

Week of
01/27/2019



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 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

MONDAY (28)

- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Divine Savior Hospital Tunnel
6:00 p.m. St. John's PTO meeting,
8th-grade classroom

TUESDAY (29)

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
6:00 p.m. Board of Elders, CLC
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, APR
6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study, CDC Basement

WEDNESDAY (30)

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel
12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Due
4:00 p.m. Snow Tubing @ Tube Town, Cascade Mt.
5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir, Balcony
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, CLC and APR

THURSDAY (31)

- 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
6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

FRIDAY (01)

SATURDAY (02)

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (03)

- 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:

Lu Nichols, Bob Daly

Long-term Illness/Treatment

Jill Love, Mavis LaVigne

Mourning:

Family of *Harold Johnson*,

Family of *Cheryl Diderich*

Family of *Lucille Messerschmidt*

Family of *Vern Hockerman*

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: 383

Unified Received: \$12,952.39

Other Contributions: \$797.00

TOTAL: \$13,749.39

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:



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.



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



Grab a friend and don't forget your dancing shoes!

Students of St. John's Lutheran Ministries who are 14 years old and under are invited to St. John's Valentine's Day School Dance.

When: Saturday, February 16th from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Where: St. John's Lutheran School gym

Cost: \$5.00 (includes snacks)

Is Kindergarten on your mind?

We invite you to St. John's Lutheran School kindergarten open house on Thursday, February 21st from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. We are a Wisconsin Choice School, and financial aid is available. Please RSVP at 742-9000x108 or dtebbins@stjohnsportage.com.



Life Ministry Workshop

You're invited to an introduction to life ministry workshop at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 2, 1:00-4:00 (registration starts at 12:30.) Church office has registration forms and more information.

Questions of any kind? Call Stephenie (920-264-8317 – leave message if she doesn't answer.)

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.

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



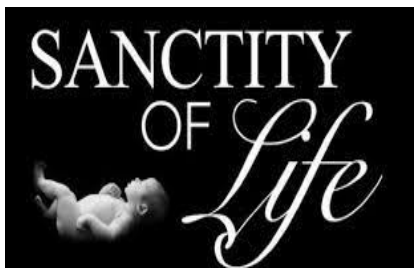
Lutherans
For Life

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



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)

Crusaders

St. John's Crusaders Girls Basketball

Tuesday, January 29th

St. John's A/B Teams @ St. Mary's in Portage

Game starts at 5:00pm.

Come out and support St. John's Crusaders!
GO BLUE!

Thank You

"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thank you to all our chefs and cooks out there who bring food for funerals and other events. We have an amazing congregation and amazing volunteers. If you brought food for a funeral or other event, your dishes are located in the Christian Life Center kitchen.

SWD Winter Getaway

South Wisconsin District Winter Getaway

There are times when we feel like we are not good enough, we just can't live up to all that is expected of us.

Sometimes it comes on suddenly, sometimes it is little by little. Join us at the Wintergreen Resort and Convention Center on February 1st & 2nd to be lifted up, encouraged, and strengthened. Our Keynote Speaker, Stephenie Hovland, and Pastor Adam Barklay will inspire and share how the Word of God is our Courage, Wisdom, & Strength to get us through the tough times in our lives. Come, and be uplifted, and work on servant events to lift up others, find your "Courage, Wisdom, and Strength through Christ for the Journey." For more information, go to www.LWML-SWD.org/Events/retreats.



Community Events

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 27:	LFL
February 03:	Study of the Book of Isaiah Bible class
February 10:	Girls Basketball
February 17:	OPEN

Week 104 January 27, 2019

Monday
Revelation 14:1-20

Tuesday
Revelation 15:1-8

Wednesday
Revelation 16:1-21

Thursday
Revelation 17:1-18:8

Friday
Revelation 18:9-24

Saturday
Revelation 19:1-21

Sunday
Join God's People for Divine Service



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

1 Corinthians 12:16 *"And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body."* The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the Church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.

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

St. John's Lutheran Ministries
see - believe - receive - serve



5:30 and 8:00 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell	
Hymn	
<i>"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"</i>	LSB 915
Invocation	
Exhortation LSB 151	
Confession of Sins and Absolution LSB 151	
8:00 only Kyrie LSB 152	
8:00 only This Is the Feast LSB 155	
Salutation and Collect of the Day	
The Old Testament	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10
The Epistle	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Alleluia	LSB 156
The Holy Gospel	Luke 4:16-30
Hymn of the Day	
<i>"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"</i>	LSB 839
Sermon	
8:00 only Solo – Gina Pellmann	
<i>"It's a Life"</i>	
Apostles' Creed	LSB back cover
Prayer of the Church	
8:00 only Preface Proper Preface LSB 160	
8:00 only Proper Preface	
8:00 only Sanctus	LSB 161
8:00 only Prayer of Thanksgiving	LSB 161
Lord's Prayer	LSB 162
The Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini / Agnus Dei	LSB 163
Distribution Hymns	
<i>"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"</i>	LSB 631
<i>"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"</i>	LSB 643
Thank the Lord	LSB 164
Post-Communion Collect	
Benediction	LSB 166
Hymn	
<i>"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"</i>	LSB 577

10:30 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell	
Song	
<i>"Children of the Heavenly Father"</i>	
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	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10
The Epistle	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
The Holy Gospel	Luke 4:16-30
Apostles' Creed	1 Timothy 6:12
Song	
<i>"He Knows My Name"</i>	
Sermon	
Offering	
<i>"We Are All Joined in Christ"</i>	
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	
<i>"Spirit of the Living God"</i>	
<i>"Holy Spirit"</i>	
The Common Dismissal	
Post-Communion Collect	
Benediction	Numbers 6:24-26
Closing Song	
<i>"Multiplied"</i>	

January 26th and 27th The Third Sunday After the Epiphany



A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Mary Loomans

Lectors: Theresa Smith (5:30); Lorraine Stephens (8:00);
Lora Foster (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

Soloist: Gina Pellmann

The Old Testament Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . . And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . . They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,

which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

The Holy Gospel Luke 4:16-30

[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.