Week of 01/12/2020

St. John's Lutheran Ministries
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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 (lighter 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 worshiping with us!

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (12)
8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Coffee Hour and Christian Education, CLC
9:15 a.m. Sunday School, School Cafeteria
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY (13)
1:30 p.m. Altar Guild, CLC
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Divine Savior Hospital Tunnel

TUESDAY (14)
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Scrip orders due
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee, CLC
6:30 p.m. Voters Meeting—Informational, CLC
7:00 p.m. Board of Education, Church APR

WEDNESDAY (15)
10:00 a.m. Chapel, Church Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Due
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, Gym/Youth Group Room
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, CLC, APR

THURSDAY (16)
8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Study, CLC
9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Divine Savior Hospital Tunnel
5:30 p.m. Family Fun Night, City Skate Center
5:30 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study, School Cafeteria Classroom

FRIDAY (17) Pastor's day off (contact for emergencies only)

SATURDAY (18)
7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Dino's
5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (19)
8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Coffee Hour and Christian Education, CLC
9:15 a.m. Sunday School, School Cafeteria
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
10:30 a.m. Lutherans for Life, CLC

***APR** = All Purpose Room, **CLC** = Christian Life Center*
***CDC** = St. John's Child Development Center*
*Also listed on **www.stjohnsportage.com** under "resources" link*

For the most up-to-date calendar information, please visit **http://www.stjohnsportage.com/st-johns-calendar**

Please Pray

Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery):

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

Medical:
Donna Stauber, Wilma Pfuehler, Don Mell

Long-term Illness/Treatment

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: 356
Unified Received: $17,475.30
Other Contributions: $475.00
TOTAL: $17,950.30
Weekly Unified Needed: $14,230.77

Voters Meeting

We have an informational Voters Meeting on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive reports from the staff, a financial status report based on the first six months of our fiscal year for the congregation, and each board will share their goals and plans for the remainder of the ministry year. Please consider joining us in the Christian Life Center that evening.

Board of Parish Life News

Chili Cookoff and Beanbag Tournament

Dig out your favorite chili recipes and start forming teams for the Chili Cookoff/Beanbag tournament, January 26, following the 10:30 a.m. church service. Sign up at the Welcome Center. For information, contact Tammy at 715-213-7718.

Cascade Mountain Tube Town

Join Youth Group, Monday, January 27, at Cascade Mountain Tube Town from 4:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is $15.00 for ages 7 & up or $10.00 for ages 6 & under.

A snow tubing release form is required for this event: **https://www.cascademountain.com/snow-tubing-hoursrates**

Save the Date!

Sunday, February 16—Sweethearts Brunch

News from St. John's Lutheran Ministries Groups

Attention Altar Guild

Altar Guild meets on Monday, January 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Lutherans for Life is sponsoring the Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser. The Pregnancy Resource Center provides information and education services that affirm the gift of human life. As you are led, you may fill the baby bottles with checks or cash and coins. Your donations help the resource center meet its financial needs and increase awareness in the community about the ministry. Please return the bottles by February 16th. Baby bottles will be available for pick up in the church narthex on Life Sunday (1/25 and 1/26).

Crusaders News and Events

Girls Basketball

Tuesday, January 21, St. John's @ St. Mary's
Thursday, January 23, St. John's vs. Sacred Heart

The game starts at 5:00 p.m.

Stop by and support St. John's Crusaders!

Save the Date!

Friday, March 6–March 15—Follett Book Fair

Class Trip Sponsors Needed

Would you like to help a child see the Creation Museum? Our 7th and 8th grades are planning to do this in May. The cost is $550 per person, and our students and parents are already working to raise these funds. We are committed to having all our students be able to have this special experience this year. If you can help, please contact the school or Mrs. Tessendorf. Any help you can offer would be appreciated. (Please consider this as a gift over and above your normal offerings. We still need to ensure we keep up with the needs of the Ministries too!)

Family Fun Night

Skate Party!

Where: City Skate Center
111 Haertel St
Portage, WI
When: Thursday, January 16th
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE!

Concessions are available for purchase.

Board of Stewardship News

Offering of Time and Abilities

As part of St. John's Lutheran Ministries' body, God has specific roles for each of us to fill. We would love for you to find a role in the body of Christ. You will receive a Time and Talent Pledge Form with your yearly giving statements. We ask that you return the forms to the collection boxes that will be placed in the back of the narthex by February 2. If you would like to fill out the form now, use your camera on your phone to scan the QR Code below, or visit www.stjohnsportage.com and click on **Offering of Time and Abilities.**

-The Board of Stewardship

"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."

(1 Corinthians 12:12, ESV)

Thank You

Christmas flower fund

Thank you to all who gave to the Christmas flower fund.

-St. John's Altar Guild

Help Wanted

Full-time and part-time teacher and teacher assistant needed.

St. John's Child Development Center is currently seeking a positive, energetic, full-time and part-time teacher and teacher assistant.

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.

Support St. John's Ministries

Financial Assistance

There are always families who struggle to keep up with the costs of educating their children. We do everything we can to help them succeed. If you would like to help, please contact the school and we can make sure you get the chance to help a family with tuition, lunch, field trips, or other special opportunities we might be able to offer them. Please consider this as a gift over and above your normal offerings. We still need to ensure we keep up with the needs of the Ministries too!

LCMS Pray For Us Calendar

EPIPHANY — JANUARY 12–18

Epiphany is from a Greek word meaning to "reveal" or "make manifest." The season of Epiphany is our time to focus on the revelation of who Jesus is — both true God and true man — as we remember Christ's revelation to the Gentiles in the visit of the Wise Men.

Give thanks as you pray:

12: For college students, who are struggling with many different issues and challenges. Ask God to make them receptive to the peace and healing of the Gospel.

13: For the aged, that they would be godly examples to the young as they are patient in their tribulations, joyful in their hope, firm in their faith and humble in all they say and do.

14: That God would strengthen our hope and impact by encouraging partnerships in the Gospel that clearly confess Christ.

15: For the Synod's 35 districts, that they might have the resources and wisdom to effectively reach out to their communities.

16: For strong districts, congregations and Recognized Service Organizations. When our Synod is strong at home, we can better reach out across the world.

17: For all missionaries around the world, who leave family and friends to travel to a foreign land to share the Gospel with those who have not heard. Pray that God would grant them safety, wisdom and strength.

18: With thanksgiving for all the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who support the work of LCMS

Lutherans For Life Thoughts

January 12 – Baptism of Our Lord –

"[A] bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench" (Isaiah 42:3a). He who went into the water with sinners (Matthew 3:6, 13) doesn't let human impairments impede His redeeming. A body broken by deformity He will not discard in abortion, and a person incapacitated by disease He will not abandon in physician-assisted suicide.

Community News and Events

Columbia County Right to Life gathers on the second Tuesday of every month in front of Planned Parenthood, 132 W. Cook St., in Portage from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please join to pray that abortion will no longer be a solution for unplanned pregnancies on **Tuesday, January 14th**, for all or part of the hour.

Stand Up for Life

Join us in celebrating life and praying that abortion will end forever.

When: January 26
(The 47th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade)
Where: Commerce Plaza
Corner of Cook St. and Wisconsin St.
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

One Heart Women's Seminar

What is the One Heart Seminar? This annual inter-denominational seminar speaks to a woman's heart as together we prayerfully search for a more meaningful relationship with God. The biblical truths reveal the love that Jesus promises.

When: Saturday, February 29, 2020
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Where: Wintergreen Resort
60 Gasser Rd
Wisconsin Dells, WI
608-254-2285
Cost: $27.00 ($35.00 after February 20th)

Brochures and registration forms are located on the wall by the Welcome Center.

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. Contact Annette Monthey at 566-1346.

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 evenings at 6:30pm, Church Conference Room
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 at 9:30am, CLC
If you have questions, contact Mary Soderlund at 715-432.2109.

THIRSTY SOULS BIBLE STUDY
Thursday nights at 5:30pm, Cafeteria Classroom
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.

Adopt a Sunday! It's a fun and easy way to get to know your church family.

We encourage families and groups to "Adopt a Sunday" by hosting coffee hour on Sunday mornings. Sign up in the Christian Life Center or email churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

January 12: OPEN
January 19: LWML
January 26: LFL
February 02: 7th/8th-grades
February 09: OPEN
February 15: OPEN

Stewardship Thoughts
Baptism of Our Lord

Matt. 3:15 – "But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.' " The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. 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. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.

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

Baptism of Our Lord

Sun.	Ezek. 34:1–24 Rom. 3:19–31
Mon.	Ezek. 36:13–28 Rom. 4:1–25
Tue.	Ezek. 36:33—37:14 Rom. 5:1–24
Wed.	Ezek. 37:15–28 Rom. 6:1–23
Thu.	Ezek. 38:1–23 Rom. 7:1–20
Fri.	Ezek. 39:1–10, 17–29 Rom. 7:21—8:17
Sat.	Ezek. 40:1–4; 43:1–12 Rom. 8:18–39

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

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 are here to serve you with the Gospel:
Ken Chvojicek 697-2102
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Don Wakershauser 617-6171
Mark Witt 697-0224
Bob Fairfield 296-4012
David Hall 493-2125
Pete Smith 697-3807
Ron Mueller 369-1845, Chair

5:30 and 8:00 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell	
Hymn	
As with Gladness Men of Old	LSB 397
Invocation	
Exhortation	LSB 151
Confession and Absolution	LSB 151
Kyrie	LSB 152
This is the Feast	LSB 155
Salutation and Collect of the Day	
The Old Testament Reading	*Isaiah 42:1–9*
The Epistle	*Romans 6:1–11*
Alleluia and Verse	LSB 156
The Holy Gospel	*Matthew 3:13–17*
Hymn of the Day	
Hail to the Lord's Anointed	LSB 398
Sermon	
Offering	
Apostles' Creed	LSB 158
Prayer of the Church	
Preface	LSB 160
Proper Preface	
Sanctus	LSB 161
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Lord's Prayer	LSB 162
The Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini	LSB 163
Agnus Dei	LSB 163
Distribution Hymns	
All Christians Who Have Been Baptized	LSB 596
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	LSB 411
Thank the Lord	LSB 164
Post-Communion Collect	
Benediction	LSB 166
Hymn	
Father Welcomes	LSB 605

Divine Service, Setting one from Lutheran Service Book
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10:30 Worship

Sharing of the Peace and Ringing of the Bell	
Song	
Mighty to Save	
Invocation	*Matthew 28:19b*
Exhortation	*1 John 1:8-9*
Confession of Sins	*Romans 3:23*
Absolution	*John 20:19-23*
Salutation and Collect of the Day	*2 Timothy 4:22*
The Old Testament Reading	*Isaiah 42:1–9*
The Epistle	*Romans 6:1–11*
The Holy Gospel	*Matthew 3:13–17*
Apostles' Creed	*1 Timothy 6:12*
Song	
Chief of Sinners	
Sermon	
Offering	
Create in Me	
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	
Lord I Need You	
Grace Flows Down	
The Common Dismissal	
Post-Communion Collect	
Benediction	*Numbers 6:24-26*
Closing Song	
One Thing Remains	

January 11 and 12
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 Worshiping Community Today:

Organist: Stephenie Hovland

Lectors: Kris Winkelmann (5:30); Ken Jahn (8:00); Judy Kerr (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Kara Rietmann

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1–9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them."

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 Matthew 3:13–17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."