

Week of
07/21/2019



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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (21)

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Christian Education and Coffee Hour, CLC
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
12:00 p.m. Invest In Youth Lunch, CLC

MONDAY (22)

- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee

TUESDAY (23)

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study

WEDNESDAY (24)

- 12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Due
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, Gym and Youth Group Room

THURSDAY (25)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
5:30 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study, School Cafeteria
6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, APR

- FRIDAY (26)** Pastor's day off
(contact for emergencies only)

SATURDAY (27)

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

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (28)

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Christian Education and Coffee Hour, CLC
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

Please Pray

Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery):

Baptism of *Emmett Charles McDaniel*

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

Medical:

Howie Dehn, Don Wakershauser

Long-term Illness/Treatment

Nancy Brakebush

Mourning:

Family of Sarah Thompson

(daughter-in-law of *Gene and Heidi Thompson*)

Family of *Mavis LaVigne*

Family of Sandy Kirchenwitz

(mother of *Patrick Kirchenwitz*)

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.*

St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 242

Unified Received: \$11,801.00

Other Contributions: \$435.00

TOTAL: \$12,236.00

Weekly Unified Needed: \$14,230.77

APR = All Purpose Room, CLC = Christian Life Center

CDC = St. John's Child Development Center

Also listed on www.stjohnsportage.com under "calendar" link

Holy Baptism

Join us in celebrating the Holy Baptism of
Emmett Charles McDaniel

Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Thank You

HUGE "Thank You!" to everyone who has helped with the moving these past few weeks. Your help made all the difference. Also, thank you to the Bible Study and other groups who were displaced during the project, as their support and understanding was also critical.

-Board of Trustees

THANK YOU: on behalf of all the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities served by Bethesda, I would like to thank you and the members of St. John's Lutheran Church for your gift of support made on July 10th. For more information, visit us at www.BethesdaLC.org.

Friends of Orphan Grain Train,

It is with appreciation and thankfulness that Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin thanks you for the most generous donation of \$1,766.00. That gift is helpful to those in need physically and spiritually. Please be assured that the Gospel is present in WORD and deed.

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

Again, our thanks to you as we celebrate the gift of our LORD Jesus.

-In His Name

Orphan Grain Train

Lutherans for Life



July 21 – Pentecost VI (Proper 11C) – Carrying a surprise pregnancy to term brings troubles. Safeguarding marital sexuality can detract from attractiveness. Enduring chronic

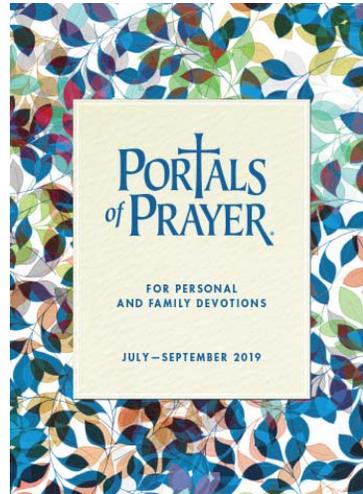
pain sometimes interferes with social acceptance. Speaking truth in love may interrupt a lucrative career. Still, the Gospel life with Christ gives far more than it deprives. Peace in forgiveness, comfort from faith, joy in fellowship, hope of heaven – His words and ways never deny us these needs (Luke 10:42).

Join Our Team

St. John's is seeking qualified candidates to serve as teacher at our school. Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree, a strong and active faith life, and a love for children. Inquiries may be made to the school principal at lbeck@stjohnsportage.com or 608-742-9000 x109

From Portals of Prayer

April—June 2019 issue



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 21, 2019

But one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.

-Luke 10:42

The Good Portion

So much to do! Good things to do. Important things. But first things first. That is what Mary understands but Martha doesn't. The most important thing, the one thing needful, is to rest at Jesus' feet and hear His Word, receive His teaching, receive the forgiveness and life only He can give. That is the good portion. All of the things we have to do, even the good and important things, can distract us from our Lord's Word and make us anxious and troubled. The only answer to our anxiety and trouble is to stop and rest in Jesus' Word.

Go to church. You have nothing more important to do. Everything else can wait. You have an appointment with Jesus Christ and His Word and Sacrament. Serving your neighbor, serving Jesus, is good. You should do that. But first things first. You are not saved by serving. You are saved by Jesus, who imparts His salvation to you in His Word. Go sit at His feet and rest in the Gospel. That is the good portion, and it will not be taken away from you. Then, having heard, get up and get to work. It's all good!

Lord Jesus, grant me the good portion of Your Word an forgiveness. Amen.

Portals of Prayer are available at the Welcome Center.

Boards and Committees

Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, July 25th at 5:30pm in the All Purpose Room.

Board of Elders will meet on Tuesday, July 30th at 6:00pm in the Christian Life Center.

Prayer Shawls will meet on Tuesday, July 30th at 6:00pm in the All Purpose Room.

Crusaders School Business Meeting will meet on Tuesday, July 30th at 6:00pm in the 8th-grade classroom

Board of Stewardship will meet on Monday, August 5th at 5:00pm in the Christian Life Center.

Health and Wellness will meet on Monday, August 5th at 6:30pm in the Christian Life Center.

Parish Life will meet on Monday, August 5th at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

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

Scrip is a simple way to increase your support for St. John's Lutheran Ministries.

Do you buy groceries, clothes, or gas? Do you enjoy going out to dinner? Did you know you can do all those things and support your church?

Budget with gift cards and support St. John's Ministries!

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 Lutheran Ministries.

Order on Tuesday and pick up on Thursday.

Visit: shop.shopwithscrip.com

Click: **Register**

Enrollment Code: **7483B7A93891L**

From South Wisconsin District

Take advantage of this great opportunity to help youth in grades 5-8 wrestle with some of the challenges that our culture is throwing at them. This event is an especially good opportunity for confirmation classes to grow together. With all of this in mind, please encourage youth in your congregations and youth you know to save the date and to attend the Servants of Christ Seminar at Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW). The Servants of Christ Seminar will ground youth in the grace of their baptism, teach them about the doctrine of vocation, give them information about college and careers, and allow them to take part in breakaway sessions led by CUW professors and other guest speakers. These sessions are designed to strengthen their faith and help them to live as servants of Christ in our challenging world. The Servants of Christ Seminar is for all students in grades 5-8, and it will take place on September 28th from 9:30 AM to 2 PM on our Mequon campus. This event is free. Lunch will be provided at no cost. **Registration opens July 1st.**

We encourage you to identify advocates who will urge youth to attend and plan rides for youth. Adult chaperones are welcome to attend all sessions and to eat with us at no cost. Adults are also free to drop kids off at 9:30 AM and pick them up at 2 PM.

Please visit and encourage youth to visit this link for more information and for a sample schedule and sample breakaway sessions from this event last year: www.cuw.edu/ServantsofChristSeminar

July 2020 – Passion Play Opportunity and Germany/Austria Tour

Based on a Middle-Ages promise to God, every ten years the German city of Oberammergau puts on a large-scale production of the story of the life of Christ. Thousands and thousands of people flock from all over the world to see it, and many tours find themselves focused around this year-long event.

Pastor Philip Hillenbrand, from Beautiful Savior in Mequon, in conjunction with Educational Opportunities tours will be leading a 10 day Passion Play trip next July.

The Basic Tour Price of \$2398 includes guided sightseeing, entrance fees, hotel gratuities, motor coach and Passion Play ticket, first class hotels, breakfast and dinner.

Expected airfare cost would be somewhere between \$1000 and \$1300 round trip.

To get a brochure or to learn more about the trip please contact Pastor Hillenbrand at philip.hillenbrand@gmail.com or call him at 414-531-2461.

Bible Study

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.

THE PHOENIX BIBLE STUDY

First and Third Monday of the Month at 9:30am, The Phoenix Apartments

This class is led by Pastor Rod Armon.

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

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, CDC lower level

All women are welcome. Contact Elaine Hull at 408-4247.

ESTHER BIBLE STUDY

Thursday mornings at 8:00am, CLC

Contact Mary Loomans at 742-3972.

RACHEL BIBLE STUDY

Thursday mornings starting in September 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 The Epistles. Contact Dave Tamminga at 742-3164.

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!

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| July 21: | Don and Carol Kohrt |
| July 28: | OPEN |
| August 04: | OPEN |
| August 11: | OPEN |
| August 18: | OPEN |
| August 25: | OPEN |

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS PROPER 11

Luke 10:40 – “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?” Martha is doing the right thing but in the wrong order. Her service to the Lord is good, but she has let it get ahead of hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good. Is there any doubt she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn't that what hearing the Word always leads us to do? We listen, then respond. We believe, and thus we act.

This week's readings comes from the Daily Lectionary found in the Lutheran Service Book page 299.

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| Proper 11 | 1 Sam 4:1-22 Acts 16:23-40 |
| Mon. | 1 Sam. 5:1-93, 10-16 Acts 18:1-11, 23-28 |
| Tue. | 1 Sam. 6:19-7:17 Acts 19:1-11 |
| Wed. | 1 Sam. 8:1-22 Acts 21:15-36 |
| Thu. | 1 Sam. 9:1-27 Acts 21:37-22:16 |
| Fri. | 1 Sam. 10:1-27 Acts 22:17-29 |
| Sat. | 1 Sam. 12:1-25 Acts 22:30-23:11 |

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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

Announcements to be printed must be in the church office no later than NOON on Wednesday. Send all correspondence to churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com.



5:30 and 8:00 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In" LSB 913

Invocation

Exhortation LSB 203

Confession and Absolution LSB 203

Kyrie LSB 204

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Old Testament Reading *Genesis 18:1-14*

The Epistle *Colossians 1:21-29*

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

The Holy Gospel *Luke 10:38-42*

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Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" LSB 708

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Preface LSB 208

Sanctus LSB 208

Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 209

Lord's Prayer LSB 209

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini LSB 209

Agnus Dei LSB 210

Distribution Hymns

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LSB 575

"When Peace, like a River" LSB 763

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 212

Hymn

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" LSB 811

10:30 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell

Song

"Resurrecting"

Invocation

Exhortation *Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 130:3-4*

Confession of Sins *Luke 18:13*

Absolution *John 20:19-23*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *2 Timothy 4:22*

The Old Testament Reading *Genesis 18:1-14*

The Epistle *Colossians 1:21-29*

The Holy Gospel *Luke 10:38-42*

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Song

"Dear Jesus"

Sermon

Offering

"Seek Ye First"

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

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

Preface *Psalm 136*

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

Pax Domini *John 20:19*

Distribution Songs

"Come To The Table"

"His Mercy Is More"

The Common Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus *Psalm 103:1*

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

Closing Song

"Lord Reign In Me"

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book
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July 20th and 21st Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



A Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Stephenie Hovland

Lectors: Holly Wolfgram (5:30); Kathy Gerstenkorn (8:00);
Tom Waddell (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Kara Rietmann

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 18:1-14

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

The Epistle

Colossians 1:21-29

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in

order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”