



Cornerstone

850 ARMSTRONG STREET
PORTAGE, WI 53901
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

November 2022

WWW.STJOHNSPORTAGE.COM

Worship Times

Sundays:
8:00 a.m. **Service of Word and Sacrament**
9:00 a.m. **Coffee Hour and Fellowship**, Christian Life Center
9:15 a.m. **Praise Band**, Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. **Service of Word and Sacrament**
Saturdays:
5:30 p.m. **Service of Word and Sacrament**

Weekly Events

Mondays:
9:00 a.m. **Strong Bodies**, Narthex
Tuesdays:
4:30 p.m. **Grief Share**, All Purpose Room
Last class will be on December 6
10:30 p.m. **Everyone His Witness**, Christian Life Center
Classes begin November 15
Wednesdays:
10:00 a.m. **Chapel**, Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. **Weekly Announcements Deadline**
churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
5:00 p.m. **Handbell Choir**, Balcony
6:30 p.m. **Adult Choir**, Balcony
Thursdays:
9:00 a.m. **Strong Bodies**, Narthex

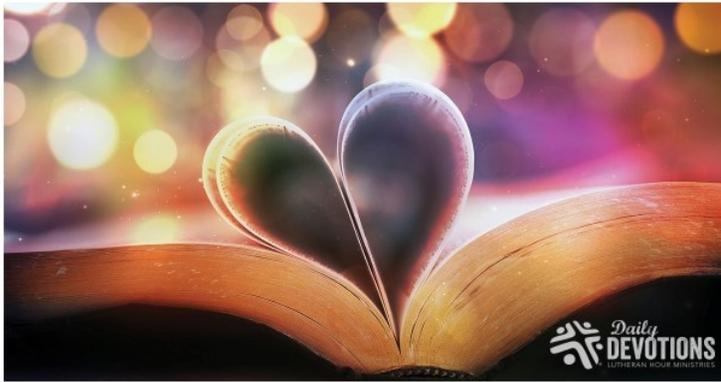
Weekly Christian Education and Bible Studies

Sundays:
9:15 a.m. **Christian Ed Hour**, Christian Life Center
9:15 a.m. **Sunday School**, School Cafeteria
11:30 a.m. **Late Sunday Morning Bible Study**,
Christian Life Center
Tuesdays:
6:30 a.m. **Men's Bible Class**, Portage Airport
9:15 a.m. **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**,
Christian Life Center
6:30 p.m. **Sisters in Christ Bible Study**,
All Purpose Room
Wednesdays:
4:30 p.m. **Jr. Youth Group**, School Gym
6:30 p.m. **Confirmation Instruction**,
Christian Life Center.
6:30 p.m. **Sr. Youth Group**, School Gym
Thursdays:
8:00 a.m. **Esther Bible Study**, Christian Life Center
10:00 a.m. **Rachel Bible Study**, Christian Life Center
5:30 p.m. **Thirsty Souls Bible Study**,
Christian Life Center
Fridays:
5:30 p.m. **Friday Ladies Bible Study**,
W7809 Evergreen Ave. Westfield, WI

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.

The Story of God

Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries



2 Timothy 3:14-17 - But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Have you ever come to the end of a book and been frustrated because it wasn't longer? You loved the characters and you loved the world that you found in that book, and you wanted it to go on forever—at least for longer than it did. This is a common feeling, and it explains why people pester their favorite writers for more information. They feel like, if they could just get into the author's head, there would be more good stuff they could enjoy.

God knows this about us, and I sometimes think that's the reason why He made the Bible as long as it is. Of course, the Bible is actually a collection of many books, some long and some very short. But it's held together by one thing—the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking through human beings to bring us face-to-face with God our Savior.

In the books of the Bible, we see God in action. God speaks to us directly, or He speaks to people like us, and we have the privilege of overhearing. We get to see His character, the kinds of things He values and the things He can't stand. We see Him in a zillion different situations, and that makes it easier for us to recognize what He is doing in our own lives, right here and now.

To be sure, there are parts of the Bible that are very hard to understand, and these parts are different for everybody. What makes no sense to you may make perfect sense to someone in a different time or culture. So it's all right for us to say, "I don't understand this," and lay it aside for a while and go to a different part of the Bible. God will make things clear in His own time

and way.

Of course, the most important thing of all is where we see God living as a human being among us—the Man Christ Jesus. God gives us four different perspectives on Jesus' life—the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Why so many? Because this is the heart of the Bible—where we see God born among us as a human being; living the same difficult, troubled life that we live; showing how much He loves us and every word He speaks and in every action He takes. This is where we see Him being betrayed by a friend, mistreated and tortured, and laying down His life on a cross. We see Him doing all of this as perfect Man and perfect God—why? To rescue us from the power of evil and make us into children of God.

And then the most wonderful chapters of all—the ones where we see Him rise from the dead, breaking the power of death for Himself and for us too, everyone who trusts in Him. As Peter says, "The promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself" (Acts 2:39). Our lives have many dark and terrible chapters, just as the Bible has. But these chapters in the Bible are the guarantee of our "happily ever after" ending—because the God who gave us the Bible is the same God who is redeeming our own stories as well. We are His people, His characters—and He has made us His children through Jesus Christ our Savior.

WE PRAY: Dear Father, You gave us the Bible. Help me to find the good things You have prepared for us in it. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.

Reflection Questions:

1. Do you find it easy or difficult to read the Bible? Why?
2. What are your favorite parts of the Bible, and why?
3. Where could you find help to grow in your understanding of what God is saying to you in the Bible?

Grace & Growth

St. John's staff started a Bible study in September. We are leading smaller groups through a study that helps us see what our Christian identity is. How do we define ourselves? How do others see us? What does the Bible say about our true identity and worth? How does God see us?

We also had a fun painting night with a great turn out of our full- and part-time workers from the church, child development center, and school. It turned out that painting is pretty difficult, but we encouraged one another and got some great guidance from a business out of the Dells. Check out our work in the photos.

One of our health goals was to have better water drinking habits. So, a bunch of us set our goals and then checked in every week. We handed out prizes every week. When it was finished, we all thought that our water drinking habits definitely improved, even if we didn't hit all our goals.



In late October, some of our staff will be embarking on a neighborhood prayer walk. We've never tried this before, but now is the time to try it out. We will have some resources with us as we (and some of the evangelism board) walk around the neighboring blocks of St. Johns. One of our goals is to let them know about the food truck, but the main goal is to give us a method for praying for our local community. We'll try it out and then reflect on the experience. If there is interest from other congregation members, we can do it again next summer. The nice thing is that there are different ways each person can do it, so no one feels forced to pray aloud in public or to keep their mouths shut if they would like to. We have something for everyone.

November 3 will be a fun night you are invited to attend. This is not a fundraiser. It's just a fun activity. We are hosting Juan's food truck here at St. John's. We're using some of our grant money to treat our employees to free meals, but we also want to encourage people from the neighborhood and church to meet, eat some excellent food, and get to know one another a little better. We have plans for rain, but we'd rather not have to deal with that!

Please keep praying for our staff. All St. John's workers need to feel supported and to stay rooted in God's Word. Pray that this grant will help us enable them to do that.

Stephenie Hovland
Deaconess Intern



Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church Homeless Meal Program



Where: 3110 Dairy Dr. Madison, WI 53718

When: Every Sunday afternoon

Cooking starts around 2:00 p.m.

Dinner is served around 4:30 p.m.

Clean-up around 6:00 p.m.

Who: Anyone willing and able to help

Training and dinner will be provided

Contact: Pastor Ryan McDermott

608-473-3473

ryan_mcdermott@osdlc.org

His Story

People love stories. From small children who beg to read the same book over and over again to adults who will go back to their favorite movie just to escape the moment for awhile into another world. But it's not just fiction that captures our imagination and emotions. Stories about real life help us make sense of everything. It tells us where we fit and gives meaning to life. In fact, history is really telling stories about the past.

Every religion tells a story about how the world began, what it's gods did to make it that way and how the world will come to an end. Most importantly, it tells what will happen to us. These stories are called by scholars myths or salvation histories. The Apostle's Creed is THE salvation history — how God acts to save us.

The Second Article of the creed is all about Jesus. The story begins with Jesus, the eternal Son of God, who was born of the Virgin Mary, as a true man. Why did he do this? Because we were lost and condemned by our sin. So he redeemed us, not by gold and silver, but his own blood, shed on the cross. Now we belong to him and will live with him forever. This story gives us a place to be, no matter how the story of our lives fills with complicated plot twists. We can put up with it because we know how the story ends — we live happily ever after.

Most importantly, the Bible is his story. It is all about Jesus, the son of God.

©2018-2021 Robert E. Smith. All rights reserved. Permission granted to copy, share and display freely for non-commercial purposes.

Church Word: Christian

The oldest and most universal name for the Church is “Christian.” In fact, followers of Jesus were first called “Christian” by Gentiles in the city of Antioch — as recorded by St. Luke in the Book of Acts! (Acts 11:26) It was not a complement. The followers of crazy new religions were called by their founder's name — with the -ian ending! In fact, most of them probably thought the disciples of Jesus were followers of a man named “Chrestus” — a popular name for a slave. Christians seemed to have called themselves, “slaves of Jesus Christ” (that's what the phrase translated “servants of Jesus Christ” really means!), brothers, holy ones (saints) or disciples. Eventually the nickname stuck when it was used by Romans to charge Christians with believing in Jesus Christ. Since it was good enough for the martyrs, it was good enough for everyone!

Today we use it in a variety of ways. We use it for a follower of Christ, the religion they belong to, a behavior in keeping with the word of God, political parties and many other ways. As fine a word as it is,

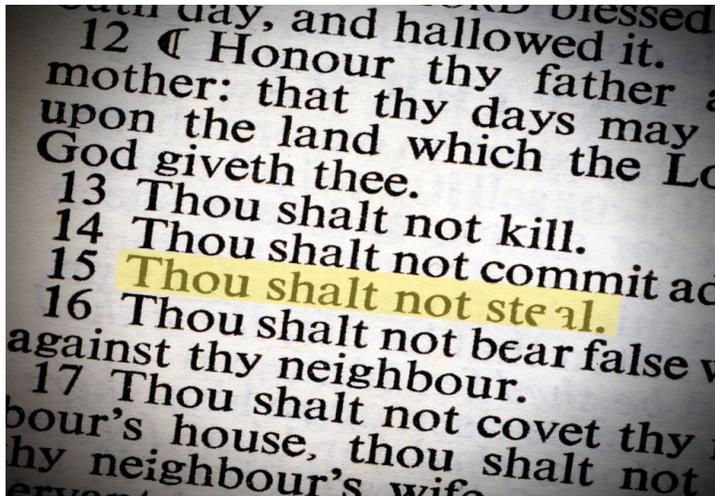
sometimes it can be quite useless. For example, Mormons, who believe that God was a man and that we, too, can earn god or goddess-hood, Jehovah's Witnesses, who do not believe Jesus is God or died on the cross, and many others call themselves Christian. In fact, Social Scientists count them along with us. People who have never darkened the door of a church will count themselves as Christians, because they believe they are “good people.”

Yet we confess that we believe in the “one, holy, Christian and Apostolic Church.” For all the false claims and misleading uses of the word, we are proud to “belong to Christ.” After all, he loved us, set aside his glory, suffered and died for us, paying the price of our sins, rose again to break the seal of the grave for us and in baptism, made us his own. So we fight for the term and gladly wear his name — the name the martyrs confessed and died to proclaim. Lord, may we follow in their train!

©2019 Robert E. Smith. All rights reserved. Permission granted to copy, share and display freely for non-commercial purposes.

Luther's Large Catechism

In this edition of the Cornerstone, we continue to publish portions of Luther's Large Catechism for your continued growth in God's Word. The text for this series is taken from the Triglotta, a public domain version of The Book of Concord. For a more up-to-date reading, consider purchasing Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions at cph.org.



The Seventh Commandment (Part 1)

Thou shalt not steal.

After your person and spouse temporal property comes next. That also God wishes to have protected, and He has commanded that no one shall subtract from, or curtail, his neighbor's possessions. For to steal is nothing else than to get possession of another's property wrongfully, which briefly comprehends all kinds of advantage in all sorts of trade to the disadvantage of our neighbor. Now, this is indeed quite a wide-spread and common vice, but so little regarded and observed that it exceeds all measure, so that if all who are thieves, and yet do not wish to be called such, were to be hanged on gallows, the world would soon be devastated, and there would be a lack both of executioners and gallows. For, as we have just said, to steal is to signify not only to empty our neighbor's coffer and pockets, but to be grasping in the market, in all stores, booths, wine- and beer-cellars, workshops, and, in short, wherever there is trading or taking and giving of money for merchandise or labor.

As, for instance, to explain this somewhat grossly for the common people, that it may be seen how godly we are: When a manservant or maid-servant does not serve faithfully in the house, and does damage, or allows it to be done when it could be prevented, or otherwise ruins and neglects the goods entrusted to him, from indolence, idleness, or malice, to the spite and vexation of master and mistress, and in whatever way this can be done purposely (for I do not speak of what happens from

oversight and against one's will), you can in a year abscond thirty, forty florins, which if another had taken secretly or carried away, he would be hanged with the rope. But here you [while conscious of such a great theft] may even bid defiance and become insolent, and no one dare call you a thief.

The same I say also of mechanics, workmen, and day-laborers, who all follow their wanton notions, and never know enough ways to overcharge people, while they are lazy and unfaithful in their work. All these are far worse than sneak-thieves, against whom we can guard with locks and bolts, or who, if apprehended, are treated in such a manner that they will not do the same again. But against these no one can guard, no one dare even look awry at them or accuse them of theft, so that one would ten times rather lose from his purse. For here are my neighbors, good friends, my own servants, from whom I expect good [every faithful and diligent service], who defraud me first of all.

Furthermore, in the market and in common trade likewise, this practise is in full swing and force to the greatest extent, where one openly defrauds another with bad merchandise, false measures, weights, coins, and by nimbleness and queer finances or dexterous tricks takes advantage of him; likewise, when one overcharges a person in a trade and wantonly drives a hard bargain, skins and distresses him. And who can recount or think of all these things? To sum up, this is the commonest craft and the largest guild on earth, and if we regard the world throughout all conditions of life, it is nothing else than a vast, wide stall, full of great thieves.

Therefore they are also called swivel-chair robbers, land- and highway-robbers, not pick-locks and sneak-thieves who snatch away the ready cash, but who sit on the chair [at home] and are styled great noblemen, and honorable, pious citizens, and yet rob and steal under a good pretext.

Yes, here we might be silent about the trifling individual thieves if we were to attack the great, powerful arch-thieves with whom lords and princes keep company, who daily plunder not only a city or two, but all Germany. Yea, where should we place the head and supreme protector of all thieves, the Holy Chair at Rome with all its retinue, which has grabbed by theft the wealth of all the world, and holds it to this day?

This is, in short, the course of the world: whoever can steal and rob openly goes free and secure, unmolested by any one, and even demands that he be honored. Meanwhile the little sneak-thieves, who have once trespassed, must bear the shame and punishment to render the former godly and honorable. But let them know that in the sight of God they are the greatest thieves, and that He will punish them as they are worthy and deserve.

Hurricane Ian supply distribution begins

The first Amazon shipments of supplies, purchased with donations from the people of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), are stacking up at Zion Lutheran Church in Fort Myers, Fla. Many of the boxes contain baby supplies — diapers, wipes, baby food and formula — that will be delivered to various distribution centers nearby. Others contain gear such as work gloves for cleanup or cots for volunteers to sleep on.

A Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) coordinated by Joel and Kathy Matthews, members of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Gainesville, Fla., is stationed at Zion. The team will organize and distribute the donated supplies to distribution centers nearby. These distribution centers, established after Hurricane Irma in 2017, make it easier for people affected by Hurricane Ian to find what they need in one place.

An LCMS Hurricane Ian Relief Amazon wish list will be available soon so that people can order supplies to be sent directly to Zion.

Today, LERT volunteers have begun cleaning out houses and dragging debris to the curb for disposal. A chainsaw crew is also at work. Yet many more volunteers are still needed.

[Volunteer to serve on a Lutheran Early Response Team.](#)

[Visit the LCMS Disaster Response page.](#)

Individuals and congregations in the LCMS, including those in the Florida-Georgia District, who wish to assist with the response are encouraged to contact the district office at flgadistrict.org/lert or call 407-857-5556 or 877-457-5556 (toll-free).

Individuals, congregations and groups wanting to donate to the Synod's response may:

- Text the keyword LCMSHURRICANES to the number 41-444 from your text-enabled smartphone or tablet.
- Visit lcms.org/givenow/hurricane.
- Make a check payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and write “Hurricane Response” on the memo line. Send to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.
- Call 888-930-4438.

The Florida-Georgia District is also receiving direct contributions to support its hurricane response at flgadistrict.org/give. (The LCMS is not sending direct donation appeals into the Florida-Georgia District so that individuals and congregations there do not experience duplicate or competing solicitations.)

For additional assistance or to ask questions about donating, please call LCMS Mission Advancement's Contributor Care Line at 888-930-4438.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Love one another with genuine affection, and take delight in Honoring one another.

Romans 12:10

November 3

♥ Robert and Lael Schumann

November 4

♥ Gary and Debra Drew

♥ Russell and Virginia Miller

November 5

♥ Russell and Jackie Carrington

♥ Erik and Andrea Nilson

November 7

♥ Timothy and Lois Schmidt

November 13

♥ Randy and Wendy Tomlinson

November 26

♥ Cory and Mandi Herwig

November 28

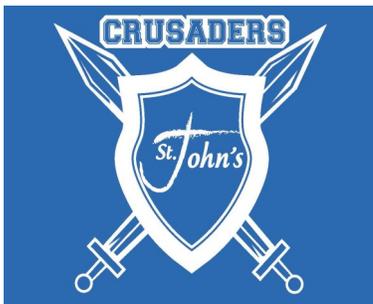
♥ Robert and Patricia McCoy

November 30

♥ John and Susan Wilcox

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01	<i>Michael Raimer</i>	10	<i>Landon Geissler Byron Kershaw Jessica Krueger</i>	22	<i>Adalyn Bocinsky Jackie Carrington Linda Dittman Robert Schumann</i>
02	<i>Claudia Fritz Kelcy Hunkel Chase Jones Timothy Raimer Benjamin Vogel Kim Weishoff Jason Zimmerman</i>	11	<i>Kendra Dorn Brooke Fandrich Marilyn McFarlane</i>	23	<i>Julie Horan</i>
03	<i>Patrick Haefele Stephanie Kleist Abigail Leeland Theodore Mootz Jack Poppy Donald Schultz</i>	12	<i>Caitlin Ciolkosz Lorna McMahon David Mendel Penny Raimer John Wilcox</i>	24	<i>Vicki Bublitz Thomas Davenport Lucia Fredrick Diana Shebel</i>
04	<i>Robert Beahm Emily Cassell Ally Windus</i>	13	<i>Jacqueline Bauman Cassadi Vogel</i>	25	<i>Michael Behnke Lauren Bocinsky David Henke</i>
05	<i>Marc Brockley William Hageman Judith Kerr Ellie Mendel Allisyn Weishoff</i>	14	<i>Sherry Aberle Te Qwaune Adams</i>	26	<i>Eric Erickson Theresa Hoppmann Eric Shimpach Kraig Windus</i>
06	<i>Teri Burns Zachary Kraucyk</i>	15	<i>Charles Dehmlow Cathy Smith Colleen Smith</i>	27	<i>Alex Hartwig Erik Isakson Matthew Schultz</i>
07	<i>Rona Cross Lois Somer</i>	16	<i>Stephanie Gitzlaff Philip Kerl Bree Motsenbocker Emma Paske Don Weideman</i>	28	<i>Brandon Yahnke</i>
08	<i>Jon Hoppmann</i>	17	<i>Lisa Weaver Shelly Wielgus</i>	29	<i>Mariah Davenport Aron Kershaw Betty Nollenberg Emma Zook</i>
09	<i>Sandra Barthel Stacy Davenport Val McReath Joe Morgan Keith Nollenberg Caitlyn Schroeder Alexis Vogel</i>	18	<i>Suzanne Kerr Scott Raimer</i>		
		19	<i>Emily Janney</i>		
		20	<i>Marie Bartels Amy Lehman Myles Schwartz</i>		
		21	<i>Robert Hintz</i>		



Crusader News!

Basketball volunteers needed!

Basketball season has started! Our Boys B Basketball team will need some assistance this year with the scoreboard, the scorebook, the concessions, and the clean-up. St. John's Lutheran School invites all friends and families to help out as our parents want to watch their children play their game. They appreciate all the help received. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e44afaa22aafb6-basketball>

Fun and Field Trips



Fall fun at the MacKenzie Center!



St. John's Child Development Center News

from the Red Room

What we are learning!

Social and Emotional

- Saying "Stop. I don't like that"
- "My toy. Give it back."
- Waiting their turn
- Participating in games

Language and communication

- Following 2-step directions
- Recognizes first letter of name
- Imitates sounds
- Requests and joins in songs

Approaches to Learning

- Putting on clothes by self
- Using sign language:
 - Stop
 - More
 - Please

Health and Physical Development

- Takes responsibility for toileting
- Throwing ball overhand
- Catching ball
- Button and zip clothing
- 3-point grip
- alternating feet on steps



Kris Tomaszewski is a teacher at St. John's Child Development Center. Recently Kris spent time at Edgewater Home and Garden's 2nd Annual Fall Fest reading to children. She read a book about a special scarecrow. That was the perfect book for Kris to read to the children as she was the special scarecrow. Volunteering is a great way to help others and keeps you involved in your church, school, and community.

Kris has been teaching at St. John's Child Development Center for over 22 years and has been at the center since it opened in 2001. This January, Kris will be retiring. We are looking forward to Kris volunteering at the center when she retires.



We are getting ready for fall!



How many pumpkins fit in a Buick?



About 50.

St. John's Ministries Monthly and Special Event Calendar

November—10

November

- Tu 01 Lutherans for Life**
5:30 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
Parent Teacher League (PTL)
6:30 p.m., School Cafeteria
- W 02 Board of Stewardship**
6:30 p.m., Church Narthex
- Th 03 Heritage House Monthly Worship**
11:00 a.m., Heritage House
Jose's Food Truck
3:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., Church parking lot
- F 04 No School — Teacher Inservice**
- Tu 08 Executive Committee**
6:00 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
- F 11 Cornerstone Submission Deadline**
12:00 p.m., churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
Submission Guidelines can be found on our website,
stjohnsportage.com/resources/the-cornerstone-submission-guidelines
- Su 13 Blood Pressure Screening**
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Church Nursery
- M 14 Tivoli Monthly Worship**
10:00 a.m., Tivoli
Altar Guild
1:30 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
- Tu 15 Women's Guild**
1:30 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
Board for Christian Education
6:00 p.m., CDC Basement
LWML
6:30 p.m., Church All Purpose Room
- Th 17 Columbia County Healthcare Monthly Worship**
11:00 a.m. Columbia County Healthcare
- Tu 22 Board of Elders**
6:00 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
Prayer Shawls
6:00 p.m., Narthex
- W 23 No School — Thanksgiving Break**
Thanksgiving Service
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Th 24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
No School — Thanksgiving Break
- F 25 No School — Thanksgiving Break**
- M 28 Board of Finance**
4:30 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
- W 30 Advent Midweek Worship**
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Church Sanctuary

December (proposed)

- Th 06 Heritage House Monthly Worship**
11:00 a.m., Heritage House
- M 05 Health and Wellness**
1:30 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
- W 07 Advent Midweek Worship**
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Church Sanctuary
- F 09 Cornerstone Submission Deadline**
12:00 p.m., churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
Submission Guidelines can be found on our website,
stjohnsportage.com/resources/the-cornerstone-submission-guidelines
- Su 11 Blood Pressure Screening**
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Church Nursery
- M 12 Tivoli Monthly Worship**
10:00 a.m., Tivoli
- Tu 13 Executive Committee**
6:00 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
- W 14 School Advent Christmas Program**
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Church Sanctuary
- Th 15 Columbia County Healthcare Monthly Worship**
10:00 a.m., Columbia County Healthcare
- T 20 Board for Christian Education**
6:30 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
- W 21 Advent Midweek Worship**
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Church Sanctuary
- Th 22 No School—Christmas Break**
- F 23 No School—Christmas Break**
All Ministries Offices Closed
- Sa 24 Christmas by Word and Carols**
5:30 p.m., Church Sanctuary
Christmas Candlelight and Communion
9:00 p.m., Church Sanctuary
- Su 25 The Nativity of Our Lord**
Christmas Day worship
9:00 a.m., Church Sanctuary
- M 26 No School—Christmas Break**
All Ministries Offices Closed
- Tu 27 No School—Christmas Break**
Board of Elders
6:00 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
Prayer Shawls
6:00 p.m., Narthex
- We 28 No School—Christmas Break**
- Th 29 No School—Christmas Break**
- F 31 No School—Christmas Break**
All Ministries Offices Closed at 12:00 p.m.



St. John's & Design One Apparel are excited to provide a variety of crusader apparel! These are great Christmas presents to get into the Crusader Spirit! Check out the store. Store closes on 11/14. Orders will arrive before 12/21. stjohnsportage.com/apparel-store.



Don't forget your cake roll!

Cake rolls will be available for pick up on November 16. Look in the weekly announcement for pick up times.



Christ's church will continue until He returns, and that church will continue to need church workers.

Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is an initiative of the LCMS to recruit church workers. Together, we pray for workers for the Kingdom of God and encourage children to consider church work vocations. Here are three easy ways you can participate in SAS:

1. **Pray with** your children for God to provide church workers.
2. **Talk to** your children about becoming church workers.
3. **Thank God** for the people who work in your congregation.

To learn more about *Set Apart to Serve*, visit lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve.



September Memorials and Offerings			
<p>Undesignated \$915.00 In memory of <i>Betty Carrington</i></p>	<p>Unified Fund \$44,550.51</p> <p>Capital Improvements \$1,250.00</p> <p>Missions \$200.00</p> <p>Almoners Fund \$80.00</p> <p>Orphanages \$100.00</p>	<p>School Tuition Relief \$250.00</p> <p>Total Contributions \$46,430.51</p>	

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
850 Armstrong Street
Portage, Wisconsin 53901
phone (608) 742-9000
fax 742-7154
Rev. Greg Hovland,
Senior Pastor
(c) 608-571-3360
ghovland@stjohnsportage.com
Rev. Rod Armon,
Pastoral Care
raron@stjohnsportage.com
Jenni See,
Business Manager
jsee@stjohnsportage.com
Catharine Daily,
Ministries Coordinator—Church
cdaily@stjohnsportage.com
Office Hours: M—Th / 8:00a–3:30p

St. John's Lutheran School
A Nationally Accredited School
430 West Emmett
Portage, Wisconsin 53901
phone (608)742-9000
Jim Krupski,
Principal
jkrupski@stjohnsportage.com
Amanda Kohn,
Ministries Coordinator —School
akohn@stjohnsportage.com
Office Hours:
M—F / 7:00a–3:15p

St. John's Child Development Center
A Five-Star Rated Center
426 West Emmett
Portage, Wisconsin 53901
phone (608)742-9000
Debra Drew,
Director
ddrew@stjohnsportage.com
cdcoffice@stjohnsportage.com
Center Office Hours:
M—F / 7:00a–5:00p

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:
Bob Fairfield 296-4012, Chairman
Ken Chvojicek 697-2102
Gene Thompson 697-4786
Mark Witt 697-0224
David Hall 493-2125
Pete Smith 697-3807
Ron Mueller 369-1845
Roger Baerwolf 617-6088



Pflanz Mantey Mendrala Funeral Homes
 Locally Owned & Operated Since 1853
 Portage & Poynette Wisconsin

Charles Mantey • Robert Mendrala
www.pmmfh.com

G GROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES, S.C.

LAND SURVEYORS

JAMES R. GROTHMAN * PLS
 SCOTT P. HEWITT * PLS

625 E. Siffer St. Portage, WI 53901

Phone 608/742-7788
 Fax 608/742-0434

Miller & Miller LLC
 LAW FIRM

Estate Planning | Trusts & Estates
 Real Estate | Business Law
 General Practice

www.portagelawyers.com

311 DeWitt St. Portage | (608) 742-8585

Zuehls Heating and Air Conditioning

Proudly serving the area
 for over 45 years

920-295-3434

www.lennoxdealer.com/zuehls

When life offers the gift of time...

how will you spend it?

We'll help you every step of the way.

Offering a continuum of care for seniors:

> Independent Living > Assisted Living
 > Memory Care

Call 608-355-4111 or email barabosales@oakparkplace.com
 800 Waldo St., Baraboo, WI 53913
oakparkplace.com/baraboo



WIESER CONCRETE
 Innovation, Quality and Service

800-362-7220

www.wieserconcrete.com

2815 Riley Rd. • Portage, WI 53901

Heritage House
 of PORTAGE
 ASSISTED LIVING

Assisted Living
 Caregivers available 24-hours a day

Schedule a tour and receive a
\$25.00 Gift Card with this ad.

608.448.6181

Call today and ask
 about a move-in gift!



Atkinson Real Estate Inc.

608-742-2848



When Buying or Selling Your Home Call!

Jim Atkinson, Broker/Owner

jim@atkinsonrealtor.com • www.atkinsonrealtor.com

Hamm's ArborCare Inc.
 Professional & High-Value Tree Care
 The Professional Tree Service

Hamm's Arborcare is the #1 choice
 locally for tree removal, pruning,
 and plant health care

Contact us: 608.429.2307
HammsArborCare.com

Portage Lumber

Do It Best (608) 742-7186
portagelumber.com

1009 E Wisconsin St, Portage
 We're OPEN 7 days a week

Your Friendly Local Home Center

Main Street
Consignment
Resale Shop

We Consign & Sell Name Brand Mens, Womens, & Kids
 Clothing, Purses, Boots, Shoes, Jewelry & More!

Get your Winter Gear before the Snow!
 We have Jackets, Snowpants, Boots, Scarves, Hats & More.

13 Main St. Portage, WI 53901

608-566-1644 • mainstreetconsignmentllc@gmail.com

Hours: Mon. CLOSED, Tuesday-Friday 10 AM - 5 PM
 Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM, & Sunday 10 AM - 3 PM



C & D Seamless Gutters, Inc.

For All Your Gutter Needs
 Steam Away That Ice! Snow & Ice Removal

(608) 742-7530

Email: Ldwcc@frontier.com

Fully Insured / Free Estimates

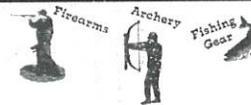
Community Bank of Portage
 A Branch of Bank of Wisconsin Defts

608-745-4300
 2930 New Pinery Rd, Portage
dellsbank.bank



D.W. Sports Center

"We Specialize In Service"



Doug & Pam Williams
 608-742-7745

125 W. Cook Street
 Portage, WI 53901

gretchen willis
PHOTOGRAPHY

Custom photography in Central Wisconsin
 Families • Weddings • Seniors • Business

608-566-9070

GretchenWillis.com

Midwest Lifestyle Properties
 Real Estate
 1325 W Wisconsin Street
 Portage, WI 53901
 608-742-5000

Your Lifestyle. Our Mission.
www.midwestlifestyleproperties.com

BROTHER'S
 220 W Cook St, Portage, WI 53901
 608-745-1144

BREMNER GRANITE CO. LLC

For All Your Memorial Needs

Mark Bublitz - Owner

N6828 Hwy 51-16 S • PO Box 78
 608-742-3939

B3 HITCHING POST

Friday Fish Fry - Breakfast Daily except Thursday
 Sunday Brunch Buffet - Monday Senior Night
 We Cater for all occasions.

(608) 742-8208

2503 W Wisconsin Street, Portage WI

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
 Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Taylor Hawkes

thawkes@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2575



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.lpicommunities.com

St. John's Lutheran, Portage, WI

A 4C 01-1148