



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 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

MONDAY (04)

No School

5:00 p.m. Board of Stewardship, CLC
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Divine Savior Hospital Tunnel
6:30 p.m. Health and Wellness, CLC

TUESDAY (05)

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study, CDC Basement

WEDNESDAY (06)

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

THURSDAY (07)

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
10:00 a.m. Our House Monthly Worship
11:00 a.m. Heritage House Monthly Worship
5:30 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study, CLC

FRIDAY (08)

12:00 p.m. Cornerstone Deadline, Church Office

SATURDAY (09)

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (10)

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
11:30 a.m. Sweetheart Brunch, School Cafeteria

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, Stacy Ekdahl

Long-term Illness/Treatment

Jill Love, Mavis LaVigne

Mourning:

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: 309

Unified Received: \$10,008.15

Other Contributions: \$735.00

TOTAL: \$10,743.15

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00



Upcoming St. John's Events:

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 February 5th

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)

Rescheduled!

Youth Ministries Fundraiser at Cascade Mountain Tube Town!

Tubing, Pizza, and Fun!

Where: Cascade Mountain Tube Town

When: **Wednesday, February 20th, 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.

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 dstebbins@stjohnsportage.



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.)

Crusaders' Calendar

No School on Monday, February 4th

St. John's Crusaders Girls Basketball

St. John's A/B Teams -vs- Central Wisconsin Christian Monday, February 4th. The first game starts at 5:00pm.

St. John's A/B Teams @ St. Patrick's in Mauston Tuesday, February 5th. The first game starts at 5:00pm.

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

Regional Spelling Bee

Tuesday, February 4th, at Portage High School starting at 12:30pm.

100th Day of School

Thursday, February 7th

Battle of the Books

Friday, February 8th in the 8th-grade classroom starting at 3:15pm.

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.

St. John's Ministries

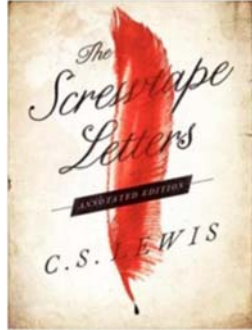
Sunday School

Sundays, 9:15am to 10:15am
Grades 3k to 5th
St. John's Lutheran School -
Cafeteria
Join us for fun with the 10
Commandments.



Youth Group

Wednesdays, 5pm to 7:30pm
Grades 6th to 12th
St. John's Lutheran School –
Gym/Youth Group
Join us as we continue to read and
study the Screwtape Letters
by C.S. Lewis.



Bread of Life Ministry

Bread Of Life Ministry is looking for volunteers to assist with bread delivery once every 7 weeks in the Portage area. This would require visiting and delivering bread to visitors. There are no meetings to attend. If interested, please contact Robin, 608-697-2209 or Jan 608-742-6776.

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, and 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, February 4th at 5:00pm in the Christian Life Center.

Did you know?

We have a library!

Have you ever wondered where our church library is and how to check out books? Visit the church library located at the Welcome Center.

If you find a book that piques your interest, take it home, read it, and return it. It is just that simple!

No paperwork – no hassle!

Radio Broadcast

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.

Scrip

What's Scrip?

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

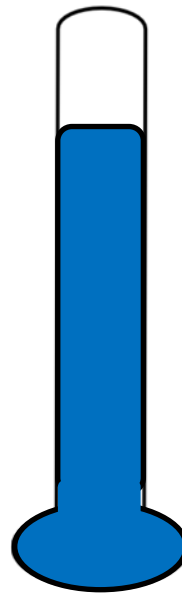
Order on Tuesday and pick up on Thursday.

Visit: shop.shopwithscrip.com

Click: **Register**

Enrollment Code: **2E3C2LC43891L**

New Property Loan



New Property Loan

We are continuing to work on the New Property Loan. Once we pay back the loan of **\$75,000.00**, we can move to phase two of our new property goals. If you wish to donate to the New Property Loan, please contact the church office: 742-9000. Thank you to all who have donated.

Remaining Balance
\$16,894.28

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!

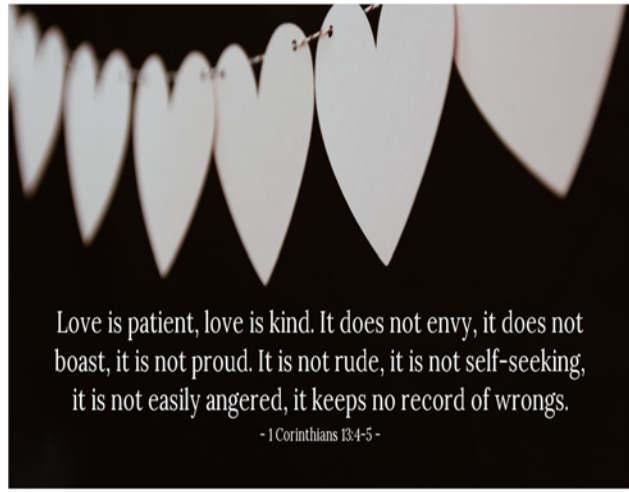
February 03: Study of the Book of Isaiah Bible class
February 10: Girls Basketball
February 17: OPEN
February 24: OPEN

Week 104
February 03, 2019

Monday
Revelation 20:1-15

Wednesday
Revelation 22:1-21

Tuesday
Revelation 21:1-27



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

-1 Corinthians 13:4-5-

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Love is the greatest of the three "theological virtues" because God is love. That is why love is the fulfillment of the Law, because the Law is the reflection of God's being and God is love. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to grow in love, to grow up into the image of Christ Who demonstrates what love looks like with His sacrifice on the cross. For love always seeks the good of the other, always seeks to serve, to give, to bless.

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

5:30 only Adult Choir

"I Love You, Lord"

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" LSB 803

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

5:30 only Adult Choir

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

The Old Testament Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Alleluia LSB 156

The Holy Gospel Luke 4:31-44

Hymn of the Day

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB 842

Sermon

Offering

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Prayer of the Church

Preface LSB 160

Proper Preface

Sanctus LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 163

Distribution Hymns

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" LSB 729

"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 784

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction LSB 166

Hymn

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922 sts. 1-4

10:30 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Song

"In Christ Alone"

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 Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:30b-13:13

The Holy Gospel Luke 4:31-44

Apostles' Creed 1 Timothy 6:12

Song

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

Sermon

Offering

"Dear Jesus"

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

"Be Still and Know"

"He Knows My Name"

The Common Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Song

"Amen (Because He Lives)"

February 2nd and 3rd The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany



A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Sara Jakeman

Lectors: Polly Koepp (5:30); Stephanie Helmann (8:00);
Bonnie Mulhern (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

Adult Choir: Directed by Kathy Gertenkorn

The Old Testament

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
“Before I formed you in the womb I
knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated
you;
I appointed you a prophet to the
nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not
know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But
the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;
for to all to whom I send you, you shall
go,
and whatever I command you, you shall
speak.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my
mouth. And the LORD said to me,
“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.
See, I have set you this day over nations and over
kingdoms,

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of
angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a
clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all
I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned,
but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy
or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not
insist on its own way; it is not irritable or
resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but
rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things,
believes all things, hopes all things, endures all
things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they
will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as
for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in
part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect
comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a
child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I
reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I
gave up childish ways. For now we see in a

mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know
in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have
been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these
three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:31-44

[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of
Galilee. And he was teaching them on the
Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching,
for his word possessed authority. And in the
synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of
an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud
voice, “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of
Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know
who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus
rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of
him!” And when the demon had thrown him
down in their midst, he came out of him, having
done him no harm. And they were all amazed and
said to one another, “What is this word? For with
authority and power he commands the unclean
spirits, and they come out!” And reports about
him went out into every place in the surrounding
region.

And he arose and left the synagogue and
entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-
law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to
him on her behalf. And he stood over her and
rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately
she rose and began to serve them.

Now when the sun was setting, all those
who had any who were sick with various diseases
brought them to him, and he laid his hands on
every one of them and healed them. And demons
also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son
of God!” But he rebuked them and would not
allow them to speak, because they knew that he
was the Christ.

And when it was day, he departed and went
into a desolate place. And the people sought him
and came to him, and would have kept him from
leaving them, but he said to them, “I must preach
the good news of the kingdom of God to the other
towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”
And he was preaching in the synagogues of
Judea.