

Week of 02/11/2018

The Transfiguration of Our Lord (11)

8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening, Nursery
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 (12)

10:00 a.m. Tivoli Monthly Worship, Tivoli
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Divine Savior Hospital
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University, CLC

TUESDAY (13)

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
2:00 p.m. Columbia Healthcare Center, Wycocena
6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study, CDC

ASH WEDNESDAY (14)

10:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, Gym
5:00 p.m. Handbells, Balcony
5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper, CLC
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Practice, Balcony

THURSDAY (15)

8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Divine Savior Hospital

FRIDAY (16)

2:00 p.m. St. John's Writers Group, CLC

SATURDAY (17)

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (18)

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

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!



Have you heard about our Scrip Program?

Scrip is this amazing fundraiser that we do here at St. John's. You don't have to sell anything! You don't have to keep track of donations! All you have to do is shop. If you buy groceries, clothes, gas, or go out to eat, you should join Scrip. Scrip cards are gift cards you order online, at St. John's school, at the Child Development Center, or through the church office, 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. Orders are due on Tuesdays by noon, and cards are available for pick up on Thursday. So you can help St. John's Lutheran Ministries while you do your day-to-day shopping.

Check out the website shopwithscrip.com.
Enrollment code number is **2E3C2LC4389IL**.

If you have any questions, or you want to place an order, please contact the church office, 608-742-9000.

Let your
Light So Shine
before men, that
they may see your **GOOD WORKS,**
AND *Glorify* your **FATHER**
which is in Heaven.

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:

Ken Chvojicek 697-2102
Robert Griepentrog 566-9810
Gene Thompson 697-4786
Don Wakershauser 617-6171
Mark Witt 697-0224
Bob Fairfield 296-4012
Ron Mueller 369-1845, Chair

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



St. John's Info. Corner
 Last Weekend's Attendance: 253
 Unified Received: \$13,078.24
 Other Contributions: \$885.00
TOTAL: \$13,963.24
 Weekly Unified Needed:
 \$13,781.00



**Ash Wednesday
 worship
 February 14th
 10:00am and 6:30pm**
**Lent worship
 Wednesdays
 10:00am and 6:30pm**



If you are interested in hosting a Lenten supper, there is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center.

February 14	Women's Guild	Chili
February 21	6th Grade	Baked Potato Bar
February 28	OPEN	
March 7	OPEN	
March 14	6th Grade	TBD
March 21	Adult Choir	BBQ



Disaster Relief Team forming!

Another South Wisconsin District Disaster Relief Team is forming **NOW** to help the recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. This team will be going to Port Arthur, Texas, leaving **Thursday, March 9** and returning **Friday, March 16**.

This 12-person volunteer team will travel by van and stay at Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Arthur. Work will include site preparation, drywall installation, home restoration, and site clean-up. The cost is \$25 per volunteer for required background checks. Registration and team information is available at **swd.lcms.org/disaster**

Your prayers and monetary donations are also welcome to support the efforts of our relief teams. Contributions may be made on our website, or mailed to:

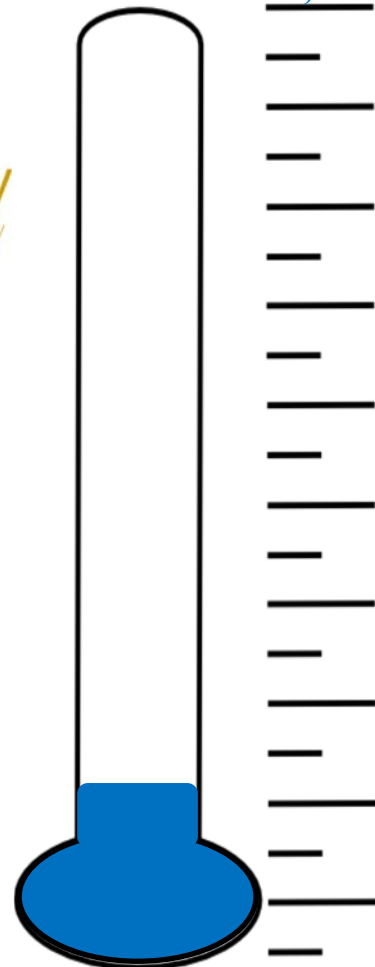
**SWD Hurricane Relief
 8100 West Capitol Drive
 Milwaukee, WI 53222**

**Please note in the memo line:
 "SWD Hurricane Relief."**

Please contact me at **Burakowski@swd.lcms.org** or (414) 464-8101 if you have immediate questions.

help us
REACH
our goal

\$75,000



We are continuing to work on the New Property Loan.

Once we pay back the loan of **\$75,000.00**, we can move to phase two of our new property goals.

If you wish to donate to the New Property loan, please contact the church office 742-9000.

**Remaining Balance
 \$58,020.16**

Thank you to all who have donated.

The 25th Anniversary of **A Place of Refuge Ministries** will be celebrated on **February 25, 2018** at Concordia University, Wisconsin. SWD President John Wille will speak at the 3:30 pm worship service. A catered meal and program will follow at 5:00 pm. You can register online at this link:

<http://www.aplaceofrefuge.org/Announcements/25th-Anniversary-Celebration1.htm>

You can also register via a form you can pick up here at church. Please join fellow Lutherans in celebrating 25 years of sharing Christ's love with pregnant women in need and their families.



One Heart
 25th Annual
 Women's Seminar
 Saturday,
February 24, 2018
 8am—3pm

Wintergreen Resort
 60 Gasser Rd
 Wisconsin Dells, WI
 608-254-2285

Guest Speaker:
Jennie Afman Dimkoff

Jennie is an international speaker, trainer, and storyteller. She comes to us

from Fremont, MI. She has authored several books and Bible studies, including *Passionate Faith* and *Unexpected Grace*. We will get to know Jennie through her presentation, **"Life Changing Friendship"**.

Seating is limited, advanced registration is encouraged. \$27.00 for advanced registration \$35.00 at the door

You can pick up a brochure with registration form at the information wall by the Welcome Center.

PLEASE PRAY

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

Mavis LaVigne, Florence Schultz,
Gary Herwig, Connie Pankhurst (mother
of **Tammy Conley**), **Ella Braatz** (family
friend of **Kendra Wotring**),
Donna Stauber, Jon Jakeman, and
Don Weideman

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 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 Child Development Center is hiring for the position of Infant/Toddler Lead Teacher and School-Age Teacher.

General Responsibilities

The Child Care Teacher is responsible for the planning, preparation and implementation of all classroom activities. A primary goal of the teacher is to provide a warm, nurturing, safe, and loving environment where the child's self-concept is enhanced, independence encouraged, and individuality respected. The teaching staff within one classroom work as a team and the full-time staff person is responsible for maintaining open communication with part-time staff in the same classroom regarding all classroom activities. All teachers work under direction of the Center Director and are responsible for maintaining all center policies and state regulations always.

Qualifications

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Membership of the Registry with a Certificate Level 13 for Infant/ Toddler Teacher. Registry 7 for School-Age Program Teacher.
- Can lift 50 pounds and meet physical requirements of job.
- Meet State and Federal guidelines including immunizations, employment physical and required health and safety training.
- CPR Certified in Infant/Child/ Adult

PAID TRAINING PROVIDED

For a detailed job description and more information, please contact Debbie Drew, (608) 742-9000 Ext 2 or ddrew@stjohnsportage.com



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.

This weekend's broadcast and service booklets are sponsored by Virginia Laing, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V.A. Zaske.



Way to go St. John's School!

You raised \$5,641.86 for Jump Rope for Heart! Each \$50.00 raised can save one life. As a school you saved 112 lives!



Bethesda
LUTHERAN COMMUNITIES

that everyone we support has a faith-life plan and assist pastors and congregations with programs of local ministry to and with people who have disabilities.

For the past 113 years, Bethesda Lutheran Communities has provided services to people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities (what used to be called mental retardation). We have a positive impact on almost 2000 people each day who are served through our 13-state network of 300+ group homes, in-home support programs, host homes, day programs, workshops and respite care locations. Bethesda also focuses on the faith-life of people with disabilities. We create devotional and instructional materials (that are used in Bethesda's program locations and shared with parents, volunteers and congregations), ensure

For more information, check our website at: www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org.

BIBLE STUDY



**Are you able
to host?**

We encourage
groups to
host coffee
hour on
Sunday

mornings so that individuals aren't over-
whelmed. If you are involved in a Bible study,
board, or group that would like to host, please
contact the church office to sign up!

**February 11: Grief
Ministry**
February 18: OPEN
**February 25: Athletic
Board and
B Team Girls BBall**
March 4: OPEN

**Week 54
February 11, 2018**

Monday
Isaiah 7:1-8:22

Tuesday
Isaiah 9:1-10:34

Wednesday
Isaiah 11:1-12:6

Thursday
Isaiah 13:1-20:6

Friday
Isaiah 21:1-23:18

Saturday
Isaiah 24:1-25:12

Sunday
Join God's People for
Divine Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Luke 18:34 "This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said." Even our understanding of the Word of God is a gift – disciples here can't understand Jesus because it is not given to them to understand him. By nature they are deaf to the Word. So everything we have is a gift of God. To realize this is the beginning of thankfulness, generosity, and kindness.

Mark 9:6 "For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified." Soon enough, the disciples' terror turned into joy for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity – for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

Everyone His Witness! *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

Witness: "Worship the Lord, and serve Him only." We are tempted to think that we can serve the Lord even while compromising His Word. But if we love Him, we should keep His commandments. In love, share His Word with someone this week. Let His light shine through you.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS at 9:15am

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 9:15am, APR
This class is led by Dave Tamminga.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday mornings at 9:15am, CLC
This class is 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 at 742-2034.

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.

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St. John's Lutheran School

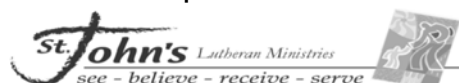
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St. John's Child Development Center

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5:30 and 8:00 Worship

5:30 only Adult Choir *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"*

Hymn

"Let All Together Praise Our God" LSB 389 sts. 1, 3-5, 7

Invocation LSB 151

Confession and Absolution LSB 151

Salutation and Collect of the Day

5:30 only Adult Choir *"Beautiful Savior"*

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12

Epistle 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

Alleluia LSB 156

Holy Gospel Mark 9:2-9

Hymn of the Day

"O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" LSB 413 sts. 1-3, 5

Sermon

Offering

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord LSB 162

Pax Domini LSB 163

Agnus Dei LSB 163

Distribution Hymns

"The People That in Darkness Sat" LSB 412

"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction LSB 166

8:00 only

-Presentation by Bethesda Lutheran Communities

Hymn

"Lift High the Cross" LSB 837 sts. ref. 1-3, 6

10:30 Worship

Songs

"Here I am to Worship", "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

-Presentation by Bethesda Lutheran Communities

Baptism of Axel James Isakson

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12

Epistle 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

Holy Gospel Mark 9:2-9

Song

"Shine on Us"

Sermon

Offering

"Give Thanks"

Prayers

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"Breathe"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Shine Jesus Shine"

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book
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February 10th and 11th The Transfiguration of Our Lord



A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Sara Jakeman

Lectors: Theresa Smith (5:30); Norm Hurd (8:00);
Gary Schoppenhorst (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

Special Music: Adult Choir, directed by Kathy Gerstenkorn

Old Testament

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Epistle 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.