



Week of 06/17/2018

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (17)

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

MONDAY (18)

5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, CLC

TUESDAY (19)

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
1:30 p.m. Women's Guild, CLC
6:30 p.m. Voters' Meeting, CLC

WEDNESDAY (20)

12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Deadline
6:30 p.m. Youth Group, Kohns' residence

THURSDAY (21)

8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
1:00 p.m. Military Ministry, CLC
5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees, CLC

FRIDAY (22)

SATURDAY (23)

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (24)

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



Sunday service broadcast at 10:00am on WPDR 1350 AM.

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

*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 Info. Corner



Last Weekend's Attendance: 297
Unified Received: \$12,454.14
Other Contributions: \$1,380.00
TOTAL: \$13,834.14
Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00

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!

Please Pray

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

Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery) :

Fatherhood

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

Medical:

Michael Johnson, Brian Konkell, Don Weideman, Jean Carrington, Wallace Oeftger, and Jane Kaiser: Reconstructive Knee Surgery at Sauk Prairie Hospital on June 19.

Mourning:

Other:

How Do I Get Someone on the Prayer List?

If you, or someone you know, would like to have a 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.*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 4:6-7

Upcoming Ministries Events:

St. John's Voters' Meeting

Please join us for St. John's voters' meeting on Tuesday, **June 19th at 6:30pm** in the Christian Life Center. You will have the opportunity to review and vote on the 2018-2019 budget that will begin on July 1. **A revised copy of the budget is available at the Welcome Center.**



Military Boxes

In observance of Independence Day we will be sending a box to any family or extended family member serving in the military. Cookies, candy, and monetary gifts are greatly appreciated. Monetary gifts may be dropped off at the church office. We have a box marked "Military" in the Christian Life Center for cookies and candy donations. Please come and help pack on **June 21 at 1:00pm in the Christian Life Center.**

God's blessings
St. John's Military Ministry

Brat Hut Fundraiser!

St. John's Youth Group would like to invite you to have a brat and help raise money for National Youth Gathering at Festival Foods, Portage, **Saturday, June 30, 9am-5pm.**



LWML Salad Supper

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be hosting their annual LWML Salad Supper. All women of the congregation are invited to join LWML on **Tuesday July 17th at 6:30pm** in the CLC for salad and fellowship. Pastor Rod Armon will be our guest speaker. Come and learn about comfort dogs and how they are used in God's ministry to all ages. 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.

Boards and Committees

Altar Guild –Correction

Reminder, Altar Guild will be meeting on **Wednesday, June 27th at 9:00am** to clean the church. So, bring your buckets and rags!



You're Invited:

Young Women in Mission

Please join us for an afternoon Painting, Bible Study, and Trivia. It's guaranteed to be a blast! No craftiness or craft knowledge needed! All painting supplies will be provided! The event is FREE! No aprons will be provided. All ages welcome and encouraged to come, but please know there will be no babysitting available. All events will begin at 12:30pm, with registration from 12:00-12:30. Dates are as follows: Saturdays July 28, Hope Lutheran - Fond du Lac; August 11, Divine Savior – Hartford; August 18, Good Shepherd- Tomah. Please register by 7/15/2018. Registration form can be printed from www.lwml-swd.org. If you have questions, please contact Amy Tikkanen 920-647-6643 or Kati Meyerhofer 414-687-3087. We hope to see each and every one of you at one of these events!

From Portals of Prayer –April-June 2018 issue

Father's Day –Sunday, June 17

Is not He your father, who created you, who made you and established you?

-Deuteronomy 32:6

"Father" was Jesus' favorite term for addressing God, saying it 165 times in the Gospels. He tells us to call God "Father," because we are His adopted children. Happy Father's Day, God, and all fathers.

Father, keep us in your loving hands. Amen.

Portals of Prayer books are available at the Welcome Center.

Gone Fishin'



Pastor Hovland

Pastor Hovland is on vacation from June 15 through June 29. In cases of a pastoral care emergency, please contact the church office during regular office hours. After hours, please call an elder using the directory in the announcements. The church office or elder will take your message and get it to Pastor Armon as quickly as possible. Thank you.

SWD Missions Weekly Prayer

Week of June 17

Let us pray this week for all those who attend to the needs of the formerly incarcerated men as part of the district's **Free at Last Ministry** at Mission of Christ Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. May their words of encouragement and the message of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ be taken to heart by those hearing them, so that they may truly be free at last.

Sponsor

Sunday morning radio broadcast

Sunday service broadcast 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 week's broadcast is dedicated to the memory of Nancy Thiessen.



Volunteer and Giving:

Pennies for Preachers

Keep your extra change to help spread the word about Jesus' love. We are helping to support men joining LCMS seminaries. The Board of Stewards would like to encourage individuals and families to save their pennies in a jar marked "**PENNIES FOR PREACHERS**". The donations will be sent to LCMS Joint Seminary Fund to assist with scholarships. If you are interested in taking part in this effort, the stewards will have jars for you to use, or labels for you to put on your own jar. A basket to collect your Pennies for Preachers jars will be placed in the narthex on the weekend of **June 24th**.



New Property Loan

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

\$26,187.01

Thank you to all who have donated.

Scrip Fundraiser

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 **2E3C2LC43891L**.

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

Agrace Sauk and Columbia County Volunteer Opportunity

In June, Agrace Hospice & Palliative Care will offer orientation in Baraboo for area residents interested in volunteering with local hospice patients. The orientation session is on **Tuesday, June 26, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**, at Agrace's Baraboo office. Before orientation, volunteers will complete an application and an interview process with Agrace staff. Call (608) 327-7163 to register.

BIBLE STUDY

Are you able to host Coffee Hour?

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!

June 17: OPEN
June 24: OPEN
July 01: OPEN
July 08: OPEN
July 15: OPEN

Week 72 June 17, 2018

Monday
Habakkuk 1:1-2:20

Tuesday
Habakkuk 3:1-19

Wednesday
Zephaniah 1:1-2:15

Thursday
Zephaniah 3:1-20

Friday
Haggai 1:1-2:23

Saturday
Zechariah 1:1-2:13

Sunday
Join God's People
for Divine Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mark 4:34 "He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything." The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore let us receive the Lord's help in His Word and Sacraments – and let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image.



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.

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 Elder Directory

The elders listed below are
available to talk 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 Chvojcek 697-2102
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Don Wakershauser 617-6171
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Bob Fairfield 296-4012
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5:30 and 8:00 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn

"O Worship the King" LSB 804

Invocation

Exhortation LSB 184

Confession and Absolution LSB 184/185

Kyrie LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Alleluia LSB 190

The Holy Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day

"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" LSB 500

Sermon

Offering

8:00 only *"Thine Forever God of Love"*

Duet by Leona Brockopp and Ron Mueller

Offertory LSB 192

Prayers

Preface LSB 194

Sanctus LSB 195

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 197/198

Distribution Hymns

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790

"Take My Life and Let it Be" LSB 783

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Thanksgiving LSB 200

Benedicamus LSB 202

Benediction LSB 202

Hymn

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" LSB 923

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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10:30 Worship

Song

"The Heart of Worship"

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

The Holy Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Nicene Creed

Song

"I Will Lift My Eyes"

Sermon

Offering

"Sanctuary"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"Indescribable", "Keep Making Me"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Thrive"

June 16 and 17 The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Mary Loomans

Lectors: Marilyn Baars (5:30); Ken Jahn (8:00);
Karen Riewe (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

Duet: Leona Brockopp and Ron Mueller

Pastor: Rev. Rod Armon

The Old Testament Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at

home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

The Holy Gospel Mark 4:26-34

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.