

**Week of
October 17, 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):

Medical:

Donald Koepp

Long-term Illness/Treatment:

Mourning:

John Soderlund (brother of Eric Soderlund)

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: 264
Unified Received: \$9,201.00
Other Contributions: \$1,044.00
TOTAL: \$10,245.00
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 17, 2021:

Sunday (17)

9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour, Church CLC

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, School Cafeteria

Monday (18)

6:00 p.m. Girls Volleyball @ Sacred Heart,
545 N Oak St. Reedsburg, WI

Tuesday (19)

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Portage Airport

9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study,
Church CLC

6:30 p.m. Sisters in Christ Bible Study, Church APR

Wednesday (20)

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. Youth Group, School Gym

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice, Church Balcony

Thursday (21)

8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Study, Church CLC

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

6:00 p.m. Trustees, Church APR

Saturday (23)

8:00 a.m. LWML Rally, Church CLC

Sunday (24)

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.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

We welcome all women to the LWML Women's Gathering on Saturday, October 23rd. Registration begins at 8:30. Come for Bible Study, working on fleece blankets, and learning about the Deaconess program from our guest speaker Stephenie Hovland. Please join us, and bring a friend. A light lunch will be served at the end of the program.

GriefShare Coming to St. John's

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. Through GriefShare, you will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a loved one. At each session, there will be a DVD, followed by a small group discussion. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

GriefShare will be held in the Christian Life Center at St. John's at 4:00 p.m. for 13 weeks beginning on November 15. A \$20 free-will donation to cover the cost of participant materials is appreciated. More information and online registration can be found at stjohnsportage.com/griefshare or contact the church office. Caring members of St. John's and a Thrivent Action Team grant has helped start this program.



Crusader News

Carrot, Chocolate Crème, Lemon Crème, Pumpkin, Red Velvet, and Strawberry

Cake rolls are delicious and for sale! 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.

The money raised goes towards new playground equipment and helps maintain our existing playgrounds.

Prayer Box

The sixth and seventh grade confirmation students have decorated a box for prayer requests and put it in the narthex. Write a request on the prayer cards provided. They will pray for you every time they have class. All prayers may remain anonymous. The prayers will not be shared with the office, so please continue to put send them your public prayer requests.

Projector Team

Join the Projector Team

Do you miss using the screen during the Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. 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.

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 17:	Tammy Conley
October 24:	Open
October 31:	Open
November 7:	Open
November 14:	Open

Community Events

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/>.

Portage Scouts Pack 70 Rake-a-Difference!

Portage Scouts Pack 70, along with their families, are gearing up for Rake-a-Difference.

Each fall, Portage Pack 70 spends an afternoon raking and cleaning up yards for senior citizens and people with disabilities around Portage. If you or someone you know in the community needs assistance raking leaves this fall, please email Portage Pack 70 leader, **Judy Jesberger at jjesberger@portagescouts.com** by October 31st.

Rake-a-Difference will be held on November 6. If there is rain, it will be moved to November 13.

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Center Office Hours: M—F / 6:00a–5:30p

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. 15:19—16:22
& Matt. 13:44–58

Deut. 17:1–20 & Matt. 14:1–21

Deut. 18:1–22 & Matt. 14:22–36

Deut. 19:1–20 & Matt. 15:1–20

Deut. 20:1–20 & Matt. 15:21–39

Deut. 21:1–23 & Matt. 16:1–12

Deut. 24:10—25:10
& Matt. 16:13–28

Mark 10:29-30 – “Jesus said, ‘Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.’ ” This is Jesus’ encouragement for every faithful disciple. Let it encourage you today.

**October 17 – Pentecost XXI
(Proper 24B)** – Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can indeed make anyone feel vulnerable (Ecclesiastes 5:15). Our Incarnate Almighty knows (Hebrews 4:15), and so He arranges better solutions than intentional death. His promises have power even over problems of the body (Hebrews 4:12), and whatever losses we may suffer, He more than compensates (Mark 10:29-30). Jesus the Savior makes all things possible—even joy amid suffering (Ecclesiastes 5:18).

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16