

**Week of
October 24, 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:

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 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: 252
Unified Received: \$14,710.00
Other Contributions: \$755.00
TOTAL: \$15,465.00
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 24, 2021:

Sunday (24)

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Church CLC

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

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

Monday (25)

4:30 p.m. Board of Finance, Church CLC

6:00 p.m. Girls Volleyball @ St. Peter's,
345 N Pine St. Reedsburg, WI

Tuesday (26)

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

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

6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting, Church CLC

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

Wednesday (27)

10:00 a.m. Chapel, Church Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Deadline,
Email: churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

2:30 p.m. School Choir Practice, Church Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Handbells Practice, Church Balcony

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Church CLC

6:30 p.m. Youth Group, School Gym

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

Thursday (28)

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

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

Sunday (31)

8:00 a.m. School Choir sings at Worship

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Church CLC

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

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

In Memory

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Cecelia Schimmel.

*Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.
Revelation 14:12*

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

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.

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.

Thank you

Praise and thanksgiving to God our loving Father for all of your prayers for our daughter-in-law, Lani Kohrt.

-Don and Carol Kohrt

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.

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 24:	Jim Atkinson
October 31:	Wednesday Confirmation Class
November 7:	Open
November 14:	Sherry & Amanda Aberle Simonson
November 21:	Open
November 28:	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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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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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. 25:17—26:19
& Matt. 17:1–13

Deut. 27:1–26 & Matt. 17:14–27

Deut. 28:1–22 & Matt. 18:1–20

Deut. 29:1–29 & Matt. 18:21–35

Deut. 30:1–20 & Matt. 19:1–15

Deut. 31:1–29 & Matt. 19:16–30

Deut. 31:30—32:27
& Matt. 20:1–16

Hebrews 7:27 – “He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.”

Stewardship Thoughts

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The great sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross covers the sins of all mankind. When that sacrifice was made, Jesus proclaimed: “It is finished.” No sacrifice of ours is needed to cover our sins. And yet St. Paul tells us to be “living sacrifices,” and Jesus tells us to “lay your offering at the altar.” So sacrificial giving goes on, but now its purpose is transformed by the one sin-atoning sacrifice of Christ. Now our giving and serving are sacrifices of thanksgiving, gifts of self in serving others for Christ’s sake.

**October 24 – Pentecost XXII
(Proper 25B)** – Disabilities do not deserve death, either at life's beginning or near its end. The Lord our God loves to save us in all our brokennesses (Jeremiah 31:8-9). May we learn something even greater than comfort from our limitations—may we learn in our disabilities to cry out to Jesus and follow Him (Mark 10:48, 52), through affliction to life everlasting.

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:30–31

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