

**Week of
March 14, 2021**



Join the
**St. John's Lutheran
Ministries**
Facebook 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) 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.

2) 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.

Please Pray

Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery):

Marriage of Keven Thompson (son of Heidi and Gene Thompson) and Shannon Paulsen on February 19th

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

Medical:

Gene Thompson

Charles Pollex

(relative of Grace and Danielle Rabl)

Carol Rabl

(relative of Grace and Danielle Rabl)

Long-term Illness/Treatment

Don Witt, Dorothy Johnson,

Betty Sekely,

Lani Kohrt

(daughter-in-law of Don and Carol Kohrt)

Kaitlyn

(granddaughter of Carol Kohrt's sister)

Mourning:

Weekly Offerings

Last Week's In-person Attendance: 267

Unified Received: \$17,209.00

Other Contributions: \$785.00

TOTAL: \$17,994.00

Weekly Unified Needed: \$14,230.77

Save the Date

St. John's Lutheran Church Golf Outing

Sunday, June 6, 2021, at Saddle Ridge Golf Course.

Visit stjohnsportage.com for more details.

3) 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.

4) We ask that if you have a mobile device, please silence it during the worship service.

5) Our elders, greeters, and ushers are here to help with any of your worship needs today.

Thanks for worshipping with us!

Worship Times

+ Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

+ Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

+ Sundays 8:00 a.m.

+ Sundays 9:15 a.m. *with online reservations

+ Sundays 10:30 a.m.

*The link for reservations is on the church website at stjohnsportage.com.

Online Worship will continue to be on our Facebook pages and YouTube. A link to the service outline for the online worship service will be available on the church webpage along with the online worship schedule.

Individual/household communion at the front of the sanctuary will continue to be offered at this time:

Wednesdays 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Masks are expected. Please practice social distancing and good hygiene habits.

Daily Lectionary



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

Sunday, Gen. 41:28–57 & Mark 11:20–33

Monday, Gen. 42:1–34 & Mark 12:1–12

Tuesday, Gen. 43:1–28 & Mark 12:13–27

Wednesday, Gen. 44:1–18, 32–34 & Mark 12:28–44

Thursday, Gen. 45:1–20, 24–28 & Mark 13:1–23

Friday, Gen. 47:1–31 & Mark 13:24–37

Saturday, Gen. 49:29–50:7, 14–26 & Mark 14:1–11

Crusaders News and Events

St. John's Lutheran School is currently enrolling students for the 2021-2022 school year. St. John's Lutheran School exists to prepare children for a life of faith and service to Jesus Christ.

Private tours available. Call to schedule appt.

For more information visit our website, stjohnsportage.com/admissions, or call St. John's Lutheran School, 608-742-9000 x108.

Lent

We will hold midweek worship on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Reservations will no longer be required for the Wednesday services.

March 10:

Hands of Hypocrisy
(Caiaphas)
Mark 14:55-65

March 17:

Hands of Brutality
(Soldiers)
Matthew 27:27-31

March 24:

Hands of Self-Preservation
(Pilate)
Matthew 27:15-26

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

This week's memory verse:

“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

Philippians 3:8–11

From LWML

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Life Sunday's theme was *From Invisible to Indispensable* taken from 1 Corinthians 12:22, “On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.” God looks at His people differently. Where we see unworthy and invisible, God sees special and precious.

Feel free to pick up an LWML Quarterly magazine in back of the narthex to see how God uses mission-minded women of all walks of life to help and share the gospel to people thought of as being invisible.

Community Events

Open to the community — Free Clothing Giveaway

When: Friday, March 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: 806 Silver Lake Dr, Portage, WI

What: Boys and Girl clothes sizes 0-24 month and 2T - 16, and miscellaneous baby items.

Sponsored by: PREGNANCY Resource Center

Ministries Calendar

Calendar events for the week of March 14, 2021.

Tuesday (16)

9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, CLC
12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Deadline,
Email: churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

Wednesday (17)

5:30 p.m. Lent Worship

Thursday (18)

5:30 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study, CLC
6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, CLC

Thank You

Blessings to the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church in Portage.

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,287.72 through the baby bottle campaign. You, again, have been so faithful in your support of the Pregnancy Resource Center in the subsequent support of families in the community. The amount collected is the largest baby bottle donation ever collected from St. John's! The donation will be utilized to pay our rent. You are welcome to stop in Monday or Thursday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 306 W. Cook St. Portage (across from the Catholic church) for a tour of our facility.

Blessings!

Liesa Zastrow

Pregnancy Resource Center Board of Directors

Crusader Parent Organization

Thanks to the generosity of Portage area businesses and supporters, the children of St. John's Lutheran school were blessed with school supplies for the 2020-2021 school year. It is the goal of the *Crusader Parent Organization* to keep this a continuing effort for the 2021-2022 school year.

Your sponsorship will be promoted on our Sponsors board as well as advertised throughout our ministry's social media and bulletins. Your support of the children of St. John's is a great blessing to our community.

- Platinum Sponsor \$501 and Up
- Gold Sponsor \$301 - \$500
- Silver Sponsor \$101 - \$300
- Bronze Sponsor \$35 - \$100
- Individual Child Sponsor - \$30

Sponsors accepted until **Friday April 16, 2021.** Please make check payable to St. John's CPO, or you may indicate *CPO School Supplies* on the memo of your church offering. Please send checks to St. John's Lutheran Ministries, 850 Armstrong St. Portage, WI 53901.

Thank you for your generous support!