

**Week of
November 14, 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.

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.

Please Pray

Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery):

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

Medical:

George Koepf, Donald Koepf

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: 243

Unified Received: \$14,520.38

Other Contributions: \$1,035.00

TOTAL: \$15,555.38

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,750.00

Ministries Calendar

Calendar events for the week of November 14, 2021:

Sunday (14)

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

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

9:15 a.m. Praise Band Practice, Church Sanctuary

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

Monday (15)

4:00 p.m. GriefShare, Church CLC

Tuesday (16)

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

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

1:30 p.m. Women's Guild, Church CLC

6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball @ St. John's,
515 5th St. Baraboo, WI

6:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education, Church CLC

7:00 p.m. LWML, Church APR

Wednesday (17)

10:00 a.m. Chapel, School Gym

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

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

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

Thursday (18)

Church office closed from
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball –vs– Sacred Heart,
School Gym

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

6:00 p.m. Trustees, Church APR

Sunday (21)

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

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

9:15 a.m. Praise Band Practice, Church Sanctuary

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.



Thanksgiving

This week's radio broadcast and weekly booklets are sponsored in thanksgiving for the marriage of Matthew and Darcie (First) Rohrbeck.

In Memory

The flowers last weekend were placed in loving memory of *Mandi Voight* by her family.

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.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

The LWML will be meeting Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the CLC. Our guest will be Ken Manthey, and he will be speaking to us about his role as police chaplaincy. All women of the congregation are invited. Please bring your mites and a friend for a time of hearing how God is using us to share Jesus with others in so many ways.

Praise Band

The 10:30 Service Praise Band Needs You!

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 practices Sunday mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. If you would like to be a part of the Praise Band team, please contact Deb Bauman at overthehill40db@yahoo.com.

We're Hiring

Lead Custodian

St. John's is currently seeking a Lead Custodian. Duties include cleaning and upkeep of campus buildings, lawn care, snow removal, and light maintenance. For a complete job description and application, please contact the church office, churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com or call 608-742-9000.

Crusader News

Ready for some basketball? Help us make our St. John's Crusader games a success and volunteer with concessions, the scorebook, the scoreboard, or help clean up after the game. More hands make light work! Thanks for checking this out. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E44AFAA22AAFB6-boys>

Thank you! The Scholastic Book Fair sold over \$3000 dollars in books. Every teacher at the school and child development center received all the books on their wish lists. Thank you for helping us keep our classroom libraries up to date with current books.



Don't forget your cake roll.

If you purchased a cake roll from the church office, they are available for pick up in the All Purpose Room freezer.

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. Training is available.

Reminders

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.

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.

Did you know you can support St. John's while you do your holiday shopping?

Budget your holiday shopping with gift cards and support St. John's Ministries! For example, buy a Festival Foods gift card from St. John's Scrip program, and a percent of the gift card purchase goes back to St. John's Lutheran Ministries.

Order on Tuesday and pick up on Thursday.

Or, stop in the church office and pick up a card from our stock. We currently have the following cards available for purchase in the church office:

Festival, \$50 & \$100	Walmart, \$25
Kwik Trip, \$25, \$50, & \$100	Culvers, \$25
Pizza Ranch, \$25	Portage Move Theater, \$10
Walgreens, \$25	Subway, \$10

Visit: shop.shopwithscrip.com

Click: **Register**

Enrollment Code: **Please call the church office, 608-742-9000 for the enrollment code.**

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

November 14:	Sherry & Amanda Aberle Simonson
November 21:	Altar Guild
November 28:	Elders' Wives
December 5:	Bob and Katharine Post

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.

Become an ADRC Volunteer!

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is looking for home delivered meal drivers.

- Flexible scheduling, you can help anywhere from 1-5 days a week
- 2.5-3.5 hour shifts
- Comfort of using your personal vehicle
- Mileage reimbursement
- Providing a hot meal and a friendly face

For more information please ADRC at 608-742-9233.

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St. John's Lutheran School

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M—F 7:30a—3:15p**

St. John's Child Development Center

A Five-Star Rated Center
426 West Emmett
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ddrew@stjohnsportage.com
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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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