

May 28, 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 St. John's 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 who 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 (28)

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

Monday (29) Memorial Day

All ministries offices closed

Tuesday (30)

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

Wednesday (31)

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

Thursday (01)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Study, Church CLC
- 10:15 a.m. Rachel Bible Study, Church CLC
- 10:30 a.m. Every One His Witness session 2, Church APR
- 11:00 a.m. Heritage House Monthly Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study

Friday (02)

Church office closed

Saturday (03)

- 9:00 a.m. Every One His Witness session 1, Church CLC

Sunday (04)

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

Please be considerate of our disabled worshippers' parking needs. If the driver is not disabled, it would be best if he or she would drop an individual at the door and use a regular parking stall when possible. Then, we will be sure we have enough handicap parking for our disabled drivers. We appreciate our caregivers and drivers.

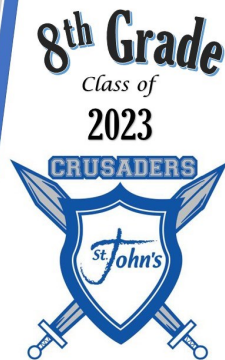
Congratulations St. John's 8th Grade Class!

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

1 John 3:1a



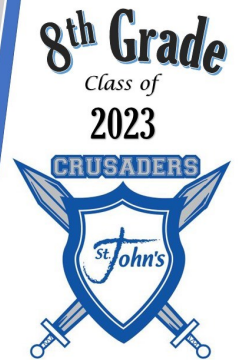
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Francesca



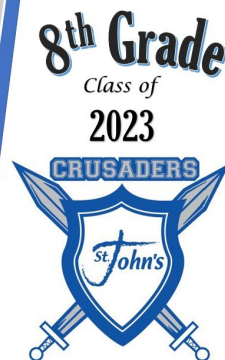
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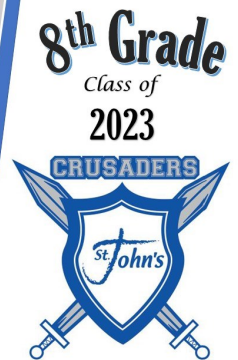
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Arianna



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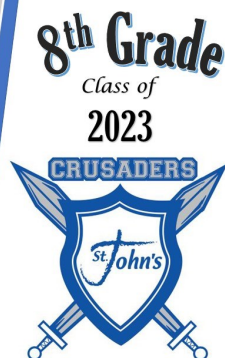
Isaac

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans 12:21



Congratulations



Katze



Please Pray

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):

St. John's Lutheran School 8th-grade Graduates,

St. John's Lutheran Ministries Graduates,

Baptism of *Ellyana Bohnsack*

Baptism of *Arthur Poppy*, Baptism of *Lillianne Chvojicek*

Other:

Medical:

Alice Atkinson

Long-term Illness/Treatment:

Carole Stafford, George Koepp, Stacie Wheeler, Cathy Dehn, Tom Waddell, Babette Schumann

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

Lisa Priske (daughter of *Betty Mootz*)

How Do I Get Someone on the Prayer List?

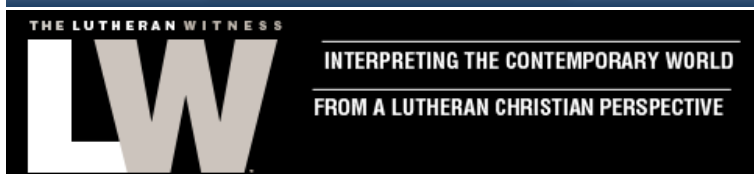
If you, or someone you know, would like to have a name added to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Prayer requests for Thanksgiving, Medical, and Mourning will remain on the list for two weeks. Prayer requests for Long-term Illness/Treatment will remain for one month unless the church 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.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Orphan Grain Train hygiene kits. We were able to assemble 67 kits which were delivered to the Orphan Grain Train packing facility in Westfield. They will be shipped to Liberia and the Ukraine. Thank you to St. John's students for partnering with LWML through their chapel offerings. We couldn't have done it without you!

St. John's LWML

The 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 \$19.20.

Please stop by or call the church office, 608-742-9000, to sign up. **Deadline is Monday July 3.**

Register for VBS!



Thank you to all the volunteers who signed up to help with VBS! Because of you, VBS IS BACK!

Monday, June 5 – Friday, June 9
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Open to ages 4 - going into 4th grade

Registration forms and more information are located on the VBS table in the narthex.

Parish Life is accepting monetary donations to help with the cost of supplies. Donations can be placed in the freewill donation box located on the VBS table in the narthex.

Every One His Witness Session 1

Every One His Witness, session 1 class will be Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served. This is a one-day class in the Christian Life Center. We must have a minimum of six people to start. So spread the word and bring your family and friends. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact jim@atkinsonrealtor.com or 608-697-7052.

Save the Date!

Join us for free family fun at St. John's Block Party!

Saturday, June 24 starting at 2:00 p.m.

- ✓ Fast-n-Fresh food truck
- ✓ Family fun games for all ages

We will wrap up the fun with a worship service at 5:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

Attention Altar Guild!

We need to reschedule cleaning the Sanctuary. Instead of June 5, we will be cleaning on June 12 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Life Thoughts

May 28 – Festival of Pentecost – Almighty God showers His Holy Spirit even upon those otherwise considered unworthy (Numbers 11:26-29). He remembers not the sins of our youth (Psalm 25:6-7), and we get to extend this forgiveness explicitly to those guilty of aborting their own children. If His salvation receives us into this refreshing cleansing, how could we withhold it from anyone else by our silence? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!

Stewardship Thoughts

Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12

Daily Lectionary

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

Sunday, Num. 21:10–35 & Luke 21:20–28	Tuesday, Num. 22:21–23:3 & Luke 22:24–46	Friday, Num. 27:12–23 & Luke 23:26–56
Monday, Num. 22:1–20 & Luke 22:1–23	Wednesday, Num. 23:4–28 & Luke 22:47–71	Saturday, Num. 32:1–6, 16–27 & Luke 24:1–27
	Thursday, Num. 24:1–25 & Luke 23:1–25	

Weekly Offerings

Last Week's In-person Attendance: 291
Unified Received: \$12,110.38
Other Contributions: \$1,250.00
TOTAL: \$13,360.38
Weekly Unified Needed: \$14,875.00
YTD Unified Giving: \$588,248.02
YTD Budgeted Unified Need: \$623,653.87

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 book of Revelation.
- ✚ **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.**
- ✚ **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 taking a break. See you in the fall!

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

May 28:	Every One His Witness
June 4:	Open
June 11:	Parish Life/VBS
June 21:	Open
June 28:	Open

Contact us: 608-742-9000

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