

**Week of
August 14, 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:

Jane Kaiser, Ken Jahn

Long-term Illness/Treatment:

Mourning:

Family of Riley Huiras
(nephew of Debbie and Gary Drew)

Other:

Those affected by natural disasters

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: \$15,094.00

Other Contributions: \$523.00

TOTAL: \$15,617.00

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,975.00



Ministries Calendar

Calendar events for the week of August 14, 2022:

Sunday (14) All Ministries offices are closed

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

Monday (15) All Ministries offices are closed

8:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting, Church CLC

Tuesday (16) All Ministries offices are closed

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

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

6:30 p.m. Board for Christian Education, Church CLC

Wednesday (17) All Ministries offices are closed

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

5:00 p.m. Youth Group Beach Party,
Silver Lake Beach, Portage

Thursday (18) All Ministries offices are closed

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

11:00 a.m. Columbia County Healthcare monthly worship

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

6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, Church APR

Friday (19) All Ministries offices are closed

Saturday (20)

8:00 a.m. LWML District Meeting, Church CLC

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

There will be no RaiseRite (Scrip) order this week.

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.

This Weekend's Lectionary Summary

PROPER 15—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (14 August 2022)

Jeremiah 23:16–29

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

Luke 12:49–59

Christ's Suffering and Death Bring Division

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is “like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces” (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able “to interpret the appearance of earth and sky” (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on “Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,” and “run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1–2).

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 Child Development Center:

- Assistant Director
- Early Childhood Teacher

Available positions at St. John's Lutheran School:

- Teacher

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

LWML

LWML— South Wisconsin District fall retreat will be held September 23 and 24 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fond du Lac. The guest speaker is Karol Selle. Her focus will be on knowing our God-given gifts and using them to enrich others. Several break-out sessions are planned. More information is available at www.lwml-swd.org/events/retreat. The deadline to register is August 26.

Church Office Hours

All Ministries offices are closed
August 15 – August 19 for our all-personnel meeting.

Script RaiseRight

There will be no RaiseRight order Tuesday, August 16. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Adult Choir

Do you like to sing? That is the only requirement you need to come and join St. John's Adult Choir.

Rehearsals begin in September 7 and are every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the church balcony. Singing is a joyous way to praise our Lord.

Altar Guild

Help, Help, Help!

We are badly in need of new members to help get ready for the weekend services. It's easy to learn. We only meet five times during the year for usually one hour. With enough people it means only one month during the year to serve. Just a willing servant's heart is all you need.

Join us on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. We hope to see you there!

GriefShare

GriefShare will begin in September

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 All Purpose Room at St. John's at 4:30 p.m. for 13 weeks beginning Tuesday, September 13. 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.

Confirmation

Wednesday Evening Confirmation Program

St. John's offers a two-year evening program to support our parents' pledge at the baptism of their child of ongoing instruction, nurture in the Christian faith, and encouragement toward faithful reception of the Lord's Supper.

Parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders not attending St. John's school interested in the confirmation of their child, please plan on attending a required parent/student meeting on September 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.

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

August 14:	Open
August 21:	Youth Group
August 28:	Tracy Friese and Marilyn Baars
Sept. 4:	Open

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.

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 10:15 a.m. in the Christian Life Center.** Join us starting September 1. We will be watching and discussing *The Chosen* series.
- ✠ **Thirsty Souls Bible Study meets Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.** All are welcome to join us. This week we are starting the book of Esther. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Jahn, 608-617-7787.

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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:

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Sermon Reflections

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,

2 Sam. 1:1–27 &
1 Cor. 7:25–40

Monday,

2 Sam. 5:1–25 &
1 Cor. 8:1–13

Tuesday,

2 Sam. 6:1–19 &
1 Cor. 9:1–23

Wednesday,

2 Sam. 7:1–17 &
1 Cor. 9:24–10:22

Thursday,

2 Sam. 7:18–29 &
1 Cor. 10:23–11:16

Friday,

2 Sam. 11:1–27 &
1 Cor. 11:17–34

Saturday,

2 Sam. 12:1–25 &
1 Cor. 12:1–13

Stewardship Thoughts

Luke 12:51 – “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”

Jesus has come to divide us out of the world – to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His Blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus' Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless us.

Life Thoughts

August 14 – Pentecost X (Proper 15) – Abortion, assisted suicide, and embryocidal experimentation deal in false prophecies and fraudulent promises. They advertise peace and escape but only deliver grief and guilt (Jeremiah 23:16–17). The Gospel of God's love and salvation for every human life cuts through (Luke 12:51) the tangles and tethers of the culture's lies (Hebrews 12:1). Faith in Jesus as Lord brings real liberty in His grace and true luxury in His favor.

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day.

1 Kings 8:27–28