

Week of
01/13/2019



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 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

MONDAY (14)

- 10:00 a.m. Tivoli Monthly Worship
1:30 p.m. Altar Guild, CLC
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Divine Savior Hospital Tunnel

TUESDAY (15)

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
12:00 p.m. Women's Guild, CLC
5:30 p.m. Board of Education, Science Room
6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study, CDC Basement

WEDNESDAY (16)

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

THURSDAY (17)

- 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
6:30 p.m. Grief Ministry, CLC

FRIDAY (18)

- SATURDAY (19)**
7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Dino's
5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (20)

National Lutheran Schools' Week

- 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
10:30 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

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):

Caregivers

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

Medical:

Mavis LaVigne

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: 343

Unified Received: \$15,153.95

Other Contributions: \$785.00

TOTAL: \$15,938.95

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00



2018 Contribution Statements

2018 contribution statements are available for pick up at the Welcome Center.

Upcoming St. John's Events:

2019 National Lutheran Schools Week

We will be celebrating National Lutherans Schools' Week

January 20th through the 25th



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join us after student led conferences for a night of board games and hot dogs. There will be a variety of games to play ranging from giant mancala to Candyland along with hot dogs to indulge in. Hope to see you there!

What: Family Game Night
When: Thursday January 24th
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Where: St. John's Gymnasium



Youth Ministries **Fund**raiser at
Cascade Mountain Tube Town!
Tubing, **Pizza**, and Fun!

Where: Cascade Mountain Tube Town
When: Wednesday, January 30th, 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%)

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

Valentine's Day Babysitting

Let Youth Group watch your children on Valentine's Day!

We have an evening filled with movies, games, crafts, food and FUN!

When: February 14th, 2019 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Where: St. John's School gym

Suggested Donation \$5/hour for each child

Please RSVP to youth@stjohnsportage.com



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.

Re:Vitality Self-Assessment

Re:Vitality –From January 13 to January 31 we are asking everyone to go online and fill out a simple questionnaire about our church. For those that don't do the online thing, we will have paper copies available January 13 through the January 21. Paper versions will be available at the back of the church, and we will have a place to drop off your responses. Someone from our congregation will need to enter those paper versions manually, so please use the online assessment if you are able. If interested in data entry, please contact Pastor Hovland. To complete the survey (after January 13), you will need to go to the following link when you are ready to begin: www.lcms.org/survey/revitality and then enter our congregation code: **C736808**. All responses are completely anonymous. See the January Cornerstone for more information.

Thank You

Thank you for your support

Thank you to all the groups and individuals who have come forward to assist in sponsoring the River Haven Men's Shelter rent for 2019.

Boards and Committees

Altar Guild

Altar Guild meets Monday, January 14th at 1:30 in the Christian Life Center.

Women's Guild

Women's Guild meets Tuesday, January 15th at 1:30 in the Christian Life Center.

Crusaders

St. John's Crusaders Girls Basketball

Monday, January 14th St. John's -vs- Randolph Christian School

Thursday, January 17th St. John's @ Central WI Christian School

Games starts at 5pm.

Come out and support St. John's Crusaders!

GO BLUE!

Missions



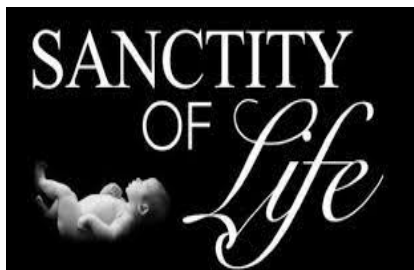
**Lutherans
For Life**

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 16th and 17th.

**** Watch in future church announcements and the Cornerstone for the upcoming event March 2nd (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

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.

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**



Community Events

Stand Up For Life

Sunday, January 20th is the 46th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Join Stand Up For Life, where we will be celebrating life and praying that the destruction of these precious little lives will end forever.

Meet us at the Chamber of Commerce Plaza Sunday, January 20 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

One Heart Inter-denominational Women's Seminar

All women are invited to a day of sisterhood, engaging speakers, laughter, and healing at the 26th Annual Inter-denominational Women's Seminar, Saturday, February 23rd from 8:00am to 3:00pm at the Wintergreen Resort in the Wisconsin Dells.

This seminar speaks to each woman's heart as together we search for a more meaningful relationship with God. Registration is \$25 before 2/7/15 and \$35 after that. Cost includes conference materials and lunch.

Brochures with registration cards are located on the Welcome Center wall. For more information, please contact Bonnie Mulhern, 608-742-6893.

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 13:	LWML
January 20:	OPEN
January 27:	LFL
February 03:	Study of the Book of Isaiah Bible class

Week 102 January 13, 2019

Monday
3 John 1-15

Tuesday
Jude 1-25

Wednesday
Revelation 1:1-20

Thursday
Revelation 2:1-29

Friday
Revelation 3:1-22

Saturday
Revelation 4:1-5:14

Sunday
Join God's People
for Divine Service

Why Did Jesus Need To Be Baptized?



It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness

Matthew 3:15

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism – our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

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

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" LSB 590

Invocation

Exhortation LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution LSB 151

Kyrie LSB 152

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 43:1-7

The Epistle Romans 6:1-11

Alleluia LSB 156

The Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-22

Hymn of the Day

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" LSB 405

Sermon

Offering

Apostles' 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

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" LSB 596

"Father Welcomes" LSB 605

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction LSB 166

Hymn

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" LSB 722

10:30 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Song

"Father Welcomes"

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 43:1-7

The Epistle Romans 6:1-11

The Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-22

Apostles' Creed *1 Timothy 6:12*

Song

"Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone"

Sermon

Offering

"For Those Tears I Died"

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

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

Proper Preface *Psalms 136*

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

Pax Domini *John 20:19*

Distribution Songs

"He Knows My Name"

"Who You Say We Are"

The Common Dismissal

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

Closing Song

"New Doxology"

Divine Service, Setting one from Lutheran Service Book
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January 12th and 13th

The Baptism of Our Lord



St. John's Lutheran Ministries
Church, Child Development Center, School
A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:
Organist: Stephenie Hovland

Lectors: Deb Rohrbeck (5:30); Jim Atkinson (8:00); Judy Kerr (10:30)
Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

The Old Testament

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are
mine.
When you pass through the waters, I
will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall
not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume
you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the
east,
and from the west I will gather you.
I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of
the earth,
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

The Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in
sin that grace may abound? By no means! How
can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you
not know that all of us who have been baptized
into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
We were buried therefore with him by baptism
into death, in order that, just as Christ was
raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a
death like his, we shall certainly be united with

him in a resurrection like his. We know that our
old self was crucified with him in order that the
body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that
we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one
who has died has been set free from sin. Now if
we have died with Christ, we believe that we
will also live with him. We know that Christ
being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him. For the
death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the
life he lives he lives to God. So you also must
consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God
in Christ Jesus.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-22

As the people were in expectation, and all were
questioning in their hearts concerning John,
whether he might be the Christ, John answered
them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but
he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of
whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his
threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his
barn, but the chaff he will burn with
unquenchable fire.”

So with many other exhortations he
preached good news to the people. But Herod
the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for
Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil
things that Herod had done, added this to them
all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized,
and when Jesus also had been baptized and was
praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy
Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a
dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are
my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”