRIDAY (21)
2:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Pictures, Nursery
3:00 p.m. Summer Camp Duct Tape Contest, School Cafeteria

SATURDAY (22)
7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Dino's
9:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Pictures
5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (23)
8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour, CLC
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*

Welcome in the name of the Lord!

As God serves us today in Word and Sacrament, may we rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

1) Please complete either a Guest (blue) or Member (white) card found in the hymnal rack of the pews. You may place this card in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.
2) To parents of small children, we love the sound of children in worship. Thank you for bringing your child to worship; they belong here! If your child is actively crying, we have a cry room with service audio and video near the restrooms.
3) Regarding the Lord's Supper today: If you are not a confirmed member of this congregation or a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please speak to the pastor before communing. Pastor is readily available in the narthex before worship for this conversation. For those with medical need, the center section of the individual cup trays is filled with cups of grape juice (darker color). For those that have a gluten intolerance, gluten-free wafers are available. Share your need as you come forward to the altar.
4) Children are invited to come forward to the altar while the Lord's Supper is distributed, encourage them to bow their heads and fold their hands. While there, they will receive a Baptismal blessing from the Pastor.
5) We ask that if you have a mobile device, please silence it during the worship service.
6) Our Elders, Greeters, and Ushers are here to help with any of your worship needs today.

Thanks for worshiping with us!

Remember that time when St John's Summer Camp friends taped Pastor Hovland and Mr. Brown to the wall in the school cafeteria?

On **July 21 @ 3:00pm** , Summer Camp friends will be taping two new ~~victims~~ volunteers,

Chief Manthey
&
Dawn Foster, from the Portage Public Library.

It's up to you who gets taped to the wall, so come out and Support your favorite volunteer!

$1.00 per strip of tape.

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 Gene Thompson 697-4786
Elder Al Volpentesta 697-9566
Elder Don Wakershauser 617-6171
Elder Mark Witt 697-0224
Head Elder Ron Mueller 369-1845

Announcements to be printed must be in the church office no later than Wednesday NOON. Send all correspondence to churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 321

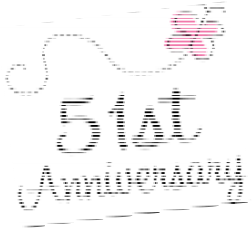
Unified Received: $14,355.09
Other Contributions: $2,071.00

TOTAL: $16,426.09

Weekly Unified Needed: $13,781.00

Thank you to Phillip and Joyce Kleist for your donation to St John's School.

Happy 51st Wedding Anniversary, may God bless you with many more years together.



SAVE THIS DATE

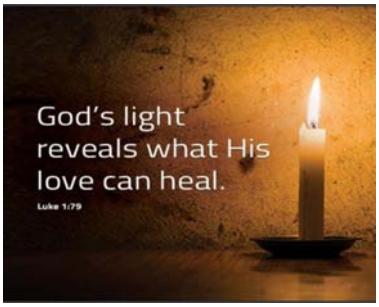
LWML Salad Supper will be held Tuesday July 18th at 6:30pm in the CLC. Young Women Representatives of the LWML will be our guest speakers. Come and learn about the exciting things that are happening with Women in Mission. All women of the congregation are invited to come. Bring a friend with you and a dish to pass. If you don't have time to make a salad just come. Always plenty of food. Dinnerware, drinks and desserts are provided. Hope to see you there.

Are you tired of looking at all the Legos around your house? We can use them!

St John's will be starting a LEGO Club this upcoming school year. If you have Legos you would like to get rid of, bring them in and drop them off in the LEGO box located in the coat area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kris Winkelmann at 742-5390.

Thank you!



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS PROPER 10

Romans 8:12 "So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh." We owe the flesh, the world, and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies: we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom – servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes – and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

Witness: God's light reveals what His love can heal. Luke 1:79

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!

July 16:	**Don and Carol Kohrt**
July 23:	**Virginia Laing, Mary Loomans**
July 30:	**CDC**
August 06:	**OPEN**
August 13:	**OPEN**

With the gracious support of Aspen Family Counseling, River Haven will be having our first car wash fundraiser on **July 22** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. located at 2639 New Pinery Road in Portage.

Don't have four wheels that could use a good wash? No problem! We will have brats, chicken and hot dogs grilled to perfection. For those with a sweet tooth, we will have tasty, freshly baked goods.

All the proceeds from the car wash and cook out will go to continuing River Haven's mission of helping the most in need in our community. We provide the tools for them to get back on their feet and become productive members of society.

St John's Child Development Center has a few open positions.

Before and After Care Teacher:

Part Time Employment Approx. 15 - 20 hrs. per week

Experienced Child Care Teacher:

Full and Part Time Positions

Please submit your resume to cmusser@stjohnsportage.com or stop by the church office to pick up an application.

For a complete job description, please contact the church office at 608-742-9000, or email the Church Business Manager at cmusser@stjohnsportage.com

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.

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets **Tuesday mornings at 6:30 am** in the CLC. Contact Ken Manthey at 742-5216.

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.

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

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.

Monona Lutheran Church – 4411 Monona Dr., is hosting a Bus trip to Kentucky to tour the Ark Encounter, Creation Museum, and Amish Cultural Tour

Oct 10th – 14th, 2017

The Ark is a full size replica of Noah's Ark – largest wooden structure in the World (510 ft long)

Creation Museum – witness the true time line of God's redemptive plan through Biblical History

Amish Cultural Experience – Arcola, IL

Plus other attractions including a Dinner Cruise on the Ohio River, 10 meals, Badger Coach, etc.
For Pricing and a Brochure, call
Monona Lutheran Church at 608-222-7071
or Joyce Butler at 608-839-8339

We are holding our 4th Annual Garage Sale!

Friday, August 4th 8am to 4pm
&
Saturday, August 5th 8am to 1pm

Drop off day is July 29th from 8 am to Noon.

We are looking for at least 15 helpers to make this day move efficiently and quickly. We are also looking for donations of gently used items. We cannot accept computers, TVs, mattresses, large upholstered furniture, paint or chemicals. If you have items you would like to donate but need help getting them to us contact Emily at 608-697-5528.

We are also looking for some of our blessed bakers and gardeners to donate baked goods or produce to our sale! Drop off for those items will be Thursday, August 3rd 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm or Friday August 4th during the sale.

Come shop!! After the sale we will need help cleaning everything up. We will start our clean up at 1pm on Saturday the 5th and hopefully be done no later than 3pm.

Sign up sheets are in the back at the welcome center!

Looking for a way to beat the heat?

River Haven and Aspen Family Counseling are looking for volunteers to help wash cars for their car wash fundraiser, **July 22**

If you are interested, please contact the River Haven office at 608-742-7687.

Youth Group **July** Schedule

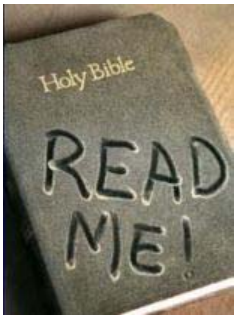
19 -Rubie-Ann & Gracie Kohn hosting.
26 -St. John's School Gym.

Youth Group **August** Schedule

02 -Beach Day @ Silver Lake Beach, Portage. (You will need your suit!)
09 -Wyatt & Zach Simonson hosting.
16 -Annual Miniature Golf Tourney at Pirate's Cove. RSVP by July 12th @ youth group.
23 -St. John's School Gym.
30 -No Youth Group Breaking to prepare for School Year.

Would you like to join us? Contact Youth Group Leader Amanda Kohn via phone, Would you like to join us? Contact Youth Group Leader Amanda Kohn via phone, 608-697-2649, and leave a message.

CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY
Week 24—July 16, 2017



Monday	1 Samuel 9:1-10:27
Tuesday	1 Samuel 11:1-15
Wednesday	1 Samuel 12:1-25
Thursday	1 Samuel 13:1-23
Friday	1 Samuel 14:1-52
Saturday	1 Samuel 15:1-35
Sunday	Join God's People for Divine Service

Thank you to Virgil and Gladys Chance for your donation to the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary, may God bless you with many more years together.

Everyone His Witness

Proper 10

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23: In our Old Testament and Gospel lessons for today, God is revealing His amazing grace for our lives in earthy language. When God speaks, wonderful things happen, but when we speak for ourselves, not so much. He gives us every reason to speak His Word to the world, knowing that we have a 100% guarantee that His Word will produce an effect and not return to Him empty. But, just like the hardened path, the shallow rocky soil and the thorny weedy soil, we fail to listen and produce the harvest the Lord intends. In worship, we rejoice in God's saving Word and we pray that we will be faithful to use this Word and spread this seed that bears the miracle of an abundant harvest with every Word we share with others. Pray for God's saving purpose to be made known through your daily encounters with people. When someone asks you, "What's the good word today?" Why not share one - a Word from God knowing that when it is spoken - things happen!

PLEASE PRAY

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

Comfort and Healing

Donald Mell

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.

Agrace Hospice & Palliative Care

In July, Agrace Hospice & Palliative Care will offer volunteer orientation for those interested in brightening the lives of people with serious illnesses. Orientation sessions will be held Thursday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Thursday, July 27, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Agrace's office in Baraboo. Before attending orientation, prospective volunteers will complete an application and an interview process with Agrace's Volunteer Services staff to identify their skills and interests. Call (608) 327-7163 to register.

IT'S PICTURE TIME!
BUT IT'S NOT TO LATE TO SIGN UP!

We still have times available for you to have your picture taken for the new St John's Directory. The dates for having your pictures taken are scheduled for **July 12-15** and **July 18-22**.

You can register online at **www.stjohnsportage.com and click SIGN UP NOW!**

A special $5.00 off coupon on ordered pictures with a donation to St. Johns playground. Start planning what the family will wear. Let's make this an all member directory.

Note: If you do not have a picture in the directory, you will not receive a book.

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5:30 & 8:00 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790

Invocation LSB 203

Confession and Absolution LSB 203

Kyrie LSB 203

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Isaiah 55:10-13

Epistle Romans 8:12-17

Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Hymn of the Day
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LSB 686

Sermon

Offering
8:00 Special Music -Gina Pellmann "Lord Help"

Prayer of the Church

Preface / Sanctus LSB 208

Lord's Prayer LSB 209

The Words of Our Lord LSB 209

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 209

Distribution Hymns
"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 618
"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LSB 643

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction LSB 212

Hymn
"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" LSB 923

10:30 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Songs
"God of Wonders", "Whom Shall I Fear"

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Isaiah 55:10-13

Epistle Romans 8:12-17

Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Nicene Creed

Song
"My Hope is in You"

Sermon

Offering and Song
"He Is Exalted"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song
"My Story"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song
"Voice of Truth"

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book
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July 15th and 16th, 2017
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

St. John's Lutheran Ministries
Church, Child Development Center, School

A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshiping Community Today:

Organist: Sara Jakeman

Lectors: Stephanie Helmann (5:30); Ken Manthey (8:00); Karen Riewe (10:30)

Special Music 8:00: Gina Pellmann

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

Old Testament Isaiah 55:10-13

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Epistle Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear." … "Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."