

Week of  
01/06/2019



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!

### 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. Take down the Christmas Decorations

### MONDAY (07)

- 5:00 p.m. Board of Stewardship, CLC  
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Divine Savior Hospital Tunnel

### TUESDAY (08)

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC  
9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC  
2:00 p.m. Columbia Healthcare Center Monthly Worship  
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee, CLC  
6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study, CDC Basement

### WEDNESDAY (09)

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel  
12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Due  
4:00 p.m. Music Meeting, CLC  
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 (10)

- 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 (11)

- 12:00 p.m. Church office will be closed from 11:30am-1:00pm  
Cornerstone Deadline

### SATURDAY (12)

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

### THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (13)

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament  
9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening, Nursery  
9:15 a.m. Christian Education and Coffee Hour, CLC  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School, School Cafeteria  
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

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)

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

## Please Pray

Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery):

*Caregivers*

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

Medical:

*Mavis LaVigne, and Brandon Dittberner*

Long-term Illness/Treatment

Jill Love

Mourning:

Family of *Betty Kluth*; Family of Shirley Meier

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: 329

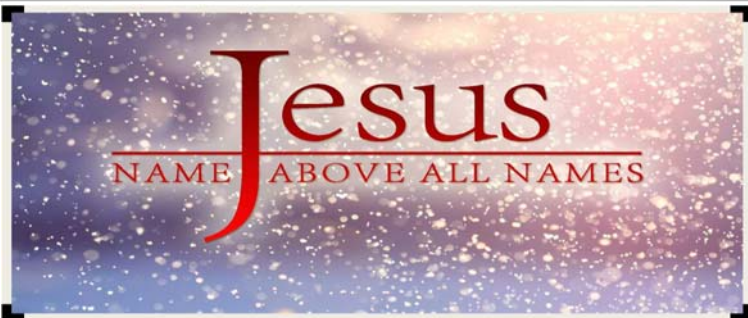
Unified Received: \$11,582.10

Other Contributions: \$10,880.00

TOTAL: \$22,462.10

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00





## Thank You

### Thank you for your support

Thank you all for your gifts for our school this Christmas season. The gifts you provided will help our classrooms in many ways. Thank you all for the support of our school. Let us always share Christ in our lives.

## 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.

## Community Outreach

### Sponsors Needed

A specific need at this time are funds to pay the rent for the River Haven 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. Eight individuals have already come forward, so we are only in need of four 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).

## Re:Vitality Self-Assessment



The Re:Vitality self-assessment for St. John's will begin on January 13th and be open until January 31st. See the January Cornerstone for details.

## 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](http://shop.shopwithscrip.com)

Click: **Register**

Enrollment Code: **2E3C2LC43891L**



## Save the Date



### Youth Ministries Fundraiser at Cascade Mountain Tube Town!

Tubing, *Pizza*, and Fun!

**Where:** Cascade Mountain Tube Town

**When:** Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Time:** 4-9 pm

**Cost:** \$15 ages 7 and older

\$10 ages 6 and under

(Prices shown do not include tax of 5.5%)

*First 25 youth (up to age 18) to email youth@stjohnsportage.com on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 will be free! The email must be dated January 3, 2019 and after. No emails will be accepted before January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. All emails will be replied to, to show status.*

All participants must fill out a waiver form. They can be found online at Cascade Mountain.com.

## Missions



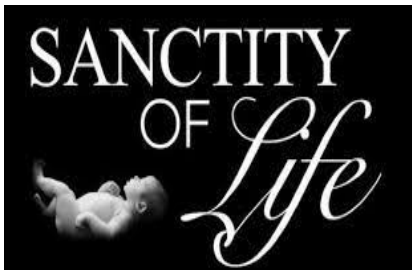
**Lutherans  
For Life**

**Lutherans For Life**  
will sponsor the  
Pregnancy Resource  
Center Baby Bottle Fund  
Raiser to honor and  
support this special

ministry. The baby bottles will be available for pick up in the church narthex on Life Sunday (1/26 and 1/27). As you are led, you may fill the baby bottles with checks, cash, or coins. Your donation will help the resource center meet financial needs and increase awareness in the community about the ministry. The bottles may be returned by the weekend of February 16th and 17th. The Pregnancy Resource Center also has a need for packages of diapers (any sizes) and infant clothing, size newborn to 12 months. These donations can be brought to the Sanctity of Life display table area at church by February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17th.

**\*\* Watch in future church announcements and the Cornerstone for the upcoming event March 2<sup>nd</sup> (if re-scheduled for inclement weather – 3/16/19) to be held by Lutherans For Life at St. John's.**

*The next St. Johns LFL meeting to be held January 6, 2019 at 10:15am in the Christian Life Center.*



**Sanctity of Life**  
weekend, January 26th  
and January 27th.  
The theme this year  
from Lutherans For Life  
is –

### **From Age to Age the Same**

Please stop by the table in the narthex for material available to take home that offers reminders on this important Sanctity of Life message.

Each one of us is unique. All are special. All are precious. All of us made in the image of God. All of us redeemed by His Son's incarnation. All of us embraced with His Spirit for everlasting family. Our differences and failings can't change God's grace.

For forty years Lutherans For Life has declared it and demonstrated it. You are beloved, no matter how young. You belong, no matter how old. Let's share this Gospel message with courage and compassion.

**Our Savior says "Yes!" to life. We say "Amen!" –  
From Age to Age the Same**

Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life: [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

[Info@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:Info@lutheransforlife.org)

888.364.LIFE (5433)

## **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE LOW-INCOME CAMPERS AT CAMP LUWISOMO \$20,000**



Camp LuWiSoMo has received many requests in the past summer to allow funding for low income campers to attend camp. The current budget for 2018-2020 does not allow for extra funding for discounting camper rates. Families of many campers are not able to financially afford the full cost of camp, estimated at \$400 per camper. Camp LuWiSoMo provides a safe environment for youth to expand their faith in a beautiful outdoor setting.

The \$20,000 Mission Grant will fund scholarships for two years for children to attend summer camp in Wild Rose, Wisconsin.

If you would like to support this grant please place your donation in the large Mite Box or pick up a small Mite Box found on the table in the CLC. Thank you for your prayers and monetary support.

## Boards and Committees

### **The Board of Stewards Needs You!**

The Board of Stewards is looking for new members. The purpose of the Stewards is to help the congregation use the gifts that they have been blessed with to spread His glory. Our gifts include our talents, time, careers, knowledge, and money.

#### **What does the Board of Stewards do?**

We do things like host the new members dinner, organize pledge week, promote Financial Peace University, among others.

#### **When do we meet?**

Our meetings are at 5:00pm the first Monday of each month in the CLC.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Amanda Bell at 608-572-0731 or join us Monday, January 7th at 5:00pm in the Christian Life Center.

## Upcoming St. John's Events:

### **We need your help to paint the Christian Life Center.**

We are looking for help painting the Christian Life Center, January 30th and 31st. If you can help, please contact the church office, 608-742-9000 or [chruchoffice@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:chruchoffice@stjohnsportage.com).



### **2019 National Lutheran Schools Week**

We will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools' Week

**January 20th through the 25th**



# 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!

January 06:	OPEN
January 13:	LWML
January 20:	OPEN
January 27:	LFL
February 03:	OPEN

**Week 101  
January 06, 2019**

**Monday**  
1 John 1:1-10

**Tuesday**  
1 John 2:1-27

**Wednesday**  
1 John 2:28-3:24

**Thursday**  
1 John 4:1-21

**Friday**  
1 John 5:1-21

**Saturday**  
2 John 1-13

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

Entering the house,  
they saw the Child  
with Mary his  
mother, and falling to  
their knees, they  
worshiped Him.  
Matthew 2:11



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Worship and giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

### 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 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

### 8:00 only Adult Choir

"The Lord Is in His Holy Temple"

### Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

#### Hymn

"The People That in Darkness Sat" LSB 412

#### Invocation

Exhortation LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution LSB 151

5:30 only Kyrie LSB 152

5:30 only This is the Feast LSB 155

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

### 8:00 only Adult Choir

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

The Old Testament Isaiah 60:1-6

The Epistle Ephesians 3:1-12

Alleluia LSB 156

The Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn of the Day  
"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" LSB 395 sts. 1-4

#### Sermon

#### Offering

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

#### Prayer of the Church

Proper Preface LSB 160

Sanctus LSB 161

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

#### The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 163

#### Distribution Hymns

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" LSB 388

"O Worship the King" LSB 804

Thank the Lord LSB 164

#### Post-Communion Collect

Benediction LSB 166

#### Hymn

"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" LSB 399

## 10:30 Worship

### Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

#### Song

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Invocation Matthew 28:19b

Exhortation 1 John 1:8-9

Confession of Sins Romans 3:23

Absolution John 20:19-23

Salutation and Prayer of the Day 2 Timothy 4:22

The Old Testament Isaiah 60:1-6

The Epistle Ephesians 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Nicene Creed 1 Timothy 6:12

#### Song

"Here I am to Worship"

#### Sermon

#### Offering

"Open Our Eyes"

Prayer of the Church 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

Proper Preface Psalm 136

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

Pax Domini John 20:19

#### Distribution Songs

"Wonderful Merciful Savior"

"Grace Flows Down"

#### The Common Dismissal

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

#### Closing Song

"Mighty to Save"

Divine Service, Setting one from Lutheran Service Book  
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## January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

### The Epiphany of Our Lord



Church, Child Development Center, School  
A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:  
**Organist:** Sara Jakeman  
**Lectors:** Holly Wolfgram (5:30); Ken Jahn (8:00); Kris Winkelmann (10:30)  
**Worship Team:** Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann  
**Adult Choir:** Directed by Kathy Gerstenkorn

**The Old Testament**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**The Epistle**

Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who

created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.