

**Week of  
July 25, 2021**



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**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):**

**Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):**

**Medical:**

Robert Griepentrog, Arlene Neale, Arlene Lesser,  
Robert Brewer

**Long-term Illness/Treatment:**

Lani 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.**

*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*

### Weekly Offerings

Last Week's In-person Attendance: 246

Unified Received: \$12,480.00

Other Contributions: \$805.00

TOTAL: \$13,285.00

**Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,750.00**

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.

+ Sundays 10:30 a.m.

Masks are optional at all services.

Individual/household communion at the front of the sanctuary will continue to be offered through July 28th.

**Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

### LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

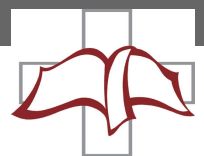
This week's memory verse:

**"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."**

**Matt. 6:33-34**

### Daily Lectionary

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



Sunday, 1 Sam. 9:1-27 & Acts 21:37-22:16

Monday, 1 Sam. 10:1-27 & Acts 22:17-29

Tuesday, 1 Sam. 12:1-25 & Acts 22:30-23:11

Wednesday, 1 Sam. 13:1-18 & Acts 23:12-35

Thursday, 1 Sam. 14:47-15:9 & Acts 24:1-23

Friday, 1 Sam. 15:10-35 & Acts 24:24-25:12

Saturday, 1 Sam. 16:1-23 & Acts 25:13-27

## 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.

## Life Thoughts

**July 25 – St. James the Elder, Apostle** – Supporters of physician-assisted suicide might label the martyrdom of St. James as undignified. He did not choose the timing of his death. He had no control over the manner of his passing. But history and heaven celebrate both his life and his last breath. He met his demise with courage and purpose that allowed him to go gracefully with a Savior whose presence and promises to dignify and sanctify even lives death attempts to humiliate.

## Hiring Teacher

**The school is currently seeking possible candidates for a full-time teacher for this coming school year.** The primary purpose of this position is to be a co-teacher in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade which will allow the classes to be split for math and language arts. The teacher will also teach other classes in the school depending on their gifts and talents. If you know of a person who would like to apply, please contact Jim Krupski via email at [jkrupski@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:jkrupski@stjohnsportage.com) or call the school office, 608-742-9000 ext. 3, during business hours.

## Help Wanted

**Our new principal, Jim Krupski is moving into his condo on Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.** On that evening beginning at 6 p.m., he is looking to move his furniture from the school to his condo. If you can help please contact him at [jkrupski@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:jkrupski@stjohnsportage.com) or call the school office, 608-742-9000 ext. 3, and leave a message. If we can get adequate help, it should only take about an hour or hour and a half.

## Ministries Calendar

### **Calendar events for the week of July 25, 2021:**

#### **Tuesday (27)**

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](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com)

#### **Wednesday (28)**

4:00 p.m. Individual/Household Communion,  
4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group, School Gym and Stage

#### **Thursday (29)**

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

### **Attention Altar Guild!**

We will begin meeting again on **August 9 at 6:30 p.m.** to set a schedule for now until next May.

**If you are interested in joining Altar Guild**, please join us for our meeting on August 9. We are looking forward to all joining together to serve our Lord in this capacity.

## Musicians Wanted

### **The 10:30 Service Praise Band Needs You!**

We plan to resume our pre-covid worship schedule on September 12, 2021. We all would like the Praise Band to be a part of the 10:30 services. Musicians are needed for this to happen. The Praise Band will begin as soon as they have a committed group of individuals. If you would like to be a part of the Praise Band team, please contact Deb Bauman at [overthehill40db@yahoo.com](mailto:overthehill40db@yahoo.com)

## Thank You

**Thank you to the family of Susie Carlin** for the flowers given in loving memory of Susie.

## Reminders

### **Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast**

Our Sunday morning broadcast of the previous Sunday service continues at 10:00 a.m. 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.

### **Celebrate our students!**

St. John's is blessed with many talented students in our school and in our congregation. If you have a student you would like to celebrate in our monthly newsletter, Cornerstone, please email the church office, [churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com).

The August Cornerstone will feature Robert Warren and his participation in archery competitions.