

**Week of  
May 23, 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.

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!

### Please Pray

#### **Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery):**

Leah Kosmala has accepted a call to teach St. John's in Glendale, WI

#### **Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):**

#### **Medical:**

John and Beverly Baerwolf-Pickle

#### **Long-term Illness/Treatment**

Betty Sekely,

Lani Kohrt

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

#### **Mourning:**

#### **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 two weeks. Prayer requests for Long-term Illness/Treatment will remain for one 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.***

### 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 requested.

+ Sundays 10:30 a.m.

\*The link for reservations is on the church website at [stjohnsportage.com](http://stjohnsportage.com).

Masks are optional at all services.

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.**

### LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

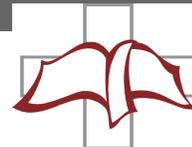
**This week's memory verse:**

**"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit."**

**Ephesians 1:16–20**

### Daily Lectionary

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



Sunday, Num. 21:10–35 & Luke 21:20–38

Monday, Num. 22:1–20 & Luke 22:1–23

Tuesday, Num. 22:21–23:3 & Luke 22:24–46

Wednesday, Num. 23:4–28 & Luke 22:47–71

Thursday, Num. 24:1–25 & Luke 23:1–25

Friday, Num. 27:12–23 & Luke 23:26–56

Saturday, Num. 32:1–6, 16–27 & Luke 24:1–27

### Weekly Offerings

Last Week's In-person Attendance: 303

Unified Received: \$9,549.00

Other Contributions: \$910.00

TOTAL: \$10,459.00

**Weekly Unified Needed: \$14,230.77**

## Prayer

### **Prayer On Entering A Church**

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### **Communion Prayer**

Almighty and Everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## Thank You

**Thank you** for the thoughtful prayers, kindness, and remembrances in our time of loss.

-The Family of Russell Lambert

### **Thank you from the Gideons!**

We received a generous offering last weekend of \$1,093.59. (That amount will grow with people who are sending in their donations). We will be able to provide approximately 219 Bibles or 874 pocket Testaments for distribution in 200 countries and in over 100 languages. Thank you!

Ken Manthey

## The Lutheran Witness

**It's time to renew your subscription to The Lutheran Witness.**

If you would like to renew your subscription, or receive The Lutheran Witness magazine, the cost this year is \$15.96.

Please stop by or call the church office, 608-742-9000, to sign up.

**Deadline is Monday, June 18th.**



## Life Thoughts

**May 23 – Pentecost** – The only ways embryos differ from adults are age, location, appearance, and ability. These qualities present no obstacle to the Lord and Giver of life. He easily and eagerly overcomes helplessness (Ezekiel 37:9-10) and distances (Acts 2:9-11) to bestow sanctity on the youngest and the oldest of us (Acts 2:17-18). Will it not delight us just as much to declare it?

## Ministries Calendar

**Calendar events for the week of May 23, 2021:**

### **Tuesday (25)**

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Portage Airport  
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, CLC  
12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Deadline,  
Email: churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com  
6:00 p.m. Board of Elders, CLC

### **Wednesday (26)**

10:00 a.m. Chapel—Students only, Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Voters' Meeting, Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, School Gym

### **Thursday (27)**

5:30 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study, CLC

## Voters' Meeting

**St. John's Voter Meeting, 6:30 p.m. on May 26, 2021**

Please join us to discuss and pass a St. John's Ministries budget for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. It will be held in person at church, mask optional, physical distancing encouraged. There will not be a Zoom meeting option for this meeting. Pick up a copy of the proposed budget at the Welcome Center after all church services or call the church office for a digital copy so that you may preview the proposed budget and bring your questions.

### **Agenda**

1. Call to order
2. Devotion by Pastor Hovland
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –  
Debbie Rohrbeck
4. 2021-2022 Budget Presentation – Amanda Bell
5. Adjourn

## St. John's Golf Outing

**Raffle items are needed for St. John's Golf outing.**

If you don't want to golf but still want to support St. John's Lutheran School and the Rockford Rescue Mission, please consider donating an item to be raffled off at the golf outing. Please bring your donation to the church office by May 29.

**Sponsor a hole at St. John's Golf Outing!**

**Sponsor Fee: \$75.00**

\*Sponsor fee includes a hole sign and listing in event advertising.

**Sponsor Responsibility:** Provide a small golf item, sleeve of balls or tees, for hole prize, and support the day of the event.

Pick up a sponsor sheet located on the cabinet in the coat area.

The proceeds for the golf outing will go to St. John's Lutheran School and Rockford Rescue Mission.