St. John's Lutheran Ministries
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Join the **St. John's Lutheran Ministries Schools -Official** *group for news, updates and daily encouragement!*

Week of 07/15/2018

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (15)
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 (16)
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, CLC

TUESDAY (17)
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
5:30 p.m. Board of Education, Science Room
6:00 p.m. Summer Speed and Agility Camp, Gym
6:30 p.m. LWML Salad Supper, CLC

WEDNESDAY (18)
12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Due
6:30 p.m. Youth Group, Thompson residence

THURSDAY (19)
8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
12:00 p.m. Financial Aid Meeting, CLC
6:00 p.m. Summer Speed and Agility Camp, Gym

FRIDAY (20)

SATURDAY (21)
7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Dino's
5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (22)
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

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: 314
Unified Received: $15,152.00
Other Contributions: $1,855.00
TOTAL: $17,007.00

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 worshiping with us!

Please Pray

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

Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery):

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

Medical:
Sandra Hutler, Michael Johnson, and **Don Weideman**

Mourning:
The family of **Elaine Hatz**
The family of **Richard Stauber**
The Family of **Rev. Theodore Krueger**
The Family of **Brian Konkel**

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

Thank you:

Thank you for your prayers.

We would like to thank everyone who offered prayers, sent cards and notes, and helped us in any way during Brian's 2 plus years of battling brain cancer. We are so blessed to have each of you in our lives.

Thank you
The Family of Brian Konkel

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Mootz.

The altar flowers on July 7th and 8th were placed to the glory of God by Henry and Betty Mootz.

Upcoming Ministries Events:

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. There is always plenty of food. Dinnerware, drinks, and desserts are provided. Hope to see you there.

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 **July 28th and 29th**.

You're Invited:

Everyone His Witness Workshop

The South Wisconsin District will be holding an *Everyone His Witness* Workshop on **August 18th** from **8:30am – 3:30pm** at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa. The focus of this evangelism workshop is aimed at providing training and encouragement for Lutherans to share the Gospel with those whom God has placed in their everyday lives. Cost for the workshop is $14.00 and includes materials and lunch with a registration deadline of August 8th. Further information, including an online registration, is available at **http://swd.lcms.org/every-one-witness/.**

If you have any questions, please call the South Wisconsin District at 414.464.8100 .

Young Women in Mission

Please join us for an afternoon of 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:

July 28, Hope Lutheran - Fond du Lac
August 11, Divine Savior – Hartford
August 18, Good Shepherd- Tomah

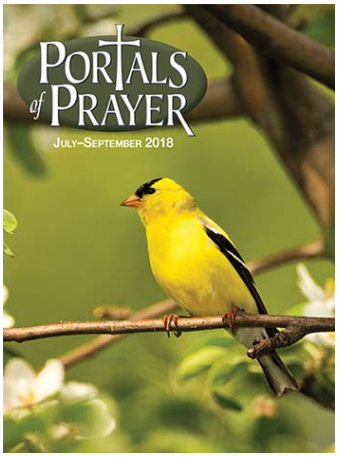
Please register by 7/15/2018. Registration form can be printed from www.lwml-swd.org. If you have questions, please contact Amy Tikkanen 920-647-6643 or Kati Meyerhofer 414-687-3087. We hope to see each and every one of you at one of these events!

Did you know?

Church Library

Have you ever wondered where our church library is and how to check out books? Visit the church library located at the Welcome Center. If you find a book that piques your interest, take it home, read it, and return it. It is just that simple!
No paperwork – no hassle!

From Portals of Prayer – July-September 2018 issue



The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost –Sunday, July 15

So you are no longer a slave, but a son, then an heir through God.
-Galatians 4:7

Paul reminds his Galatian brothers and sisters of their slavery to sin, which is their natural, wicked state. Shackled and burdened, they had no hope of escape, always failing to keep the Law. Yet "when the fullness of time had come," Christ came to do the unthinkable: He released them from their death under the Law, "so that we might receive adoption as sons (4:4-5).

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word, continually binding us as sons to You and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. Amen

Portals of Prayer books are available at the Welcome Center.

Sponsor:

Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast

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 sermon broadcast is in memory of John Radke.

Volunteer and Giving:

Projector volunteers needed

Are you F.A.T.? Faithful. Available. Trainable. We are looking for volunteers willing to work the projector during one service a month. If you are interested, please contact the church office, 608-742-9000, or stop in the balcony during the next service, and Mr. Ken Baars will be happy to train you on the system.

Agrace Hospice & Palliative Care

Agrace Hospice & Palliative Care is seeking volunteers throughout Sauk and Columbia counties. Agrace volunteers brighten the lives of local people with serious illnesses by making companionship visits in patients' homes, or in nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

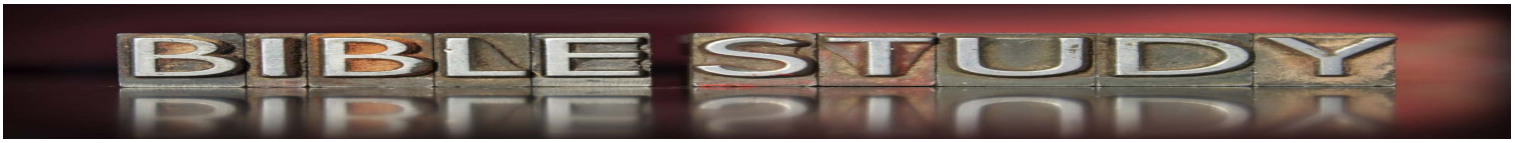
In July, Agrace will offer volunteer orientation **Tuesday, July 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,** at its Baraboo office. Before attending orientation, prospective volunteers will complete an application and an interview process with Agrace staff. Call (608) 327-7163 to register.

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.



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!

July 15:	**OPEN**
July 22:	**Don &Carol Kohrt**
July 29:	**OPEN**
August 05:	**OPEN**
August 12:	**OPEN**

Week 76
July 15, 2018

Monday
Matthew 14:1-15:39

Tuesday
Matthew 16:1-17:27

Wednesday
Matthew 18:1-19:30

Thursday
Matthew 20:1-21:46

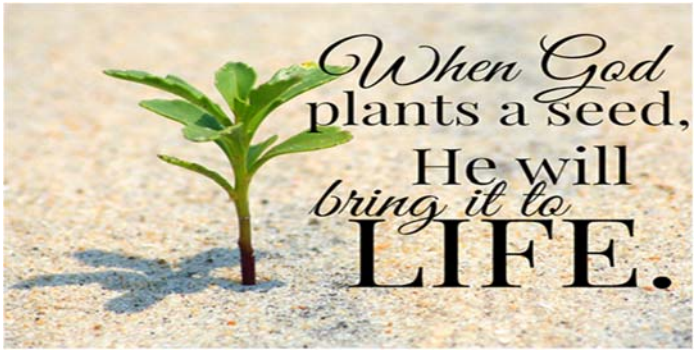
Friday
Matthew 22:1-23:39

Saturday
Matthew 24:1-25:46

Sunday
Join God's People for Divine Service

Stewardship Thoughts
The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 7:8 *"And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them."* One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that's no surprise when we consider how God's activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord's own nature.



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 Chvojicek 697-2102
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Gene Thompson 697-4786
Don Wakershauser 617-6171
Mark Witt 697-0224
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Ron Mueller 369-1845, Chair

5:30 and 8:00 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn
"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry" LSB 344

Invocation

Exhortation LSB 151

Confession and Absolution LSB 151

Kyrie LSB 152

This is the Feast LSB 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Amos 7:7-15

The Epistle Ephesians 1:3-14

Alleluia LSB 156

The Holy Gospel Mark 6:14-29

Hymn of the Day
"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" LSB 743 sts. 1-2, 5-6

Sermon

Offering LSB 159

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Prayer of the Church

Preface LSB 160

Proper Preface

Sanctus LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 163

Distribution Hymns
"Lift High the Cross" LSB 837
"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect LSB 200

Benediction LSB 166

Hymn
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

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

Song
"10,000 Reasons"

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading Amos 7:7-15

The Epistle Ephesians 1:3-14

The Holy Gospel Mark 6:14-29

Nicene Creed

Song
"Keep Making Me"

Sermon

Offering
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song
"Wonderful Merciful Savior", "Surrender"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song
"Mighty to Save"

July 14th and 15th
The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

St. John's Lutheran Ministries
Church, Child Development Center, School

A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshiping Community Today:
Organist: Sara Jakeman
Lectors: Theresa Smith (5:30); Jim Atkinson (8:00); Lora Foster (10:30)
Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann
Pastor: Rev. Rod Armon

The Old Testament Amos 7:7-15

This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

The Epistle Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

The Holy Gospel Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.