



Worship Times

- ✠ Saturdays 5:30 p.m. — *Abbreviated service*
- ✠ Sundays 8:00 a.m. — *Communion at the rail*
- ✠ Sundays 10:30 a.m. — *Abbreviated service*

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

Weekly Events

Sunday (08)

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

Monday (09)

- 9:00 a.m. Strong Bodies, Church Narthex
- 10:00 a.m. Tivoli Monthly Worship
- 4:30 p.m. GriefShare, Church CLC
- 6:15 p.m. New Member Class, Church Narthex

Tuesday (10)

- 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 (11)

- 9:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, meet at Tamarack Chapel, Church Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Weekly Announcements Deadline, Email: churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
- 12:00 p.m. Jr. Youth Group, School Gym
- 4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir, Church Balcony
- 5:00 p.m. Adult Choir, Church Balcony
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. Youth Group, School Gym

Thursday (12)

- 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

Friday (13)

- Church office closed
- 12:00 p.m. Cornerstone Newsletter Deadline, Email: churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

Sunday (15)

- 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.

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?

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):
Verona Gray, celebrating her 105 birthday and the baptism of her great-grandchildren, *Carlin Dussault*, *Aubrey Hensler*, and *Ella Hinsler*.

Medical

Long-term Illness/Treatment:

George Koepp, *Stacie Wheeler*, *Tom Waddell*,
Ellowyn Kershaw,
Lani Kohrt (daughter-in-law of *Don* and *Carol Kohrt*)
Lisa Priske (daughter of *Betty Mootz*)
Jim Nummerdor (father of *Curt Nummerdor*)
Gary Tennyson (son of *Jim* and *Nola Tennyson*)

Mourning:

The Family of *William Davis* (Father of *Claudia Fairfield*)

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.

Get Involved!

Board of Trustees is responsible for the physical properties of the congregation. We would like to have two project days per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. Any member of the congregation can join. Chairperson *Curt Nummerdor* C: 920-210-5679 nummerdor@yahoo.com

GriefShare

GriefShare – Surviving the Holidays seminar

St. John's will host a Surviving the Holidays seminar on Thursday, November 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. A \$10.00 free-will donation to cover the cost of participant materials is appreciated.

The Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
How to discover hope for your future

For information or to register, you may contact the church office at churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com.

Blood Pressure Checks

St. John's Health & Wellness Ministry will be offering blood pressure checks at church on this Sunday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m.

We follow the Health and Human Services guidelines for Columbia County, which recommends that everyone wear a mask. We will sanitize surfaces between clients and provide masks.

Stop by our table in the coat area and sign up!

LWML

LWML invites you to the Zone 16 Fall Gathering at Good Shepherd by the Lake Lutheran Church in Stoughton on Saturday, October 14. Registration and coffee start at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:00 a.m.

We will have a Bible study, sharing of LWML activities, a speaker, and lunch. Additionally, we will be collecting bras, socks, and underwear for the Stoughton Area Dignity Drive. All sizes are need for children and adults. Donation items must be new and in packages.

Pastor Rod Armon will be our speaker. He will be sharing his experiences as a military Chaplain. We will conclude around noon.

Come and join us!

For ride info, please contact Theresa 608-697-0509

Grandparent's Day!

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 or call 608-742-9000 press 3.

Save the date!

Join us for a Reformation Day Pot Luck on October 29 after the 10:30 service. Please bring a dish to pass. Sign ups are in the back of the church. Can't wait to see you there!

Come have fun with Trunk-or-Treating October 29 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.! We're asking participants from the CDC, School, and Church to decorate the backs of their vehicles or even just a parking space. Everyone is invited to wander around collecting goodies, playing games and enjoying the fun! Sign ups are in the back of the church. Any questions contact Emily or Melissa at parishlife@stjohnsportage.com. Can't wait to see you there!

Support our Ministries

Support St. John's while you shop!

Shop for gift cards with RaiseRight. You can place your order on Tuesday and pick up on Thursday. Or, stop in the church office and pick up a card from our stock.

Visit: raiserright.com

Click: **Sign Up**

Enrollment Code: **Please call the church office, 608-742-9000 for the enrollment code.**

Festival	\$25 & \$50
Kwik Trip	\$25, \$50, & \$100
Pizza Ranch	\$25
Walgreens	\$25
Walmart	\$25
Culvers	\$25
Portage Movie Theater	\$10

BoxTop\$ for Education is a great way to support St. John's School!

All you have to do is download the Box Tops for Education app and scan your receipt. It's that simple!



Bring your children to church.

- √ **Even if** you feel they are noisy.
- √ **Even when** they lie on the floor and roll around.
- √ **Even if** their crayons roll 6 pews ahead of you and they decide to crawl under the pews after them.
- √ **Even if** it takes 589 Goldfish crackers and 2 bags of fruit snacks to keep them quiet.
- √ **Even if** you have to walk out and take a breather in the nursery.
- √ **Even if** you have to stand and sway back and forth with your tiny baby in the back of church.
- √ **Even if** your pew suddenly looks like a tornado blew through.
- √ **Even when** they yell out or cry during the sermon.

Jesus loves those children and wants them in church! Church will not always be easy, but He provides you the patience and wisdom to parent in that hour of church.

Let them see you pray. Let them see you sing the hymns and liturgy. Let them see you worship your Savior. If they don't see and learn those things from you, who are they going to learn from?

Check out the Kids in the Divine Service booklets located by the busy bags.

Project Connect

Project Connect, from Lutheran Hour Ministries, is an excellent evangelism resource. It gives congregations and individuals an outreach program that works and is easy to maintain. This app not only allows you to download and share these great resources, but to listen to high quality recordings as well.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)!

It's so exciting to share that our new outreach group is making progress! Recent high school graduates were sent outreach cards, encouraging them to stay connected to St. John's members.

YAM is also working on reaching out to the confirmation class and youth groups. While family is always important, research has proven that if young people have a positive connection with other unrelated adults, the young adult is much better able to thrive. Also, many church members miss the young adults who move away. Let's stay connected!

Please consider reaching out to any young adult who you are missing and join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, November 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the CLC.** Contact Danielle at 608-697-3560 for more information. Hope you can join us!

Youth Ministries

All youth are invited to join us for fun and fellowship.

Sunday School (ages 3-3rd grade) meets Sundays from 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. in St. John's School Cafeteria. Lessons are based on the weekly readings. There will be games, Bible lessons, and snacks.

Jr. Youth Group (grades 4-7) meets on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in St. John's School. The focus of Jr. Youth Group is Luther's Small Catechism to help prepare for confirmation. There will be pizza and games to help us learn God's Word.

Senior Youth Group (grades 8-12) meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in St. John's School Gym. The focus of Senior Youth Group is being equipped with God's armor.

Pumpkin Cake Rolls!

Now that we have your attention... St. John's Lutheran Ministries is selling Joyful Traditions cake rolls to raise money for updating and maintaining the new playground. You can order your cake rolls from a St. John's student at the school or CDC, the school office, or the church office. **The sale ends on October 23.** The cake rolls will arrive on November 15, just in time for Thanksgiving.

Price per cake roll: \$17.00

(payment is due at the time of order)

Available flavors: Carrot Cake, Chocolate Crème, Lemon Crème, Pumpkin, Red Velvet, and Strawberry Cheesecake. Each cake roll will serve 8 people.

Community Events

Join River Haven Homeless Shelter for Tip Night at Pizza Ranch in Portage on October 11 from 4:00-8:00!

Tips raised at this event will go directly to River Haven.

Portage Airport Fly In/Drive In Chili Feed 2023

When: Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Portage Municipal Airport

Cost: \$8.00

Includes: Chili, bread, drinks, and all the fixings.

Daily Lectionary

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

Sunday,
Deut. 7:1-19 &
Matt. 10:1-23

Monday,
Deut. 8:1-20 &
Matt. 7:1-12

Tuesday,
Deut. 9:1-22 &
Matt. 11:1-19

Wednesday,
Deut. 9:23-10:22
&
Matt. 11:20-30

Thursday,
Deut. 11:1-25 &
Matt. 12:1-21

Friday,
Deut. 11:26-12:12
&
Matt. 12:22-37

Saturday,
Deut. 12:13-32 &
Matt. 12:38-50

Life Thoughts

October 8 – Pentecost XIX (Proper 22A) – The psalmist openly rejoices that Almighty God cherishes every human life He creates. “Let your hand be on ... the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself” (Psalm 80:17). The same Lord invites us to delight in receiving one another as gifts and privileges—no matter what size, skills, or circumstances. Why settle for bloodshed when we can have justice (Isaiah 5:7)?

Stewardship Thoughts

Matthew 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

1 Timothy 1:15

Weekly Offerings

October 1 In-person Attendance: 269
Unrestricted Unified Received: \$12,335.00
Restricted Contributions Received: \$835.00
TOTAL: \$13,170.00

Weekly Unrestricted Unified Needed: \$12,885.00
YTD Unrestricted Unified Giving: \$170,478.78
YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Unified Need: \$180,390.00
(week 14)

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 Luther's Catechism: The Lutheran Confessions Series produced by Concordia Publishing House.
- ✚ **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 Romans.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **Thirsty Souls meets Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.**

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

October 8:	Altar Guild
October 15:	Open

Contact us: 608-742-9000

Church:
option 4
Office Hours:
M—Th 8:00a–3:30p
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