

## Week of 08/26/2018

### THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (26)

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|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 (27)

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

### TUESDAY (28)

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| 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             |

### WEDNESDAY (29)

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| 12:00 p.m. | First Day of School      |
| 12:00 p.m. | Weekly Announcements Due |

### THURSDAY (30)

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| 8:00 a.m. | Esther Bible Class, CLC |
| 9:30 a.m. | Walkie Talkies, Levee   |
| 6:00 p.m. | Board of Trustees, CLC  |

### FRIDAY (31)

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| 12:00 p.m. | Early Release/Noon Dismissal |
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### SATURDAY (01)

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

### THE FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (02)

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|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 is at 10:00am on WPDR 1350

**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](http://www.stjohnsportage.com) under "calendar" link**

**Reminder: For the protection of the church facility, the only door unlocked during church office hours is the side entrance on Armstrong Street (near Franklin Street). Feel free to park on Armstrong Street near the entrance, if you plan on stopping by. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 3:00pm.**

### St. John's Info. Corner



Last Weekend's Attendance: 288  
Unified Received: \$14,485.86  
Other Contributions: \$1,530.00  
TOTAL: \$16,015.86

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:

**Tom Davenport, Alice Atkinson, Geraldine Kerl, Sandra Hutler, Michael Johnson, and Don Weideman**

Mourning:

Family of **Steve Mulhern**

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*

# Let's Celebrate:



## **Holy Baptism**

Join us in celebrating the Holy Baptism of **Conrad Gerald Olson and Korbin Myles Schumann**.

*Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

# Save the Date:

## **St. John's Back to School Night**

Save the date for St. John's Back to School Night, **Monday, August 27th at 6:30pm** in the school gym. If you do not have a student enrolled at St. John's but would like information, please contact St. John's school, 608-742-9000.

## **Parents of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade public school students:**

There will be a required parent/student orientation meeting for confirmation classes on **September 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church's Christian Life Center.

**Sunday School** registration will begin on **September 9th** in the narthex between services.

**Youth Group** will meet Wednesday, **September 12th**, from 5:00pm—7:30pm in the school gym.

## **New Member Class**

New member classes are scheduled for September 29th and October 6th from 8:30am to 11:30am. Please RSVP in the church office, 608-742-9000 or email [churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com)

## **Upcoming Parish Life Events**

- +Reformation Day Pot Luck on October 28, 2018
- +Christmas Lighted Parade – St. John's float on November 23, 2018
- +Advent by Candle Light on November 26, 2018

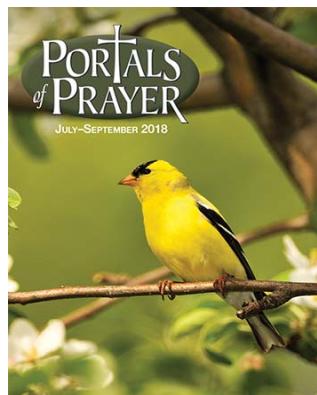
Watch for more details on the church bulletin, Welcome Center display, and Cornerstone!

# Thank You:

To the members of St. John's who sent cards, memorials to Orphan Grain Train, and the ministries at St. John's in memory of Pastor Ted—the family send their thanks. We were unaware of the many lives he touched in our years here. We thank you for reminding us. The funeral was a reminder of God's presence in our lives and the promise of eternal life. Many people remarked that the hymns and singing was such a good ending to the message of the sermon. Our thanks to Mark Witt for carrying the cross for the service and also always helping Pastor Ted be able to get in and out of the Saturday evening service. The lunch after the service was outstanding! Thanks to the ladies who served and the many who brought food. We thank Pastor Greg for his message, arranging the service and for helping us through the difficult and final days. To all who remembered us in prayer through these many years of Pastor Ted's health problems, we thank you.

-Darlene Krueger and family

# From Portals of Prayer – July-September 2018 issue



## **The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost –Sunday, August 26th**

*So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.*

*-Acts 19:20*

Let's focus on the word "continued" in this passage from Acts. The Word of the Lord "continued" to "increase" and to "prevail," and it continues to do so until the end of time, when Christ will return in glory. But how does this happen? Pick up a Portals of Prayer book at the Welcome Center.

*Lord Jesus Christ, may Your Word grow among us and in us. Amen.*

## You're Invited:

### **Do you like to sing/enjoy music?**

Consider joining the Adult Choir. This year, the choir will sing on the first and third weekends of a month (with a couple of exceptions) to help you with your time commitments. Even if you don't read music, you can still join and sing as choir members will help you. The members of our choir are a joy to interact with and are dedicated to sing, "Praises to Our Lord!" Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, September 5, 6:30pm**, in the church balcony. See you there!

### **St. John's Handbell Choir**

Our St. John's handbell choir is looking for new members! We meet on Wednesdays at 5:00pm up in the balcony. We typically perform once a month. Our first rehearsal is **September 5 at 5:00pm**. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Michelle Nummerdor at [nummerdorm@yahoo.com](mailto:nummerdorm@yahoo.com) or any other handbell member. Thank you!

### **Financial Peace University (FPU)**

Want to get out of debt? Want to have Financial Peace in your life? Want to improve your marriage or single life? Learn how to handle finances the biblical way and learn what God says about it. This class has something for you to learn, no matter what your age. Come to class just to check it out. Daycare will be provided, if needed. Classes start **Monday, Sept. 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm** in the CLC. Materials can be purchased by contacting class leaders, Jim Atkinson (608-697-7052) [jim@atkinsonrealtor.com](mailto:jim@atkinsonrealtor.com) or Amanda Bell (608-572-0731) [amandahbell@yahoo.com](mailto:amandahbell@yahoo.com)

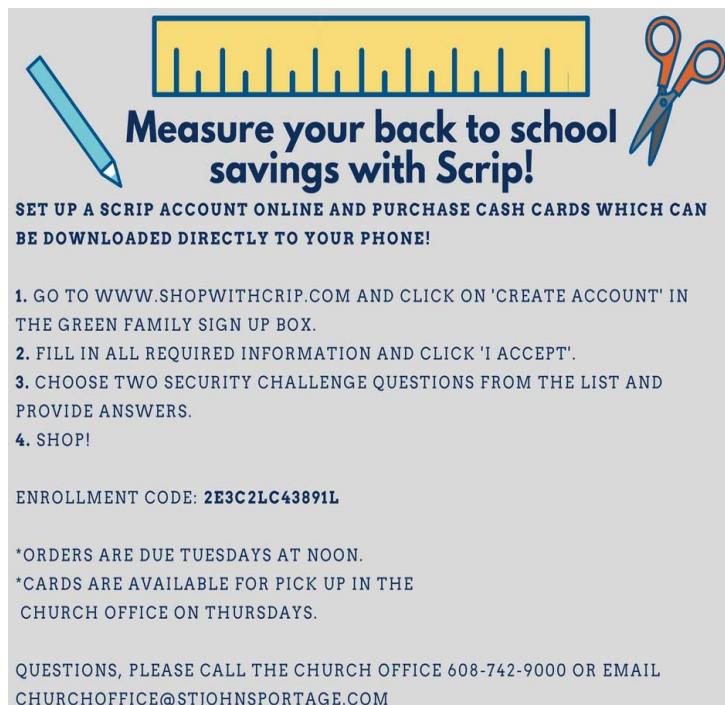
### **What is special about the LWML Fall Retreat 2018?**

Our theme is Jesus Savior Pilot Me. The keynote speaker is Jan Struck, humorist and child of God, who will help us celebrate the incredible love and grace of our Savior. News and updates from the SWD Hispanic Mission field. We will learn what it is like to be a missionary pilot and also the wife's perspective. There will be Bible study, prayer, music and songs of praise. The retreat will be held at the **Hilton Garden Inn, Oshkosh September 20-22**. Come and join us any or all of those days, bring a friend for fun, fellowship and inspiration. **Registration ends September 1st**, and August 26th is the deadline for discounted room rate. Check [lwml-swd.org](http://lwml-swd.org) for more details or Elaine Hull

## Volunteer and Fundraising:

### **School Crisis Kit**

As part of our school safety plan, we are building emergency kits for every classroom and meeting space at the school. These kits will have everything a person or group would need to be safe in a crisis. Each kit will cost approximately \$55.00, and we will be building 14 of them to get started. We would like to expand these to include the church and the Child Development Center as well. If you would like to help by sponsoring one of these kits, please contact the church office, 608-742-9000, or [churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com).



A graphic for the Scrip program. It features a yellow ruler icon, a blue pencil icon, and a pair of orange-handled scissors icon. The text reads: "Measure your back to school savings with Scrip!". Below this, in smaller text, is: "SET UP A SCRIP ACCOUNT ONLINE AND PURCHASE CASH CARDS WHICH CAN BE DOWNLOADED DIRECTLY TO YOUR PHONE!". A numbered list of steps follows:

1. GO TO [WWW.SHOPWITHCRIP.COM](http://WWW.SHOPWITHCRIP.COM) AND CLICK ON 'CREATE ACCOUNT' IN THE GREEN FAMILY SIGN UP BOX.
2. FILL IN ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION AND CLICK 'I ACCEPT'.
3. CHOOSE TWO SECURITY CHALLENGE QUESTIONS FROM THE LIST AND PROVIDE ANSWERS.
4. SHOP!

The enrollment code is listed as **2E3C2LC43891L**. Below this, there are two small notes: "ORDERS ARE DUE TUESDAYS AT NOON." and "CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE ON THURSDAYS." At the bottom, it says: "QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 608-742-9000 OR EMAIL [CHURCOFFICE@STJOHNSPORTAGE.COM](mailto:CHURCOFFICE@STJOHNSPORTAGE.COM)".

**Winter is coming!**

We are looking for snow plow drivers to help plow the church parking lot during the winter.

If you have a snow plow and are interested in volunteering, please call the church office,  
**608-742-9000.**

# 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!

August 26: OPEN  
September 02: OPEN  
September 09: Volleyball and Sunday School  
September 16: Sunday School

**Week 82**  
**August 26, 2018**

**Monday**  
John 4:1-54

**Tuesday**  
John 5:1-6:71

**Wednesday**  
John 7:1-8:59

**Thursday**  
John 9:1-10:42

**Friday**  
John 11:1-12:50

**Saturday**  
John 13:1-14:31

**Sunday**  
Join God's People for Divine Service

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Mark 7:11** "But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)." Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion.



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**M-F / 7:45a-3:30p**



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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  
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



# 5:30 and 8:00 Worship

## Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

### Hymn

"*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*" LSB 802

### 5:30 only Holy Baptism

**Invocation** LSB 203

**Exhortation** LSB 203

**Confession and Absolution** LSB 203

**Kyrie** LSB 204

**Gloria in Excelsis** LSB 204

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 29:11-19

**The Epistle** Ephesians 5:22-33

**Alleluia** LSB 205

**The Holy Gospel** Mark 7:1-13

**8:00 only Apostles' Creed** LSB back cover

**Hymn of the Day** "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" LSB 596

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Preface** LSB 208

**Sanctus** LSB 208

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer** LSB 209

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini / Agnus Dei** LSB 209/210

### Distribution Hymns

**5:30 only "I Can Feel You"**

Sung by Gina Pellmann

"Oh, Blest the House" LSB 862

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

**Nunc Dimittis** LSB 211

**Post-Communion Collect** LSB 212

**Benedicamus** LSB 212

**Hymn** "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655

Divine Service, Setting four from Lutheran Service Book  
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# 10:30 Worship

### Song

"*The Heart of Worship*"

### Confession and Absolution

### Opening Prayer

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 29:11-19

**The Epistle** Ephesians 5:22-33

**The Holy Gospel** Mark 7:1-13

### Apostles' Creed

### Song

"*God of Wonders*"

### Sermon

### Offering

"*Give us Clean Hands*"

### Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

### Distribution Songs

"*Holy Spirit*"

"*Open Our Eyes*"

### Closing Prayer

### Benediction

### Closing Song

"*One Thing Remains*"

August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
The Fourteenth Sunday After  
Pentecost



A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshiping Community Today:

**Organist:** Stephenie Hovland

**Lectors:** Lorraine Stephens (5:30); Karen Riewe (8:00); Dawn Mueller (10:30)

**Worship Team:** Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

**Special Music:** Gina Pellmann

**The Old Testament****Isaiah 29:11-19**

And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

**The Epistle****Ephesians 5:22-33**

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands

should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**The Holy Gospel****Mark 7:1-13**

When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."