

Week of
12/30/2018



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

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!

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (30)

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Christian Education and Coffee Hour, CLC
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
11:30 a.m. Praise Band Practice, Sanctuary

MONDAY (31)

Church Office is closing at Noon

- 5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service of Word & Sacrament

TUESDAY (01)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Church Office Closed
No Scrup Orders

WEDNESDAY (02)

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel
12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Due
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, Gym/YG Room
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, CLC and APR

THURSDAY (03)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Divine Savior Hospital
10:00 a.m. Our House Monthly Worship
11:00 a.m. Heritage House Monthly Worship

FRIDAY (04)

SATURDAY (05)

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

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (06)

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Christian Education and Coffee Hour, CLC
9:15 a.m. Sunday School, School Cafeteria
10:15 a.m. Lutherans For Life, CLC
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
11:30 a.m. Praise Band Practice, Sanctuary

APR = All Purpose Room,
CLC = Christian Life Center
CDC = St. John's Child
Development Center
Also listed on
www.stjohnsportage.com

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

Please Pray

Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery):

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

Medical:

Brandon Dittberner, and Donna Stauber,

Long-term Illness/Treatment

Jill Love

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. Prayer requests for Thanksgiving, Milestone, Medical, and Mourning will remain on the list for a 2-weeks. Prayer requests for Long-term Illness/Treatment will remain for 1 month unless the church office is notified with an update on the individual. Please be sure that you have the permission of the individual before contacting the church office to add them to the public prayer list.

****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.***

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

St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 346

Unified Received: \$26,906.19

Other Contributions: \$570.00

TOTAL: \$27,476.19

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00



21...HIS NAME
WAS CALLED
JESUS.

LUKE 2:21 KJV

New Year's Eve Worship

New Year's Eve Service

Monday, December 31st at 5:30pm

Sunday School

No Sunday School January 30th

Sunday School starts the new year on January 6th from 9:15am to 10:15am in the school cafeteria. Hope to see you there!

Podcast

Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast

Our Sunday morning broadcast of the previous Sunday service continues at 10:00am 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 in loving memory of Art and Frances Roecker, and Al and Dan Zook from the family.

Community Outreach

Sponsors Needed

Raquel Schwanbeck is the new director of River Haven, beginning full-time duties on December 17. She came to us highly recommended and we are grateful for her willingness to assume this most important position in our community. Pete Bartaczewicz recently retired from the Portage Police Department, will continue to assist PACAP with interviewing applicants for assistance and the distribution of Clergy Relief funds.

A specific need at this time are funds to pay the rent for the Men's Shelter. St. John Episcopal Church graciously offers the use of a house that they own for a nominal rent. We are looking for 12 individuals or businesses to "sponsor" the shelter by paying the rent for one month at the cost of \$333. Two individuals have already come forward, so we are only in need of 10 others for March to December 2019. If you would consider being a "sponsor" for one month please contact Pastor Greg (571-3360), Fr. Gary at St. Mary Church (742-6998) or Pete at River Haven Shelter (742-7687).

We Are Hiring

2nd Shift Custodian

We are currently seeking an energetic and highly motivated individual to join our team as 2nd Shift Custodian. The custodian will be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing St. John's School and Child Development Center. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the church office at churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com for a complete job description and application.

Scrip

What's Scrip?

Budget with gift cards and support our ministry! For example, buy Kwik Trip gift cards for gas from St. John's Scrip program, and a percent of the gift card purchase goes back to St. John's.

Order on Tuesday and pick up on Thursday.

Visit: shop.shopwithscrip.com

Click: **Register**

Enrollment Code: **2E3C2LC43891L**



Save the Date

*Youth Ministries Fundraiser
at Cascade Mountain Tube Town
Enjoy Snowtubing, Friendships, Prayer, and
Free Pizza Dinner!*

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

More information to come.





Thank you

for your Altar Guild contributions to our beautiful poinsettias.
Your gift is appreciated.



<i>Given By</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Tom & Cindy Luedeman, Karlie, Kaysie, & Kaitlyn Schultz	Donald & Elaine Schumann
Eric & Mary Soderlund	Deceased parents: Herb & Marion Soderlund, and Alvina & Leonard Szews
not listed	Deceased Members of Priske and Mootz Family
Wallace & Sherry Oeftger	Edward & Lorraine Oeftger, Walther Manthey, and James & Gladys Hon
Donald & Ruth Mell	Elmer & Delilah Koch, and Deloris Mell
Idella Anacker	Don & Garth Anacker
Alex & Carol Swanson	Robert Weiss, Mr. & Mrs. Rudie Maass, and Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Swanson
Donald & Carolyn Koepp	Our Parents
John & Sue Wilcox	John & Alice Kastner, Robert & Alice Wilcox, Amber Ann Wilcox, and Donna Volkert
Huston family and Horn family	Ralph Buck Huston, Jeffrey Huston family, Julie and Keith Horan family, Carl Huston and family, We love you Buck
Jenny, Alexis, and Andrew Krueger	Marie Krueger
Ellen Cafilisch	Mr. & Mrs. F.M. Cafilisch, Mrs. Donna Willstean
Betty & Bob Brozowski	Departed Parents
John & Lorna McMahon	Our Parents
Tom, Stacy, Hannah, & Mariah Davenport	Kathy Thompson, Lori & Roy Davenport, Lester Paske, and Marie Krueger
Kathy Gerstenkorn	Russ Gerstenkorn, Ben, Olga, & Peter Haakenson
Ken & Beth Manthey	Herb & Violet Manthey, Ed & Tabea Manthey, Bob Manthey, and Ester Manthey
Bonnie & Mike Mulhern	Lester Paske, Marjorie & Stanley Mulhern
Nancy Mcconochie Zuhlke	Russ & Alice Hurd
Jeanette & Don Witt	Our parent, sisters, and brother
Ted, Tammy, Jessica, & Ben Mootz	Tina Gaffney, Rose Mootz, Helen Thompson
The Women's Guild	Jeanette Smith
Kathy Kleist	Robert Kleist, Clifford & Anita Kleist, Edward & Edith Kleist
Raymond & Bonnie Konkel	Brian Konkel
Virginia Laing	William Laing, Frank Zaske, and Parents
Carol Anacker	Janice Mittelstaedt
Mavis LaVigne	Don LaVigne, our parents: Mr. & Mrs. Howard LaVigne, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Berger Sr., Marlene Schwanz (sister)
Roger & Pat Baerwolf	Don LaVigne, Albert & Florence Baerwolf, Marlene Schwanz
Betty Carrington	Jack Carrington, Richard Burcharolt, Arlin Sipes
Don & Jan Weideman	Our son, Cody Lee Weideman, brother, Al Weideman, and our parents
Tammy Conley	James Pankhurst - father
Dale & Bonnie	Joe & Arlene Horton, Wanda, Clark & Barbara Bell
Her family	Shirley Johnson

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!

December 30: Tom & Kris Daugherty
January 06: OPEN
January 13: LWML
January 20: OPEN

Week 100 December 30, 2018

Monday
1 Peter 1:1-25

Tuesday
1 Peter 2:1-25

Wednesday
1 Peter 3:1-4:19

Thursday
1 Peter 5:1-14

Friday
2 Peter 1:1-2:22

Saturday
2 Peter 3:1-18

Sunday
Join God's People
for Divine Service

*"And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem."
Luke 2:38*



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?

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 BOOK OF ISAIAH 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 starting January 8, 2019

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 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
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

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" LSB 379 sts. 1, ref, 2-4

Invocation

Exhortation LSB 203

Confession of Sins and Absolution LSB 203

Kyrie LSB 204

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Old Testament Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

The Epistle Colossians 3:12-17

Alleluia LSB 205

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Apostles' Creed LSB back cover

Hymn of the Day

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" LSB 374

Sermon

5:30 only Solo by Allyson Tessmann

"Cantique de Noel"

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

"Joy to the World" LSB 387

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" LSB 388

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus LSB 212

Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High" LSB 368

10:30 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Song

"Unspeakable Joy (Joy to the World)"

Invocation

Exhortation *Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 130:3-4*

Confession *Luke 18:13*

Absolution *John 20:19-23*

Salutation and Prayer of the Day 2 Timothy 4:22

The Old Testament Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

The Epistle Colossians 3:12-17

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Apostles' Creed

Song

"Immanuel"

Sermon

Offering

"Glory (Let There be Peace)"

Prayer of the Church *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

Preface *Psalm 136*

The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26-28;*
1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Distribution Songs

"Here With Us"

The Common Dismissal

Benedicamus *Psalm 103:1*

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

Closing Song

"Hope Was Born This Night"

Divine Service, Setting four from Lutheran Service Book
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December 29th and 30th First Sunday after Christmas



A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Mary Loomans

Lectors: Danielle Rabl (5:30); Dawn Mueller (8:00); Tom Waddell (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

Soloist: Allyson Tessmann

The Old Testament Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15
The LORD said to Moses, “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . . “When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

The Epistle Colossians 3:12-17
Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40
When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.