

April 9, 2023



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) Please complete either a Guest (blue) or Member (white) card found in the hymnal rack of the pews. You may place this card in the offering plate located in the Narthex.
- 2) 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 with service audio near the restrooms.
- 3) 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 (darker color). For those that have a gluten intolerance, gluten-free wafers are available. Share your need as you come forward to the altar.
- 4) 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.
- 5) We ask that if you have a mobile device, please silence it during the worship service.
- 6) Our elders and ushers are here to help with any of your worship needs today.

Thanks for worshipping with us!

Sermon Reflections

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?

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*

Livestreaming of the 8:00 a.m. service continues to be available at stjohnsportage.com/live.

Weekly Events

Sunday (09)

- 9:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt, School Gym
- 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast, Church CLC
- 11:30 a.m. Late Sunday Morning Bible Study, Church APR

Monday (10) No School Easter Break All Ministries Offices Closed

- 9:00 a.m. Strong Bodies, Church Narthex
- 10:00 a.m. Tivoli Monthly Worship

Tuesday (11)

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Portage Airport
- 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Church CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee, Church CLC

Wednesday (12)

- 12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Deadline, Email: churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
- 4:30 p.m. Jr. Youth Group, School Gym
- 5:00 p.m. Handbells Practice, Church Balcony
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice, Church Balcony
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. Youth Group, School Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Instruction, Church CLC and APR

Thursday (13)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Study, Church CLC
- 9:00 a.m. Strong Bodies, Church Narthex
- 5:00 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study, Church CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Every One His Witness, Church CLC

Friday (14)

- Church office Closed
- 12:00 p.m. Cornerstone Newsletter Deadline, Email: churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
- 1:00 p.m. Friday Ladies Bible Study, W6808 Elk Rd. Westfield

Saturday (15)

- 10:00 a.m. Every One His Witness, Church CLC

Sunday (16)

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee, Fellowship, and Christian Education Hour, Church CLC
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, School Cafeteria
- 9:15 a.m. Praise Band Practice, Church Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Late Sunday Morning Bible Study, Church APR

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.

*Thank you to all who made contributions towards our Easter flowers this year
in celebration of our Risen Lord and Savior.*

<i>Given By:</i>	<i>In Loving Memory Of:</i>
Alex & Carol Swanson	Robert Weiss, Mr. & Mrs. Rudie Maass, Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Swanson
Henry & Betty Mootz	Deceased members of Priske and Mootz Family
Alex & Carol Swanson	Robert & Barbara Wheeler, David Gollither Wheeler, Lisa Wheeler
The John Wilcox Family	Our parents, John & Alice Kastner and Robert & Alice Wilcox, family members, Donna Volkert and our daughter, Amber Ann
Her Family	Arlene Lesser
Carole Hamele	Parents, Amber, and Friends
Sherry Oeftger	Wallace Oeftger, Ed & Lorraine Oeftger, Walter Monthey, and James & Gladys Hon
Ted Mootz and Family	Tina Gaffney, Rose Mootz, Helen Thompson, and Wilfred Saeger
Ruth Mell (wife & daughter)	Elmer & Delilah Koch (mom & dad), Donald Mell (husband)
His wife, June Radke	John Radke
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schumann	Olaf & Dorothy Gunderson, Eldon & Olin Gunderson, Alonzo & Helen Schumann
Nancy Johnson	Harold & Shirley Johnson, Rod Oosterhof, Larry Udelhofen
David & Julie Gussel	Our Parents
Lora Foster	Ronald, Mary Ann, David, Ronald Jr. Foster, and Kristine Shier
Michael & Bonnie Mulhern	Mr. & Mrs. Lester Paske, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Mulhern, Cathy Thompson, Marie Krueger, Jerry Kokesh
Kathy Gerstenkorn	Russ Gerstenkorn, Donna Haakenson, Miles Haakenson
His Family	Jeff Huston
Tom & Cindy Luedeman and Family	Donald & Elaine Schumann
Eugene & Carol Pribnow	Ronald & Dorothy Seering, LaVerna Pribnow
George & Polly Koepp	Margie & Roy Clemens, Donald Koepp
Howard & Cathy Dehn and Family	Edward & Josephine Dehn, John & Doris Mountford
Phillip & Judy Rygiewicz	Alfred & Evelyn Reick, Harold & Karen Reick, Douglas & Margaret Reick, Louis & Neva Fisher, Charles Reick
Don & Jan Weideman	Cody L. Weideman, Alfred Weideman, and Our Parents
Bill & Judy Haase	Corbin Dansie, Susan Carlin, John Carlin



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.

Thanksgiving

(birth, birthdays, baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, recovery):

Other:

Medical:

Verona Gray

Long-term Illness/Treatment:

George Koepp, Stacie Wheeler, Tom Waddell, Margery Schultz, Don Weideman, Arlis Roetman, Babette Schumann

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. Prayer requests for Thanksgiving, Medical, and Mourning will remain on the list for two weeks. Prayer requests for Long-term Illness/Treatment will remain for one month unless the church office is notified with an update on the individual. Please be sure that you have the permission of the individual before contacting the church office to add them to the public prayer list.

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School

We have found a leader, but this fun week cannot be success without help. If you are able to help with VBS, please sign up on one of the sheets found in the back of the church. If we do not have enough volunteers signed up by April 30th, we will not have VBS 2023.

Wisconsin Private School Choice Program

Wisconsin Private School Choice Program is a tuition assistance program for private and religious schools.

Who is Eligible?

- Incoming Kindergarten
- All New & Current 1st Graders
- All New Students to St. John's
- Students Already in the Choice Program

Enrollment ends April 15.

For information on the Wisconsin Private School Choice Program, visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/choice-programs> or scan the QR.



Want to be a part of St. John's Family?

We would love to have you here! If you would like to begin the path toward membership and the reception of Holy Communion at St. John's, it begins with worshiping with us regularly. The next step is to visit with Pastor Greg. You may set up a time to meet with him at <https://calendly.com/pastorhovland/newmember> or contact the church office during regular office hours, and Catharine will assist you in setting up an appointment.



Save the Date



Wednesday, April 19
4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
St. John's School Gym
RSVP via text to 608-697-2649
Free Will Donation
(\$5/per child/hour suggested donation)



Can you hear the sizzle? Our 8th-grade class will be grilling up brats at Festival Foods. Come out and help them raise money for their class trip to the Mall of America.

Saturday, April 29
10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Festival Foods, 2915 New Pinery Rd. Portage

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Baby Shower

May 6, 4:00-5:00 pm

In the Christian Life Center

to benefit

Pregnancy Resource Center

Contact Stephenie Hovland for more information. SHovland@stjohnsportage.com

Life Thoughts

April 9 – Resurrection of Our Lord – “Do not be afraid,” both the Easter angels and the risen Savior assure us (Matthew 28:4, 10). His everlasting and overcoming love (Jeremiah 31:3) means our whole being, body and soul, may rest secure (Psalm 16:9). We need fear neither surprise pregnancy nor terminal diagnosis, suffering nor death, because Christ Jesus mysteriously but mightily safeguards every human life (Colossians 3:3).

Stewardship Thoughts

John 20:16 – “Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’” Jesus is risen from the dead, is the Victor over sin, and even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

Daily Lectionary

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

Sunday, Ex. 14:10–31 & Heb. 7:23–8:13	Wednesday, Ex. 16:13–35 & Heb. 10:19–39	Friday, Ex. 18:5–27 & Heb. 12:1–24
Monday, Ex. 15:1–18 & Heb. 9:1–28	Thursday, Ex. 17:1–16 & Heb. 11:1–29	Saturday, Ex. 19:1–25 & Heb. 13:1–21
Tuesday, Ex. 18:19–16:12 & Heb. 10:1–18		

Weekly Offerings

Last Week’s In-person Attendance: 510 (includes Wednesday)

Unified Received: \$13,463.00

Other Contributions: \$747.75

TOTAL: \$14,210.75

Weekly Unified Needed: \$14,875.00

YTD Unified Giving: \$500,236.08

YTD Budgeted Unified Need: \$530,769.23

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 Lifestyles of Reconciliation Series: *Conflict Resolution vs. Reconciliation*, produced by Ambassadors of Reconciliation
- ✚ **Late Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center.** We are currently studying the Gospel of Matthew and the Synoptic Gospels.
- ✚ **Men’s Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. at the Portage Airport.** We are currently studying the book of Acts.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **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.** We are currently watching and discussing *The Chosen* series.
- ✚ **Thirsty Souls meets Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.** We will meet again starting April 13.
- ✚ **Friday Ladies Bible Study meets Fridays at 1:00 p.m. at the home of June R., W6808 Elk Rd., Westfield, WI.** We are currently studying Colossians.

Coffee Hour

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

April 9:	Easter Breakfast
April 16:	Parent Teacher League (PTL)
April 23:	Open
April 30:	Open

Contact us: 608-742-9000

Church:
option 4
Office Hours:
M—Th 8:00a–3:30p
churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

Rev. Greg Hovland,
Senior Pastor
(c) 608-571-3360
ghovland@stjohnsportage.com

Child Development Center:
option 2
Office Hours:
M—F 7:00a–5:00p
cdcoffice@stjohnsportage.com

Debra Drew,
Director
ddrew@stjohnsportage.com

School:
option 3
Office Hours:
M—F 7:30a–3:15p
schooloffice@stjohnsportage.com

Jim Krupski,
Principal
jkrupski@stjohnsportage.com

St. John’s Elder Directory:
Bob Fairfield 296-4012, Chairman
Roger Baerwolf 617-6088
Ken Chvojicek 697-2102
Bill Hageman 279-0272
David Hall 493-2125
Patrick Kirchenwitz 575-3959
Ron Mueller 369-1845
Pete Smith 697-3807
Gene Thompson 697-4786
Mark Witt 697-0224

To schedule your group activity or add a loved one to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 608-742-9000 option 4 or email churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com.