

**Week of
June 26, 2022**



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:

Dorothy Neitzel and Carol Platt

Long-term Illness/Treatment:

Lani Kohrt (daughter-in-law of Don and Carol Kohrt)

Mourning:

Family of Ruth Ute

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: 232

Unified Received: \$12,649.38

Other Contributions: \$1,055.00

TOTAL: \$13,704.38

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,750.00

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.



Pastoral Care

Pastor Hovland Out of Town

Pastor Hovland is out of town this week, if a pastoral emergency arises, please call the church office (608) 742-9000 during office hours or Pastor Armon at (308) 380-4017 after hours.

We're Still 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 Child Development Center:

- Assistant Director
- Early Childhood Teacher

For a complete job description and employment application, please email churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com.

Church Office Staffing Hours

St. John's Lutheran Ministries is experiencing a staff shortage in the Child Development Center (CDC).

If you call or stop by the church office and no one is present, it is likely the church staff is helping at the CDC. We apologize for the inconvenience and pray that the Lord will supply workers soon. If you know of potential employees for the CDC, please send them our way!

Attention Women Interested in Mission

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."
Hebrews 10:24

You are invited to join us at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) salad supper on Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.

We will be hearing about how we can help Orhan Grain Train's mission to enable God's people to share personal material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people far and near. There is a new packing facility in Westfield, right in our backyard. Come, and hear about it!

If you have a favorite salad you would like to share, please do so, or feel free to show up. Drinks and table service provided.

Did you know?

Sunday morning coffee hour and fellowship is back!

For more information look for Coffee Hour and Fellowship header.

This Weekend's Lectionary Summary

PROPER 8—Third Sunday after Pentecost (26 June 2022)

1 Kings 19:9b–21

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–62

Christ's Messengers Proclaim His Kingdom

When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, "the word of the LORD came to him" (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him "on the mount before the LORD" (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet — not in the impressive power of gale force winds, or in an earthquake, or in the fire, but in "the sound of a low whisper" (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself to us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends "messengers ahead of him ... to make preparations for him" (Luke 9:52). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they "go and proclaim the kingdom of God," and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its "yoke of slavery," but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which "Christ has set us free" (Gal. 5:1).

Projector

The Executive Committee has approved the replacement of the sanctuary projector. (The current one is broken.) The cost is \$13,297.26. If you would like to contribute toward the replacement, please indicate your gift by labeling an envelope "Projector Project." The envelope may be put in the offering plate or delivered to the church office.

We still need people willing to assist with the operation of the projector at each of our services. If you are interested in helping, please email churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

Lutheran Witness

It's time to renew your subscription to The Lutheran Witness magazine. If you would like to renew your subscription or receive The Lutheran Witness magazine, the cost this year is \$15.96.

Please stop by or call the church office, 608-742-9000, to sign up. **Deadline is Friday, July 1.**

Radio Broadcast

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.

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

June 26:	Carol & Eugene Pribnow and Kathy Gerstenkorn
July 03:	Open
July 10:	Open
July 17:	Open

Celebration

This Year is a Fabulous Year of Celebrations!

Virgil turned 90 on June 1.

Gladys turned 87 on June 24.

Together, they celebrated 70 years of Marriage.

We are having a big party at the VFW Hall in Portage, WI to celebrate all of these blessings. Please join us, Saturday, July 9 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. A light lunch, Hor d'Oeuvers, and cake will be served. No gifts necessary, but if you feel the need make donations to the food pantry in Portage.

Community Events

Please join your Columbia County Right to Life chapter on Monday, July 4 at 10:45 at the Pardeeville high school parking lot, 120 Oak Street, to march in the Pardeeville parade. We will have hats and leis for the children and stickers for the crowd. We invite your daughters to carry their baby dolls. It's always a wonderful day!

Columbia County Right to Life

Bible Studies

Join us for fellowship and Bible study!

- † **Christian Education Hour meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Christian Life Center.** This is a Pastor-led Bible study of The Lutheran Spirituality Series: *Confession: God Gives Us Truth*, by John T. Pless.
- † Sunday School — Learn and Grow Through Christ meets on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the School Cafeteria. Sunday School is for families with children of all ages. We are taking a summer break. Join us in the fall.
- † **Men's Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. at the Portage Airport.** We are currently studying the Gospel of Matthew.
- † **Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Christian Life Center.** This is a Pastor-led Bible study of the upcoming week's readings.
- † Sisters in Christ Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. We are taking a summer break. Join us in September.
- † **Esther Bible Study meets Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Center.** We are currently studying the Gospel of John.
- † Rachel Bible Study meets Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. We are taking a summer break. Join us in September.
- † **Thirsty Souls Bible Study meets Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.** We are currently studying the Gospel of Ruth.

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M—Th / 9:00a—12:00p

***The school office will be closed during the month of July.**

St. John's Child Development Center

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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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Sermon Notes

Readings _____

Gospel _____

What problem (sin) did the sermon address?

What solution (gospel) was presented for the problem?

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

Daily Lectionary

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

Sunday,

Joshua 1:1–18 &
Acts 8:1–25

Monday,

Joshua 2:1–24 &
Acts 8:26–40

Tuesday,

Joshua 3:1–17 &
Acts 9:1–22

Wednesday,

Joshua 4:1–24 &
Acts 9:23–43

Thursday,

Joshua 5:1–6:5 &
Acts 10:1–17

Friday,

Joshua 6:6–27 &
Acts 10:18–33

Saturday,

Joshua 7:1–26 &
Acts 10:34–48

Stewardship Thoughts

1 Kings 19:18 – “Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” Elijah was so sure that he was right, that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can't go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God's work in the Church with our offering. Look in the Table of Duties in *Luther's Small Catechism* to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.



Life Thoughts

June 26 – Pentecost III C (Proper 8) – “For freedom Christ has set us free” (Galatians 5:1), and this means freedom from death. We need not submit ourselves, our neighbors, or our culture again to it by permitting abortion or promoting physician-assisted suicide. Rather we who taste the fruit of the Spirit may perceive God's power and receive His love even in those unborn babies or hospital patients who appear to have only a whisper of life (1 Kings 19).

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6