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# *The Cornerstone*

**850 Armstrong St.  
Portage, WI 53901**

Address Service Requested

**October 2023**

## **Worship Times**

### **Saturdays:**

5:30 p.m.

### **Sundays:**

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

### **Wednesdays:**

10:00 a.m.

**Service of Word and Sacrament**

**Service of Word and Sacrament  
Coffee Hour and Fellowship,  
Church Christian Life Center**

**Service of Word and Sacrament**

**Chapel, Church Sanctuary**

## **Weekly Events**

### **Sundays:**

9:15 a.m.

### **Mondays:**

9:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

### **Wednesdays:**

9:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

### **Thursdays:**

9:00 a.m.

### **Fridays:**

**Praise Band Practice, Church Sanctuary**

**Strong Bodies, Church Narthex  
GriefShare, Church CLC**

**Walkie Talkies, Levee Rd  
Weekly Announcements Deadline  
churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com**

**Handbell Choir, Church Balcony  
Adult Choir, Church Balcony**

**Strong Bodies, Church Narthex  
Church Office Closed**

## **Weekly Christian Education and Bible Studies**

### **Sundays:**

9:15 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

### **Tuesdays:**

6:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

### **Wednesdays:**

4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

### **Thursdays:**

8:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

**Christian Ed Hour, Church Christian Life Center**

**Sunday School, School Cafeteria**

**Late Sunday Morning Bible Study,  
All Purpose Room**

**Men's Bible Class, Portage Airport**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study,  
Church Christian Life Center**

**Jr. Youth Group, School Gym**

**Sr. Youth Group, School Gym**

**Confirmation Class,  
Church Christian Life Center**

**Esther Bible Study, Church Christian Life Center**

**Rachel Bible Study,  
Church Christian Life Center**

**Thirsty Souls Bible Study,  
Church Christian Life Center**

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 opt. 4.

# 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](http://cph.org).



## OF PRAYER

### The Lord's Prayer (part 2)

In the second place, we should be the more urged and incited to pray because God has also added a promise, and declared that it shall surely be done to us as we pray, as He says Ps. 50, 15: *Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee. And Christ in the Gospel of St. Matthew, 7, 7: Ask, and it shall be given you. For every one that asketh receiveth.* Such promises ought certainly to encourage and kindle our hearts to pray with pleasure and delight, since He testifies with His [own] word that our prayer is heartily pleasing to Him, moreover, that it shall assuredly be heard and granted, in order that we may not despise it or think lightly of it, and pray at a venture.

This you can hold up to Him and say: Here I come, dear Father, and pray, not of my own purpose nor upon my own worthiness, but at Thy commandment and promise, which cannot fail or deceive me. Whoever, therefore, does not believe this promise must know again that he excites God to anger as a person who most highly dishonors Him and reproaches Him with falsehood.

Besides this, we should be incited and drawn to prayer because in addition to this commandment and promise God anticipates us, and Himself arranges the words and form of

prayer for us, and places them upon our lips as to how and what we should pray, that we may see how heartily He pities us in our distress, and may never doubt that such prayer is pleasing to Him and shall certainly be answered; which [the Lord's Prayer] is a great advantage indeed over all other prayers that we might compose ourselves. For in them the conscience would ever be in doubt and say: I have prayed, but who knows how it pleases Him, or whether I have hit upon the right proportions and form? Hence there is no nobler prayer to be found upon earth than the Lord's Prayer which we daily pray, because it has this excellent testimony, that God loves to hear it, which we ought not to surrender for all the riches of the world.

And it has been prescribed also for this reason that we should see and consider the distress which ought to urge and compel us to pray without ceasing. For whoever would pray must have something to present, state, and name which he desires; if not, it cannot be called a prayer.

Therefore we have rightly rejected the prayers of monks and priests, who howl and growl day and night like fiends; but none of them think of praying for a hair's breadth of anything. And if we would assemble all the churches, together with all ecclesiastics, they would be obliged to confess that they have never from the heart prayed for even a drop of wine. For none of them has ever purposed to pray from obedience to God and faith in His promise, nor has any one regarded any distress, but (when they had done their best) they thought no further than this, to do a good work, whereby they might repay God, as being unwilling to take anything from Him, but wishing only to give Him something.

But where there is to be a true prayer, there must be earnestness. Men must feel their distress, and such distress as presses them and compels them to call and cry out; then prayer will be made spontaneously, as it ought to be, and men will require no teaching how to prepare for it and to attain to the proper devotion. But the distress which ought to concern us most, both as regards ourselves and every one, you will find abundantly set forth in the Lord's Prayer. Therefore it is to serve also to remind us of the same, that we contemplate it and lay it to heart, lest we become remiss in prayer. For we all have enough that we lack, but the great want is that we do not feel nor see it. Therefore God also requires that you lament and plead such necessities and wants, not because He does not know them, but that you may kindle your heart to stronger and greater desires, and make wide and open your cloak to receive much.

Therefore, every one of us should accustom himself from his youth daily to pray for all his wants, whenever he is sensible of anything affecting his interests or that of other people among whom he may live, as for preachers, the government, neighbors, domestics, and always (as we have said) to hold up to God His commandment and promise, knowing that He will not have them disregarded. This I say because I would like to see these things brought home again to the people that they might learn to pray truly, and not go about coldly and indifferently, whereby they become daily more unfit for prayer; which is just what the devil desires, and for what he



works with all his powers. For he is well aware what damage and harm it does him when prayer is in proper practice.

For this we must know, that all our shelter and protection rest in prayer alone. For we are far too feeble to cope with the devil and all his power and adherents that set themselves against us, and they might easily crush us under their feet. Therefore we must consider and take up those weapons with which Christians must be armed in order to stand against the devil. For what do you think has hitherto accomplished such great things, has checked or quelled the counsels, purposes, murder, and riot of our enemies, whereby the devil thought to crush us, together with the Gospel, except that the prayer of a few godly men intervened like a wall of iron on our side? They should else have witnessed a far different tragedy, namely, how the devil would have destroyed all Germany in its own blood. But now they may confidently deride it and make a mock of it; however, we shall nevertheless be a match

both for themselves and the devil by prayer alone, if we only persevere diligently and not become slack. For whenever a godly Christian prays: Dear Father, let Thy will be done, God speaks from on high and says: Yes, dear child, it shall be so, in spite of the devil and all the world.

Let this be said as an exhortation, that men may learn, first of all, to esteem prayer as something great and precious, and to make a proper distinction between babbling and praying for something. For we by no means reject prayer, but the bare, useless howling and murmuring we reject, as Christ Himself also rejects and prohibits long palavers. Now we shall most briefly and clearly treat of the Lord's Prayer. Here there is comprehended in seven successive articles, or petitions, every need which never ceases to relate to us, and each so great that it ought to constrain us to keep praying it all our lives.

## Evangelism Outreach Cookout



On Saturday, August 19, the Board of Evangelism hosted a free community cookout at the Cattail Lodge in Portage. We visited with nearly 30 thankful people that enjoyed a lunch of brats, hotdogs, chips and tasty desserts. We shared the Good News about Jesus, distributed Bibles and invited folks to worship and Bible class.

Several individuals were hurting and suffering from loss of job, days of binge drinking, and not seeing children after divorce. God's Word has brought hope, comfort, and peace to them all. All glory goes to Jesus for this outreach.

Food was also distributed to the River Haven Homeless shelter which several families very much appreciated.

Special thanks to those who provided treats from our congregation. Many admired our sweets table. Thanks to Jesse Jahn and Dennis and Karen Riewe for assistance with setup and tear down.

As this new school year begins, let's keep an eye out for our neighbors. Many are facing very challenging times with health, food, finances, etc. Your smile and/or your offer to help them could make all the difference in their lives. You may be the encouragement they needed.

If you wish to learn more about witnessing about Jesus using the LASSIE approach (listen, ask, seek, share, invite, and encourage), consider attending an Every One His Witness session.





# Meet the TEACHER



Mrs. Jonas

## Welcome

Welcome to Mrs. Jonas'  
Math & Reading Room!

I am excited to be your teacher. We will have lots of fun learning many new things this year. I can't wait to get to know all of you better and I am sure we will have a great year together.

## About Me

This is my second year at St. John's and I love teaching. I grew up in Pardeeville, and live there now with my husband, two sons, and our dog Bella. We spend lots of time outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, and swimming. I have had many jobs from being a Scuba Divemaster to a Beekeeper. I look forward to sharing my fun adventures with you all.

## Contact Info.

Don't hesitate to reach out:

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## My Favorites:

Subject: Math  
Food: Buffalo Wings  
Color: Orange  
Animal: Hammer Head  
Hobbies: Hunting,  
Fishing, and Beekeeping  
Treat: Sour Mike & Ikes



## meet the TEACHER



## welcome

I am so excited for this school year! Please feel free to reaching out to me any time.

## favorites

Snack: Chicago  
Style Popcorn  
Candy: Snickers  
Hobby: Crafting  
Book: Nibbles  
Drink: Coffee

## hello!



## about me

I graduated from Olivet Nazarene University with a degree in Elementary Education. This is my 7<sup>th</sup> year teaching Kindergarten. I enjoy spending time with my family. I have three children: Hannah (5), Isaac (3), and Rebekah (10 months).

## contact

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608-742-9000 ext. 111

# Deaconess Program

## Q & A

Since people are curious about the deaconess program, I thought we could address them in a Q & A format, based on questions I've been asked recently.

Q: Are you finished with your deaconess studies?

A: No. The online deaconess program through Concordia Seminary in St. Louis lasts for four years before certification, with an optional fifth year to receive a master's degree. When you read this, I will have started my first class for year three.

Q: How was your summer break?

A: There is no big summer break for the online deaconess students. We take classes year round with a few weeks break in between semesters. Our biggest break is after our fall class, when we don't have class (officially) between Thanksgiving and January. However, we are given prep work to do before our January class, since that one is an intensive where we meet every weekday for two weeks.

Q: How long does your internship last? Isn't that usually just a summer or a semester?

A: In other areas of study, that is true, but in this program, the internship lasts four years. In the residential deaconess program, they study for two years (more intensive studies) and then use the third year as an internship year. For this program, your internship runs concurrent with your studies.

Q: What are you doing for your internship here at St. John's? Are you still teaching at the school?

A: I am not teaching at the school. Because the internship is

divided into four years, my expectations also change each year. I have been doing some one-on-one visitations with individuals, mentoring, leading Bible study, writing articles, devotions, and a grant, overseeing a worker wellness initiative, teaching confirmation classes, and more. By the time I'm finished, I will have a well-rounded experience in different parts of the life of the congregation and in other ministries. I also serve in another concurrent internship for the Office of International Mission, but usually deaconess students only have one internship at a time.

Q: How many hours a week do you spend on deaconess stuff?

A: I spend about ten hours per week on just the homework side of things, two hours in class (online), and, depending on the workload for the week, about fourteen hours a week for my internship hours.

Q: This sounds interesting, but I'm too old to start something like this now, right?

A: No. I am definitely not the oldest person in the online deaconess program. Being online and not having to be on campus often (only three times in the four years) works well for people of any age, but especially for those who don't want to move and spend all day in classes.

Q: How can I learn more about the program?

A: You can talk to me about it. I'm glad to connect you with the resources you need to answer specific questions. You can also visit this link: <https://www.csl.edu/academics/programs/online-deaconess-studies-ods/>

Stephenie Hovland  
Deaconess Intern



## *Grandparent's Day at St. John's Lutheran School*

Grandparents, mark your calendars for Friday, October 27 to spend time with your grandkids at school. It will be a fun-filled day to remember.

The school is also looking for volunteer grandparents to share the day with some of our students who do not have grandparents close by.

Contact school office if interested at [schooloffice@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:schooloffice@stjohnsportage.com) or call 608-742-9000 press 3.



# Church Word: Peace

Every culture has a different way of greeting. We say “hello” informally, “Good morning,” “Good afternoon,” and “Good evening.” The Romans said, “Salve” (“be well”) The Greeks said, *kairote* (be joyful) From ancient times, the Hebrews, and now Israelis, says *shalom* (peace, be well, whole and complete) They also say *shalom* when they say “Goodbye.”

When we say “peace,” we mean that everything is calm, that we are not at war and all is calm. In God’s Word, it is much more than that. Peace means everything is right with our world. Peace begins with our relationship with God. It comes from knowing he loves us, cares for us, will be with us always and know we will live with him forever. No matter what else is wrong in our world, nothing can take away our peace. Peace is what Adam and Eve had in Eden, when God saw all that he made and said it is “very good!”

Yet sin makes peace on earth nearly impossible to find. Theologians say that we are “curved in on ourselves.” Sin makes us think of what pleases us, to seek our own interests over others and to run over anything that gets in our way. This outlook on life puts us in conflict with God, with others and with our world. It is the source of evil, sickness, grief and death. No matter what we do, we cannot reconcile with God or each other on our own power. Selfishness is a part of

everything we think and do. Death rules and fear of it colors all we are.

To bring peace, God’s Son, the Prince of Peace, became one of us. He lived his life in perfect harmony with his Father. He offered himself to pay the price of our rebellion and warfare against God. He reconciled us with God by his own blood. In his body, all walls that separate us from God and each other fell. We now are at peace with God, even in this world of war.

Soon the day will come when the Prince of Peace returns to rule. Then he will once and for all bring an end to sin, death and the power of the devil. God himself will live with us. No more will there be sin, sorrow, grief and pain. All these things will pass away as he makes all things new. Then peace will reign and God will again say, “See! It is very good!”

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## Enlightened with His Gifts



Everyone loves receiving gifts. They show us that we are appreciated and that someone was thinking about us. This is true even when it comes from someone you love. Of course, a young woman loves to receive an engagement ring. It not only shows her that her boyfriend cares about her, but it

carries with it a promise. The day soon will come when he will make her his bride. It is filled with visions of a happy life, children and the hope that she will not be alone as long as they both live. It is likely the ring is not the first gift that she received from him or gave to him. And it will not be the last. Yet she would never consider returning a gift from her beloved. Each new gift comes with the same reminder that she is loved.

God the Holy Spirit gives us many gifts. The Means of Grace are the most precious of them. While they are simple in form — written words on a page or said by a man, water poured on your head, bread and wine eaten with other very ordinary people — they are precious gifts. All of them come with the power of the Holy Spirit to create faith in our hearts, make a new Adam or Eve within us who loves God and wants to serve him and gives us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. In the waters of baptism, we are adopted as God’s children. With the bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper, with eat the body of our Lord broken on the cross to pay for our sins and drink the blood of the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. In Absolution, we hear the words of Jesus that our sins are forgiven in the voice of the one sent to say them to us.

These are gifts that produce more gifts. love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These gifts serve God and our neighbors and testify that God is indeed good. (Galatians 5:22-23)

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>01</b>	Steven Rohrbeck Mikayla Thompson	<b>08</b>	Betty Tessmann	<b>18</b>	Lora Foster
<b>02</b>	Alice Atkinson Steven Dehn Sandy Hall Mary Perry Cindy Smith	<b>09</b>	Dean Jonas Melissa Kiefer	<b>19</b>	Kenneth Chvojicek Andrea Nilson Terri Soppe
<b>03</b>	George Jonson Susan Jones	<b>10</b>	Verona Gray Douglas Severson Steven Zimmerman	<b>20</b>	Kerry Dehmlow Rebecca Evers Marcus Herwig Keelyn Krueger Orin Leege Kendal Thomson
<b>04</b>	Carrie Conway Cory Herwig Barbara Jones Lawson Swearingen	<b>11</b>	Gavin Jonas Phillip Kleist Isabelle Nummerdor Julie Witt	<b>21</b>	Kathleen Mael
<b>05</b>	Mekah Erdmann Jody Hornat Nancy Malloy Conrad Olson Janet Schoppenhorst Brody Wolfgram	<b>12</b>	Emily Eicher Melissa Horan Jennifer Kinzler Jamie Moll	<b>22</b>	Leona Brockopp Cora Coullard Beverly Hornischer
<b>06</b>	James Fredrick Kelly Hangeman Hayden Schwartz Nancy Zuhlke	<b>13</b>	Dean Malloy	<b>23</b>	Marion Beahm Marilyn Jahn
<b>07</b>	Owen Daily Tammy Mootz Tiffany Veach	<b>14</b>	Dennis Powers Jean Smith	<b>25</b>	Joan McConochie
		<b>15</b>	Phyllis Zimmerman	<b>26</b>	Connie Streich
		<b>16</b>	Deb Bauman Donna Jones Cassandra Krebs Deagen Krueger William Lorenz Danielle Rabl	<b>27</b>	Bowdyn Krueger Amanda Olson Shirley Palmquist
		<b>17</b>	Leland Kershaw	<b>28</b>	Shirley Anacker
				<b>29</b>	Judith Broesch
				<b>31</b>	Gary Schoppenhorst Lindsay Walker

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## October 1

♥ Scott and Tanya Jones

## October 2

♥ Todd and Kara Rietmann

♥ Matthew and Amy Schlinkert

## October 3

♥ Paul and Michele Lendobeja

## October 6

♥ Scott and Vickie Bublit

♥ Shane and Carol Kraucyk

♥ Chad and Amanda Steinle

## October 8

♥ Ronald and Debra Thompson

## October 9

♥ Matt and Catharine Daily

## October 16

♥ Gordon and Jeanette DeZoute

♥ Brian and Jessica Thompson

## October 17

♥ Patrick and Joanne Haeefe

♥ Donald and Lucinda Stanford

## October 18

♥ Clarence and Janice York

## October 21

♥ Donald and Gail Schultz

## October 23

♥ Martin and Gretchen Hintz

## October 24

♥ Roger and Patricia Baerwolf

*Love* one another with genuine  
affection, and take delight in

*Honoring* one another.

*Romans 12:10*

## October 27

♥ Joseph and Josephine Daniels

## October 28

♥ Dennis and Connie Streich

## October 29

♥ Derek and Hallie Cardinal

♥ Kraig and Amy Windus

## October 30

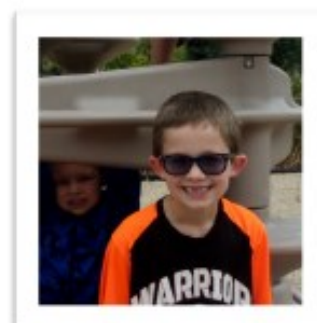
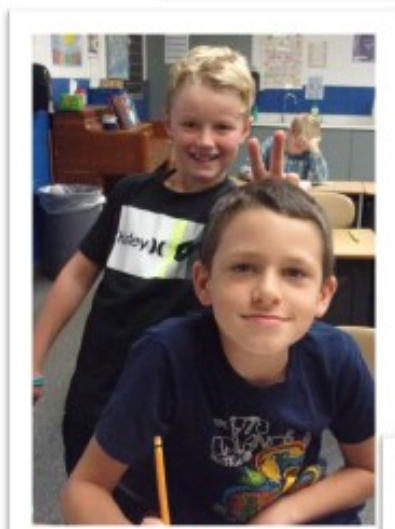
♥ Jeremy and Jennifer Popp

## October 31

♥ David and Claudia Fritz

## Crusader News

# Pictures of the Week





# REFORMATION DAY POTLUCK

**Sunday, October 29  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**St. John's Lutheran School—Gym  
Join us for lunch, games, fellowship &  
the Packers vs Vikings game.**

**Doors open at 9:00 a.m. to drop off food.**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023  
2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.**

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN MINISTRIES' PARKING LOT  
JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN !**

# St. John's Ministries Monthly and Special Event Calendar

October—10

## October

- M 02 Health and Wellness**  
11:00 a.m., Church Christian Life Center
- Th 05 Heritage House Monthly Worship**  
11:00 a.m., Heritage House
- Su 08 Blood Pressure Screening**  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Church Nursery
- M 09 Tivoli Monthly Worship**  
10:00 a.m., Tivoli  
**New Member and Refresher Class**  
6:15 p.m.–7:30 p.m., Church Narthex
- Tu 10 Executive Committee**  
6:00 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
- F 13 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*
- Tu 17 Board for Christian Education,**  
6:30 p.m., School Cafeteria
- Th 19 Columbia County Health Care Monthly Worship**  
11:00 a.m., Columbia County Health Care
- F 20 No School**
- M 25 Board of Finance**  
4:30 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
- F 27 Grandparents' Day**  
8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., School
- Su 29 Reformation Day Potluck**  
11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m., School Gym  
**Trunk-or-Treat**  
2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m., Church Parking Lot
- M 30 New Member and Refresher Class**  
6:15 p.m.–7:30 p.m., Church Narthex

## November (proposed)

- Th 02 Heritage House Monthly Worship**  
11:00 a.m., Heritage House
- F03 No School**
- F 10 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*
- Sa 11 Family Game Night**  
6:30 p.m., School Cafeteria
- Su 12 Blood Pressure Screening**  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Church Nursery
- M 13 Tivoli Monthly Worship**  
10:00 a.m., Tivoli  
**New Member and Refresher Class**  
6:15 p.m.–7:30 p.m., Church Narthex
- Tu 14 Executive Committee**  
6:00 p.m., Church Christian Life Center
- W 15 Cake Roll Delivery**  
3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., School
- Th 16 Columbia County Health Care Monthly Worship**  
11:00 a.m., Columbia County Health Care
- Tu 21 School Spelling Bee**  
10:00 a.m., School Gym  
**Board for Christian Education**  
6:30 p.m., School Cafeteria  
**LWML**  
6:30 p.m., Church All Purpose Room
- W 22 No School**  
**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
6:30 p.m., Church Sanctuary
- Th 23 Happy Thanksgiving!**  
**All Ministries offices closed**  
**No School**
- F 24 No School**  
**Portage Holiday Lighted Parade**  
5:00 p.m., TBD
- Su 26 Christmas Tree Decorating**  
11:30 a.m., Church Sanctuary
- M 27 Board of Finance**  
4:30 p.m., Church Christian Life Center  
**New Member and Refresher Class**  
6:15 p.m.–7:30 p.m., Church Narthex
- Tu 28 Board of Elders**  
6:00 p.m., Church Christian Life Center  
**Prayer Shawls**  
6:00 p.m., Church All Purpose Room
- W 29 Advent Dinner hosted by Youth Group**  
5:30 p.m., Church CLC  
**Advent Worship Service**  
6:30 p.m., Church Christian Life Center

### Altar Guild Schedule

1. Judy Raimer  
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2. Marie Raimer  
566-6772, mlraimer@hotmail.com



# It's in the Way that You Use It

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
LCMS Stewardship Ministry  
Newsletter Article – October 2023

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat pad-dle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or de-ceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Je-hovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has giv-en to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)

## August Memorials and Offerings

**Undesignated**  
\$495.00  
In memory of  
*Arlis Roetman*  
In memory of  
*Robert and Dorothy Johnson*

**School**  
\$40.00  
In memory of  
*Arlis Roetman*

<b>Unified Fund</b>	<b>\$57,997.42</b>	<b>School Tuition</b>	
<b>Capital</b>		<b>Relief</b>	<b>\$685.00</b>
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