

**Week of
October 10, 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 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):

Verona Gray 103rd Birthday

Medical:

Jennifer Hoover (Daughter of Joanne Watkins)

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 by noon on Wednesdays. 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: 274
Unified Received: \$12,795.00
Other Contributions: \$905.00
TOTAL: \$13,700.00
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

- + Saturdays 5:30 p.m. — *Abbreviated service*
- + Sundays 8:00 a.m. — *Communion at the rail*
- + Sundays 10:30 a.m. — *With Praise Band*

Masks are optional at all services.

Livestreaming of the 8:00 a.m. service continues to be available at stjohnsportage.com/live.

Ministries Calendar

Calendar events for the week of October 10, 2021:

Sunday (10)

- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour, Church CLC
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, School Cafeteria

Monday (11)

- 10:00 a.m. Tivoli Monthly Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Girls Volleyball –vs– St. Joe's, School Gym

Tuesday (12)

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Portage Airport
- 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Church CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee, Church CLC
- 6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study, Church APR

Wednesday (13)

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel, Church Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Deadline, Email: churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
- 5:00 p.m. Handbells Practice, Church Balcony
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Church CLC & APR
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, School Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice, Church Balcony

Thursday (14)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Study, Church CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study, Church CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Girls Volleyball –vs– St. John's, School Gym

Sunday (17)

- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour, Church CLC
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, School Cafeteria

Calendar events are subject to change.

For the most up-to-date calendar information, please visit our website,

<http://www.stjohnsportage.com/st-johns-calendar>.

To schedule your group activity, please contact the church office at 608-742-9000 or email churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com.

In Memory

This weekend's service booklets are sponsored in loving memory of **Amber Ann Wilcox**, by her family.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

LWML Women's Gathering will be held Saturday October 23rd from 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. We will serve a light lunch. Our guest speaker, Stephenie Hovland, will share her experience as a beginning student in the Deaconess program. Come and bring a friend for Bible Study, fleece blanket servant project, and fellowship.

Crusader News

Cake Rolls! Sales Start October 11th

It is time to start thinking about deer camp and Thanksgiving dinners. What are you making for dessert? How about thawing a cake roll?

St. John's Lutheran Ministries sells cake rolls every fall to raise money for our playgrounds. Look for our St. John's students or contact the school, Child Development Center, or church office to place your order.

The sale ends on October 25th, and the delivery date to school is November 11th at 3:00 p.m.

Scholastic Book Fair

October 25th–29th @ St. John's Lutheran School
Main Level—Room 225

Look for the signs.

Hours: 7:30 a.m.–8:00 a.m.
3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Come and check out all the picture books, early readers, graphic novels, novels, fiction, non-fiction, and books of all kinds for all ages.

St. John's students sing Sunday, October 31st at the 8:00 a.m. worship service. Mark your calendars!

Thank you

Thank you to all who sent me cards and well wishes for my birthday, it is very much appreciated.

-Alice Atkinson

Youth Group

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What: Games & Devotion

When: Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Where: School Gym/Youth Group Room

Sign-in required at the door.

Sunday School

Parents and children, you are invited to Learn and Grow Through Christ

Join us this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the school cafeteria. This Sunday's lesson is on this weekend's Gospel lesson from Mark 10:17–22.

As He was setting out on His Journey, a man ran up and knelt before Him and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Mark 10:17

Projector Team

Join the Projector Team

Do you miss using the screen during services? We need your help to make this happen. As soon as we have at least eight committed volunteers, we will begin using the projector again. Let's share the responsibilities of having worship services together — receiving the gifts of Christ and praising His name—whether it be as a projector operator, an usher, or a greeter. If you are ready to commit to this service opportunity, please email the church office at churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com.

- Be aware of the flow and regular pattern of the worship service.
- Be able to sit in the balcony and operate the computer to advance the slides.
- Advance the slides in a timely manner for the worshipers to participate.
- Have the joy of Jesus while you serve His people.

You do NOT need to be a young person to do this. Training is available.

We're Hiring

St. John's Lutheran Ministries is looking for energetic, patient, and kind Christians who would like to teach and pray every day with an amazing group of God's children.

Available positions at St. John's Lutheran School:

- 3rd/4th Grade Teacher
- Substitute Teacher

For more information, please contact St. John's Lutheran School at 608-742-9000 x108.

Available positions at St. John's Child Development Center:

- Early Childcare Teacher

For more information, please contact Debbie Drew at St. John's Child Development Center, 608-742-9000 x101.

Did You Hear?

Did you hear coffee hour and fellowship is back? For more information look for Coffee and Fellowship header.

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.

Join our email list.

To sign up for St. John's email list, go to our website, stjohnsportage.com, scroll to the bottom of the home page, and click the Join Our Email List button.

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.

Coffee Hour and Fellowship

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. Hosting coffee hour involves providing a simple snack, making coffee, and enjoying fellowship time with our church families.

Sign up in the Christian Life Center or email churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

October 10:	Open
October 17:	Open
October 24:	Open
October 31:	Open
November 7:	Open
November 14:	Open

Community 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, October 12th**, for all or part of the hour. There is also a 365 Day Prayer vigil going on at the Madison abortion clinic. If you'd like to sign up to pray or learn more contact Gwen at info@vigilforlife.org or at (608) 393-8545.

The Salvation Army Coats of Many Colors 17th Annual Coat Drive will be collecting gently used and clean winter coats **October 1–17**. Please drop them off at the Portage Police Department.

No One Alone

The Portage Lion's Club is instituting a new wellness/safety check telephone program called No One Alone.

No One Alone is open to anyone in the USA needing to be checked on regularly for their wellness and safety. A member of the Lions Club will call the person each morning to check on their wellbeing and to see if assistance is needed. If assistance is needed, a caregiver will be notified immediately.

If you know someone who needs to be checked on as a wellness safety check or would like more information, please contact Emil at 608-742-3388.

You're invited to Kinship's 1st Annual Fundraising Bash!

We have been making matches and more are on the way but we need your support. Kinship, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization which believes in and promotes the concept of youth mentoring.

When: October 23 at 5:00 p.m.

Where: Rendezvous at Saddle Ridge

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.kinshipcc.org/>.

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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
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Bob Fairfield 296-4012
David Hall 493-2125
Pete Smith 697-3807
Ron Mueller 369-1845, Chair

Sermon Notes

Gospel

What solution (gospel) was presented for the problem?

What part of the sermon did you find easiest to remember?

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

Deut. 9:1–22 & Matt. 11:1–9

Deut. 9:23—10:22 & Matt. 11:20–30

Deut. 11:1–25 & Matt. 12:1–21

Deut. 11:26—12:12
& Matt. 12:22–37

Deut. 12:13–32 & Matt. 12:38–50

Deut. 13:1–18 & Matt. 13:1–23

Deut. 14:1–2, 22–23, 14:28—15:15
& Matt. 13:24–43

Stewardship Thoughts

Hebrews 3:18-19 – “And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.” Unbelief leads to disobedience – that is, every sin expresses the opposite of faith. True and living faith guides us into the Lord’s way and the Lord’s plan. And when we fall into sin it’s because we are not trusting the Lord’s goodness and provision.

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LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

*All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

Matthew 6:9–13