

Week of
01/20/2019



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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE 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

MONDAY (21)

- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Divine Savior Hospital Tunnel

TUESDAY (22)

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study, CDC Basement

WEDNESDAY (23)

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

THURSDAY (24)

- 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 (25)

Church office closed 11:30am-1:00pm

SATURDAY (26)

Life Sunday

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (27)

Life Sunday

- 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):

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

Medical:

Long-term Illness/Treatment

Jill Love, *Mavis LaVigne*

Mourning:

Family of *Harold Johnson*,

Family of Cheryl Diderich

Family of Lucille Messerschmidt

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: 323

Unified Received: \$9,187.25

Other Contributions: \$730.00

TOTAL: \$9,917.25

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 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!

When: Thursday, January 24th
Time: 6:30pm -7:30pm
Where: St. John's Cafeteria



Youth Ministries Fundraiser 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.

Attention All Married Couples!

Faith, Hope & Love 1 Cor. 13:13

St. John's Lutheran Ministries would like to celebrate your years of love and marriage.

Join us for the Sweetheart Brunch!

When: Sunday, February 10 from 11:30am to 2:00pm
Where: St. John's Lutheran School

Brunch will be served at 11:30am.

Please RSVP by January 27th to youth@stjohnsportage.com, or there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.



Is Kindergarten on your mind?

We invite you to St. John's Lutheran School kindergarten open house on Thursday, February 25th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. We are a Wisconsin Choice School, and financial aid is available. Please RSVP at 742-9000x108 or

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.

Before and after-school program teacher wanted

We are currently seeking a positive, energetic, and highly motivated individual for our Pardeeville before and after-school program. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the Child Development Center office at cdcoffice@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.

Crusaders

St. John's Crusaders Girls Basketball

Tuesday, January 22nd
St. John's A Team @ Sacred Heart in Reedsburg
Game starts at 6:00pm.
Come out and support St. John's Crusaders!
GO BLUE!

New Bible Study!

Thirsty Souls Bible Study will meet on Thursdays at 5:30pm in the Christian Life Center starting February 7th. All are welcome to attend!

Missions

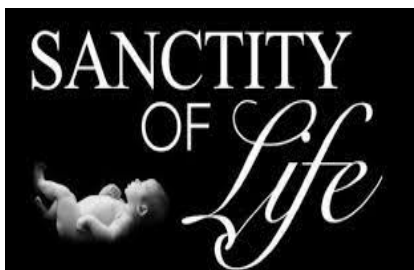


**Lutherans
For Life**

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.**



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 20:	School Faculty and Staff
January 27:	LFL
February 03:	Study of the Book of Isaiah Bible class
February 10:	Girls Basketball

Week 103 January 20, 2019

Monday
Revelation 6:1-8:5
Tuesday
Revelation 8:6-9:21
Wednesday
Revelation 10:1-11

Thursday
Revelation 11:1-19
Friday
Revelation 12:1-17
Saturday
Revelation 13:1-18
Sunday
Join God's People for Divine Service

Whatever He
says to you
DO IT
John 2:5

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

John 2:3 "When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, 'They have no wine.'"

Behold the faith of Mary: she sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord, "They have no wine." She does not offer a proposed solution, she does not demand, she simply states her need and waits for the Lord's response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours.

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 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.

RACHEL BIBLE STUDY Thursday mornings at 9:30am, CLC

If you have questions, contact Gladys Chance at 566-1123.

THIRSTY SOULS BIBLE STUDY Thursday nights at 5:30pm, CLC

If you have questions, contact Marilyn Jahn at 617-7787.

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

5:30 only Adult Choir

"I Love You, Lord"

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

National Lutheran Schools Week Presentation

Hymn

"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" LSB 867

Invocation

Exhortation LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution LSB 151

Salutation and Collect of the Day

5:30 only Adult Choir

"Children of Heavenly Father"

8:00 only St. John's Lutheran School Choir

"Now God Our Father"

The Old Testament Isaiah 62:1-5

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The Holy Gospel John 2:1-11

Hymn of the Day
"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783

Sermon

Offering and Stewardship Presentation

Apostles' Creed LSB back cover

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 163

Distribution Hymns
"The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644 sts. 1-5
"We Praise You, O God" LSB 785

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction LSB 166

Hymn

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685

10:30 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Song

"The Potter's Hand"

National Lutheran Schools Week Presentation

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 62:1-5*

The Epistle *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

The Holy Gospel *John 2:1-11*

Apostles' Creed *1 Timothy 6:12*

Song

"Make us One"

Sermon

Offering and Stewardship Presentation

"We are All Joined In Christ"

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

"Once Again"

"Hungry"

The Common Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

Closing Song

"Our God"

January 19th and 20th The Second Sunday After the Epiphany



A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Stephenie Hovland

Lectors: Gretchen Willis (5:30); Kathy Gerstenkorn (8:00);
Bonnie Mulhern (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

Adult Choir: Directed by Kathy Gerstenkorn

St. John's School Choir: Directed by Gretchen Hintz

Pastor: Rev. Rod Armon

The Old Testament Isaiah 62:1-5
The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 62.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
The Epistle Reading is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 12.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God

who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

The Holy Gospel John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.