

# Week of 8/20/2017

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (20)

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 (21)

5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee

## TUESDAY (22)

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC  
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC

## WEDNESDAY (23)

## THURSDAY (24)

7:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee  
8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC

## FRIDAY (25)

## SATURDAY (26)

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

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (27)

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](http://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!

## Attention Parents of Students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 in the Public School!

On **September 6, 2017 at 6:30pm** St John's will hold its annual parent/student meeting for students participating in this year's public school confirmation program. We will briefly discuss the public confirmation program expectations and attempt to answer questions and concerns. Parent and student participation in this meeting is expected. Catechism classes will be held regularly on Wednesdays, beginning Sept 6 at 6:30 pm and go until 8pm. Confirmation for 8<sup>th</sup> graders that successfully complete the Wednesday evening program, desire to frequently attend worship at St John's, and intend to live the Christian life within the Body of Christ will be held on May 6 at the 10:30 service.

### **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](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com)



## Eurasia Mission Presentation

Please join us Sunday, **October 22** for Cindy Zirbel Wrucke's presentation on her upcoming mission work in Eurasia. Invite your family and friends to learn more about what God is doing in the Czech Republic, Germany, Mongolia and former communist countries to reach people with the Gospel message for the first time. Cindy will share the enormous needs of this region, what she will be doing to help share the light of Christ in areas where atheists and Muslims outnumber Christians, and how you can partner with her on this journey. All are welcome!

## Financial Peace University (FPU)

Want to get out of DEBT,? Want to have Financial Peace in your LIFE? Want to strengthen your marriage or single life. Learn how to handle finances the Biblical Way. This class has something for you to learn no matter your age. Start Monday Sept 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the CLC. Materials can be purchased at church office for \$100. For more info, contact class leaders Jim Atkinson/ 697-7052/ [jim@atkinsonrealtor.com](mailto:jim@atkinsonrealtor.com) or Amanda Bell/ [amandahbell@yahoo.com](mailto:amandahbell@yahoo.com)



On Sunday, September 10th at the 8am service we will be installing Mrs. Karen Tessendorf as a Called Teacher here at St. John's and Mr. Luke Beck as our new principal (officially). We will also be rededicating all our faculty and staff for the church, school, and Child Development Center. There will be a reception in the Christian Life Center to celebrate after the service.

A box to collect cards and well wishes specifically for Mrs. Tessendorf and Principal Beck as well as for the entire faculty and staff will be in the narthex. Please add your own cards and notes in the box anytime.

Help us show our appreciation for all those who serve us.



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS PROPER 15

**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.

**Witness:** *In Matthew 16:13-20, Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, is still the rock upon which our saving faith rests. That truth is a the center of our sharing the good news about Jesus. Let's share it with joy enthusiasm!*



## 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!

August 20: Board of Finance  
August 27: OPEN  
September 03: OPEN  
September 10: OPEN  
September 17: OPEN

**The Adult Choir would like to invite you to join our music group singing praises to our Lord. We practice on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm in the church balcony. If you don't read music, we will help you.**

**If you travel we work around your schedules. We begin rehearsals on September 6, 2017.**

**We hope to see you there!**

## New Member Class – Beginnings!

We believe it's important for individuals to know what a church believes and expects before they commit to a mutual relationship with the congregation. This class is an entry level survey of Lutheran Christianity. It focuses upon the gracious gifts God has given to us through the work of His Son, Jesus Christ: forgiveness, life, and salvation. This course is also designed to offer the adult learner an understanding of what we do at St John's Lutheran Church, why we do what we do, and how a person can choose to be involved in the Lord's ministry within our setting. If a person reaches the end of the class and is not ready to become a member of St John's, they will always be welcome to continue to worship with us.

**We will be offering this in a compressed fashion to allow for busy schedules.**

**Session 1 September 23 8:00a to 11:30a**  
**Session 2 September 30 8:00a to 11:30a**

**Our prayer is that you will join us and possibly bring a friend!**



## August Schedule

**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, 608-697-2649, and leave a message.

## SAVE THE DATE!

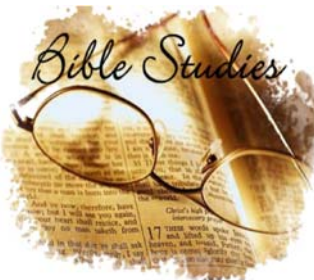
Youth Group starts September 13th!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amanda Kohn via phone, 608-697-2649, and leave a message.



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.



## St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 316

Unified Received: \$14,360.62

Other Contributions: \$1,310.00

TOTAL: \$15,670.62

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00

Me: Did you order your Scrip cards?

You: What are Scrip cards?

Me: I'm glad you asked...

Scrip is this amazing  
fundraiser that we do here at St.

Johns. If you buy groceries, clothes, gas, or go out to eat, you should join Scrip. Scrip cards are gift cards you order online, and a percent of the order goes to St John's Lutheran Ministries. We have Scrip cards for local stores like Festival, Culvers, and Kwik Trip, along with many national chains. So you can help St John's Lutheran Ministries while you do your day-to-day shopping.

Amazing, right?!

Check out the website [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). Our coordinator's name is Jeremy Popp & the enrollment code number is **2E3C2LC4389IL**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL Starts September 10th 9:15-10:15.

What can I do while my child is at Sunday School?



Do you find the book of Revelation hard to understand? Scary? It is God's Word meant for our comfort. Bible study between Divine Services, this weekend and every Sunday 9:15-10:15 a.m.



## *Bible Studies*

Week 29—August 20, 2017

**Monday**  
2 Samuel 23:1-39

**Tuesday**  
2 Samuel 24:1-25

**Wednesday**  
1 Kings 1:1-2:46

**Thursday**  
1 Kings 3:1-4:34

**Friday**  
1 Kings 5:1-7:51

**Saturday**  
1 Kings 8:1-66

**Sunday**  
Join God's people for  
Divine Service

BUT COULD YOU  
WALK AND TALK AT  
THE SAME TIME?

If you answered yes, then we have just the thing for you!  
Join St John's Walkie Talkies!  
Walkie Talkies is organized by our Health and Wellness ministry. They meet at the Levee (weather permitting).

**Mondays at 5:30 pm and  
Thursdays at 7:00 am**

## *Everyone His*

# Witness

### *Proper 15*

Matthew 15:21-28: Jesus teaches the nature of great faith: humble persistence. The Canaanite woman in our text would not let go of Jesus no matter what. Far too often when we do not receive the answer that we want from God, we seek other means to get what we wish rather than trusting completely in God's will for our lives. Great faith trusts that if God doesn't want me to have it, I don't want it. May we pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to work this faith in each of us so that this total reliance upon God will be seen in our witness in word and action to the world around us.

## PLEASE PRAY

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

### 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.*



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.**



That's right! Can you believe it? St John's school starts August 30!

Do you have your school supplies?  
Check out our website, [www.stjohnsportage.com](http://www.stjohnsportage.com), or Facebook for the St. John's school supply list.

We do offer school supply assistance for St John's students.  
If you need assistance, please contact the school office 742-9000.

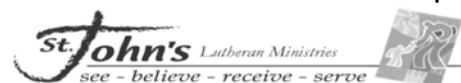
If you are interested in donating to the school supply fund, please contact the church office 742-9000.

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# 5:30 & 8:00 Worship

## Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

### Hymn

*"O Day of Rest and Gladness"* LSB 906

**Invocation** LSB 203

**Confession and Absolution** LSB 203

**Kyrie** LSB 203

**Gloria in Excelsis** LSB 204

### Collect of the Day

**Old Testament** Isaiah 56:1,6-8

**Epistle** Romans 11:1-2a,13-15,28-32

**Holy Gospel** Matthew 15:21-28

**Apostles' Creed** LSB back cover

**Hymn of the Day**  
*"God Loved the World So That He Gave"* LSB 571

### Sermon

### Offering

### 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**  
*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* LSB 770  
*"Jesus Shall Reign"* LSB 832

**Nunc Dimittis** LSB 211

### Post-Communion Collect

**Benediction** LSB 212

**Hymn**  
*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* LSB 922

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book  
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# 10:30 Worship

## Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

### Songs

*"Better is One Day", "Joyful, Joyful"*

### Confession and Absolution

### Prayer of the Day

**Old Testament** Isaiah 56:1,6-8

**Epistle** Romans 11:1-2a,13-15,28-32

**Holy Gospel** Matthew 15:21-28

### Apostles' Creed

### Song

*"Grace Alone"*

### Sermon

### Offering and Song

*"Lord You Have My Heart"*

### Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

### Distribution Song

*Special Music "Isaiah 54"*

*"Be Still and Know"*

### Closing Prayer

### Benediction

### Closing Song

*"Thrive"*

## August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

**Special Music:** Karen Riewe

**Organist:** Sara Jakeman

**Lectors:** Dorothy Neitzel (5:30); Jim Atkinson (8:00);  
Lora Foster (10:30)

**Worship Team:** Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

**Old Testament                    Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

**Epistle    Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are

irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

**Holy Gospel                    Matthew 15:21-28**

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.