

Week of 8/27/2017

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (27)

8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY (28)

5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
6:30 p.m. Back to School Night

TUESDAY (29)

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
6:00 a.m. Boards Elders, CLC
6:00 a.m. Prayers Shawls, APR

WEDNESDAY (30) First Day of School!

9:00 a.m. Chapel

THURSDAY (31)

7:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

FRIDAY (01)

SATURDAY (02)

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (03)

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

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



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 8th 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.

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!



YOU ARE INVITED

LWML will meet
September 19th @ 7:00pm
in the Christian Life
Center. We have
scheduled an engaging Bible study from our
Women's Quarterly. Plans will be made for
the upcoming zone 16 fall gathering held at
St. John's on Saturday, October 7th. All
ladies of the congregation are invited to
come and grow in faith through Bible study.
Please join us and bring a friend; bring your
Bible; and enjoy good fellowship.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS PROPER 16

Matthew 16:27 *"For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done."* St. Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in 1 Corinthians 3, and Jesus says more about this "repaying" in Matthew 19:27-30. Bottom line: your good works can't buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter, they're pleasing your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words: your sacrifices for the Lord's Kingdom are not in vain, they are not unnoticed by your Father. This should encourage you in your faithfulness.

Witness: Encourage
Others
Through
Christ

"Encourage one another daily..."
Hebrews 3:12-14



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 27: OPEN
September 03: OPEN
September 10: Board of Stewardship - School
September 17: OPEN
September 24: 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 8:00am to 11:30am
Session 2 September 30 8:00am to 11:30am

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



LWML SWD Fall Retreat will be held at Green Lake Conference Center on **September 21st-23rd, 2017.**

The keynote speaker on Saturday will be Sarah Long-Radloff, LWML NWD Heart to Heart Sister. Breakout speakers will be Vicar David Blas, Missionary-at-Large for LCMS Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach and Barbara Schultz from Bethesda Lutheran Community Homes.

For more information contact
**Elaine Hull 742-2034 or
Theresa Smith 697-0509.**

We will meet at the church parking lot on **Saturday September 23rd at 7:30am** for car pooling to the retreat.



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.



St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 3254

Unified Received: \$12,830.16

Other Contributions: \$1,145.00

TOTAL: \$13,975.16

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00

Me: Did you order your Scrip cards?

You: What are Scrip cards?

Me: I'm glad you asked...

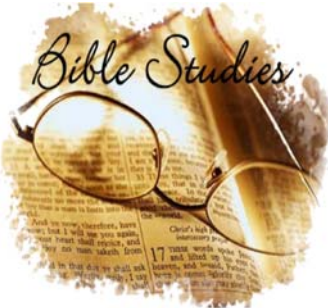
Scrip is this amazing fundraiser that we do here at

St. John's. 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. Our coordinator's name is Jeremy Popp & the enrollment code number is **2E3C2LC4389IL**



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 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.

Bible Studies

Week 29—August 20, 2017

Monday
1 Kings 9:1-10:29

Tuesday
1 Kings 11:1-43

Wednesday
1 Kings 12:1-33

Thursday
1 Kings 13:1-14:31

Friday
1 Kings 15:1-16:34

Saturday
1 Kings 17:1-18:46

Sunday
Join God's People for
Divine Service

Bible Study

*Rachel Bible Study
is back!*

*Join Rachel Bible Study Thursday
mornings at 9:30 in the CLC.
If you have questions,
contact Gladys Chance at
566-1123.*



There is an opportunity to help the Bethesda Lutheran Communities by volunteering at the area thrift store. Members of St. John's have worked at the Bethesda Thrift Shop in Madison for many years. We are in need of volunteers. We work the second Saturday of the month, scheduling is flexible, and there is something for everyone, any age, men and women. For more information on times, carpooling and types of jobs, please call Elaine Hull 742-2034

PLEASE PRAY

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

For the family of **Doris Hoffman**

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.*

Everyone His



Proper 16

Matthew 16:13-20: Who do you say Jesus is? The answer makes all the difference in how you face your day to day living. If you say He is your Christ, your one Lord and Master, without whom you can do absolutely nothing, then missing worship and Bible Study is not an option, serving Him wherever possible is your heart's desire, stewardship of His blessings is your way of life, being more like Him is your daily prayer, and getting the Word out about Him, well, that's as important as breathing. Your confession above not only proclaims salvation, but defeats hell and makes everything in between possible. So, who again do you say Jesus is? Your answer in the Spirit will change your life and how you live it.

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5:30 & 8:00 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn

"In Thee Is Gladness" LSB 818

Invocation LSB 203

Confession and Absolution LSB 203

Kyrie LSB 203

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Isaiah 51:1-6

Epistle Romans 11:33 – 12:8

Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Hymn of the Day
"Built on the Rock" LSB 645

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
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" LSB 802
"Onward, Christian Soldiers" LSB 662

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction LSB 212

Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644 sts.1-5

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

"We Believe", "Sanctuary"

Confession and Absolution

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Isaiah 51:1-6

Epistle Romans 11:33 – 12:8

Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Nicene Creed

Song

"My Story"

Sermon

Offering and Song

"Jesus Name Above All Names"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"Lord You Have My Heart"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

August 26th and 27th, 2017 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Mary Loomans

Lectors: Elaine Hull (5:30); Chuck Williams (8:00);
Don Weidemann (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

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

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Epistle**Romans 11:33-12:8**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your

mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Holy Gospel**Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.