



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 (05) 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

- Monday (06) 9:00 a.m. Strong Bodies, Church Narthex
9:30 a.m. Praise Band, Church APR
4:30 p.m. GriefShare, Church CLC

- Tuesday (07) 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Portage Airport
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Church CLC
6:00 p.m. Board of Stewards, Church CLC

- Wednesday (08) 9:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, meet at St. John's 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. Handbells, Church Balcony
5:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry (YAM), Church CLC
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Church Balcony
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Church CLC
6:30 p.m. Sr. Youth Group, School Gym

- Thursday (09) 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Study, Church CLC
9:00 a.m. Strong Bodies, Church Narthex
10:15 a.m. Rachel Bible Study, Church CLC

- Friday (10) 12:00 p.m. Church office closed
Cornerstone Newsletter Deadline, Email: churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

- Saturday (11) 6:30 p.m. Family Game Night, School Cafeteria

- Sunday (12) 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

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?

Four horizontal lines for writing the answer to the first question.

What solution (gospel) was presented for the problem?

Four horizontal lines for writing the answer to the second question.

What part of the sermon did you find easiest to remember?

Four horizontal lines for writing the answer to the third question.

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):

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) Kristen Ruchala (sister of Nicole Brockway)

Mourning:

The family of *Marilyn Jahn*
The family of Jason Bryant Sr. (cousin of *Nicole Brockway*)

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.

School Sports Calendar

Boys Basketball

Tuesday, November 7

5:00 p.m. -vs- St. Mary's, St. John's School Gym

Thursday, November 16

5:00 p.m. @ St. John's Baraboo

Monday, November 20

5:00 p.m. @ St. Peter's Reedsburg

Tuesday, November 21

5:00 p.m. -vs- Sacred Heart, St. John's School Gym

Thank you!

Thank you to all our chefs and cooks out there who bring food for funerals and other events. We have an amazing congregation and amazing volunteers. If you brought food for a funeral or other event, your dishes are located in the Christian Life Center kitchen.

Note from Pastor Hovland

Redeemer Lutheran Church (Springfield/Nixa, Missouri) has extended a divine call to Pastor Hovland. As he now has two calls to consider, St. John's and Redeemer, he pledges to consider both seriously. He will have a decision by November 26. Please pray for all involved.

Correction of Week 17 Offerings

October 22

Unrestricted Unified Received: \$12,845.70

Restricted Contributions Received: \$1,585.00

TOTAL: \$14,430.70

Weekly Unrestricted Unified Needed: \$12,885.00

YTD Unrestricted Unified Giving: \$195,335.23

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Unified Need: \$219,045.00 (week 17)

Blood Pressure Checks

St. John's Health & Wellness Ministry will be offering blood pressure checks at church on Sunday, November 12 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!

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. Let's stay connected!

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!

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.

Children in Church

To the parents of young children, may we suggest:

God gave children vibrant energy that sometimes causes them to wiggle and make noise. They belong right here with God's people where you have so faithfully brought them. Stick with it!

Feel free to sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the service, and the actions of the pastor, ushers, singers, etc. **Check out the Kids in the Divine Service booklets located by the busy bags.**

Sing the songs and participate in the prayers and responses. Children learn how to worship by watching you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

To the members of our church:

Children are a gift, not a distraction. The sound of children in the church is the sound of Jesus keeping his promises; it is the should of his church that lives on and never dies. Please welcome children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

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

You're Invited

Please join us to celebrate our House Blessing on Sunday November 5 at 2:00PM at our new home!

Ron and Dawn Mueller, 2528 Airport Road Portage, WI 53901

Reminder

Please be considerate of our disabled worshipers' 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.

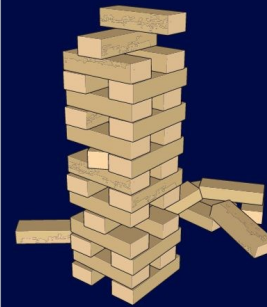
Game Time!



**FAMILY
GAME
NIGHT!**



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 11
6:30 P.M.
SCHOOL
CAFETERIA**



LWML

LWML meets on Tuesday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. We will talk about how to support mission work right here at St. John's. Join us and bring your mite box and a friend.

Save the Date

Join us for **Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m.**

Don't miss the Portage Holiday Lighted Parade!

Join Parish Life in the parade **Friday, November 24.** Look for more details on time and where to meet in future weekly announcements.

Parish Life invites you to help decorate the Christmas Tree. Join them on **Sunday, November 26 at 11:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.**

Advent midweek services are held Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. **starting November 29.**

The Christmas Choral Vesper Service will be held on **Saturday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m.** Come and share the Advent message and special music by the Handbells and the Adult Choir.

School Christmas Program, Connected to the Promise, **Wednesday, December 20th at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.,** St. John's Lutheran Church

Daily Lectionary

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

Sunday, Jer. 7:1–29 & Matt. 23:1–12	Tuesday, Jer. 11:1–23 & Matt. 24:1–28	Friday, Jer. 23:1–20 & Matt. 25:14–30
Monday, Jer. 8:18–9:12 & Matt. 24:1–28	Wednesday, Jer. 20:1–18 & Matt. 24:29–51	Saturday, Jer. 23:21–40 & Matt. 25:31–46
	Thursday, Jer. 22:1–23 & Matt. 25:1–13	

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. in the Christian Life Center.** 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.
- ✠ **Rachel Bible Study meets Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. in the Christian Life Center.** We are currently watching and discussing My First Trip to Israel by Sheila Walsh.

Weekly Offerings

October 29 In-person Attendance: 322
Unrestricted Unified Received: \$23,400.00
Restricted Contributions Received: \$405.00
TOTAL: \$23,805.00
Weekly Unrestricted Unified Needed: \$12,885.00
YTD Unrestricted Unified Giving: \$218,735.23
YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Unified Need: \$231,930.00 (week 18)

Life Thoughts

November 5 – Pentecost XXIII (Proper 26A) – The Lord our God has given us sexuality for relationship, family, and community. These matters cannot become merely private choices or personal preferences. What we do with our bodies also affects our neighbors (1 Thessalonians 4:3-6). Abortion reveals that lust always leads to destruction. Marriage and parenting prove we do not need abortion – indeed, these gifts leave us no room for it!

Stewardship Thoughts

Matthew 5:7 – “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

Revelation 21:4

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

November 5:

Open

November 12:

Open

Contact us: 608-742-9000

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option 4
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