

Week of 10/22/2017

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (22)

8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour, CLC
9:15 a.m. Sunday School, School Cafeteria
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY (23)

5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, DHS
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University, CLC

TUESDAY (24)

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
6:00 p.m. Board of Elders, CLC
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl, APR

WEDNESDAY (25)

5:00 p.m. Handbells, Balcony
6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Gym
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, CLC
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Balcony

THURSDAY (26)

8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Walkie Talkies, DHS
5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees, CLC

FRIDAY (27)

8:00 a.m. Grandparents Day
11:00 a.m. Chapel

SATURDAY (28)

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

REFORMATION DAY (29)

8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour, CLC
9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Gym
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
12:00 p.m. Reformation Day Pot Luck

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 Robert Griepentrog 566-9810
Elder Gene Thompson 697-4786
Elder Al Volpentesta 697-9566
Elder Don Wakershauser 617-6171
Elder Mark Witt 697-0224
Elder Bob Fairfield 296-4012
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 worshipping with us!



KIDS SING @ 10:30!

All children are welcome to join the Praise Band for the opening and closing songs.



Thanks to Almighty God for the gifts that He has given to the church.

The chairlift was installed in memory of Daniel C. Brockopp.

St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 341

Unified Received: \$13,965.04
Other Contributions: \$1,100.00

TOTAL: \$15,065.04
Weekly Unified Needed:
\$13,781.00





Eurasia Mission Presentation

Please join us this **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!

PROPERTY LOAN CHECKLIST

- ✓ Sanner house
- ✓ Excavation is complete
- ✓ Ground has been leveled
- ✓ Black dirt has been added
- ✓ Grass is growing

**Loan payback
Additional parking for
CDC and other
improvements**

We are continuing to work on improving our church, school, and CDC properties. Once we pay back the loan of \$75,000.00, we can move to phase two of our property improvement goal.

If you wish to donate to the Property Improvement Fund please contact the church office 742-9000.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS PROPER 24

Matthew 22:21 Then He said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to

God the things that are God's." So what is Jesus saying? Doesn't everything belong to God? Yes – and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God – and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the Home, in the Church, and in Society.

Witness: All Scripture is God-breathed and thoroughly equips us for every good work. It is our charge to testify and with great patience and instruction. When evil times come, remain steadfast.



Martin Luther Music Facts

The hymn "All Glory Be to God Alone" (LSB 948) was the German version of the Gloria in Excelsis, similar to the Latin chant from the Roman Catholic Mass. It was originally intended to be sung antiphonally, often with the boys' choir and the congregation alternating verses.

(source: lutheranreformation.org)



Advent by Candle Light Event

is looking for hostesses!

A hostess would be responsible for decorating her table and providing an appetizer and/or dessert to

share at her table for 10 guests. It is a special evening of fellowship and entertainment. We would like to include you. Please sign up at Welcome Center if interested or contact Church office.

If you have not received your free 8x10 picture from Lifetouch, you can pick them up in the church office Monday through Friday 8:30am-3:00pm.

PLEASE PRAY

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

**Donna Stauber, Geraldine Kerl,
Kris Daugherty
and The Family of Ruth Schultz**

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.*



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.

Join our
email list
today.



In an effort to keep you informed of activities at the church, school, and child development center, we have created an email list. Please visit our website, www.stjohnsportage.com, and sign up to our email list and pick your preferences to receive only the emails you want.

Attention walkers!

The Walkie Talkies has moved from the levee to the hospital tunnel. We meet Mondays at 5:30 PM and Thursdays at 9:30 AM at the hospital main entrance info desk. Now is a good time to join us. All are welcome!

Hear ye... Hear ye...

As hot summer temps to cool breezes give way, we hope you will join us to celebrate Reformation Day!

Please meet at our castle for games and some fun, and a chance to win prizes before we are done.

As fellowship, learning, and great feasts do applaud, together our hearts will draw closer to God!

Date: Sunday, October 29, 2017

Time: Noon to 3p.m.

Where: St. John's Lutheran Ministries,
850 Armstrong St.

Please RSVP to Welcome Center at Church or Contact Church Office.

Be sure to bring your favorite fall dish to share!

*Friday, October 27th is
Grandparents
& Grandfriends Day*



Festivities begin at 8:05am and end with Chapel at 11:00pm. A light lunch will be provided.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as adoptive Grandparents/Grandfriends for those students whose grandparents cannot be here. If you wish to volunteer, please contact St. John's school, 742-9000.

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

Sunday mornings at 9:15, APR - This class is led by Dave Tamminga.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday mornings at 9:15, CLC - This class led by Pastor Hovland. Come a few minutes early for treats and coffee.

SISTERS IN CHRIST BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday nights at 6:30pm, CDC lower level - All women are welcome. Contact Elaine Hull 742-2034.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings at 6:30am, CLC - Contact Ken Manthey at 742-5216.

ESTHER BIBLE STUDY

Thursday mornings at 8:00am, CLC - Contact Mary Loomans at 742-3972.

RACHEL BIBLE STUDY

Thursday mornings at 9:30am, CLC - If you have questions, contact Gladys Chance at 566-1123.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Saturday mornings at 7:00am, Dino's in Portage - The group is working through Corinthians. Contact Dave Tamminga at 742-3164.

Bible Studies

Week 38—October 22, 2017



Monday
2 Chronicles 25:1-26:23

Tuesday
2 Chronicles 27:1-28:27

Wednesday
2 Chronicles 29:1-36

Thursday
2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21

Friday
2 Chronicles 32:1-33

Saturday
2 Chronicles 33:1-25

Sunday
Join God's People for
Divine Service

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!

October 22:	OPEN
October 29:	OPEN
November 05:	Lego Club
November 12:	OPEN
November 19:	OPEN



Attention St. John's members:
Are you interested in reading? How about writing? We are starting a writer's group for anyone interested in the following areas:

Fiction/Non-fiction writing for novels, picture books, memoirs, etc.

Letter writing

Journal/diary

Newspaper

Blogs/social media

Devotions

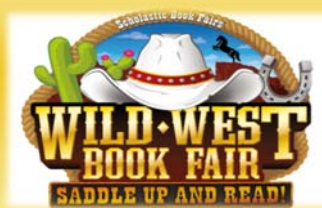
Creative writing of any kind...

For ages 14 and up

Please email Stephenie Hovland at stephenie@hovlandfamily.net or

Kathryn Colucci at kathryncolucci@yahoo.com

Book Fair - November 2, 3:30pm-6:30pm!



Mosey on over to the Book Fair with your big and little cowpokes. We'll have a chuckwagon dinner, dancing, lots of books, and plenty of yeehawing. We need your support through book purchases, chawing on chili, and volunteering to help with serving food, managing the book fair, and clean up. Contact Mary at the CDC for more information. Email: msoch@stjohnsportage.com or phone: 608-742-9000 ext. 102.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15am in the school cafeteria.

November theme - Investigating God's Word!

Grab your detective kit and get ready to be a Bible super sleuth!

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays at 4:30-8:30pm in the school gym.

November theme - Transitions & Thanksgivings

Join us for Bible Study on transitioning into new paradigms, prayer, and fellowship!

Everyone His Witness!

Proper 24

Matthew 22:15-22: As we worship today, we are reminded that we have very little trouble rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, but we have some real trouble rendering unto God the things that are God's. God doesn't have the IRS working for Him to garnish our wages or throw us into jail for non-compliance.

Everything we have, everything we are, and everything we hope to be for the rest of eternity is first and foremost a gift from God. The Lord never requires anything from us that He does not first give.

We belong to Him. We live and move and have our very being in Him. We bear His image. Does the world around YOU have a clue that God alone is worthy of all your praise and that you will render unto HIM first before the world? Far too many times, we blend in with the ways of the world and our rendering looks just like the world's rendering, rather than ones who belong to God and those who bear His seal. Reach out to the world simply by being who YOU ARE first and foremost!

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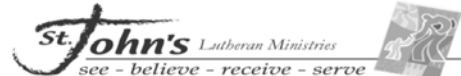
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5:30 & 8:00 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn

"All Glory Be to God Alone" LSB 948

Invocation LSB 184

Confession and Absolution LSB 184

Kyrie LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Isaiah 45:1-7

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Hymn of the Day

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940

Sermon

Offering

5:30 only Handbells – Amazing Grace

Offertory LSB 192

Prayers

Preface LSB 194

Sanctus LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 197

5:30 only Handbells – In Heavenly Love Abiding

Distribution Hymns

"Before You, Lord, We Bow" LSB 966

"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction LSB 202

Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" LSB 525

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

Songs

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Isaiah 45:1-7

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Nicene Creed

Song

"Our God"

Sermon

Offering

"He is Exalted"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"Be Still and Know"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Awesome God"

October 21st and 22nd Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Stephenie Hovland

Lectors: Elaine Hull (5:30); Chuck Williams (8:00);
Lora Foster (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

Old Testament**Isaiah 45:1-7**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

Epistle**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind

of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Holy Gospel**Matthew 22:15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.