

5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

8:00 Special Music Adult Choir

Announcements (if any)

The Peace of The Lord

Hymn

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets" LSB 583

8:00 Remembering Our Baptism LSB 268

Anthony Theodore Hillis is being baptized today!

Confession and Absolution

Kyrie LSB 152

Hymn of Praise "This Is the Feast" LSB 155

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

5:30 Special Music Upper Choir

8:00 Special Music Adult Choir

Holy Gospel Luke 4:31-44

Hymn of the Day

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB 842

Sermon

5:30 Apostles' Creed

Prayers

Offering / Offertory

5:30 Special Music Upper Choir

Preface / Sanctus LSB 160

5:30 Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Hymns

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" LSB 729

"God of Grace and God of Glory" LSB 850

5:30 Special Music Upper Choir

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Hymn

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922

10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Announcements (if any)

The Peace of The Lord

Song

"You Never Let Go"

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Holy Gospel Luke 4:31-44

Song

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Sermon

Offering Song

"Dear Jesus"

Prayer of the Church

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution

"Grace Flows Down"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

Serving the Worshipping Community Today

Organist: Sara Jakeman

Lectors: Dorothy Lambert (5:30); Doug Jacoby (8:00);
Leah Smith (10:30)

5:30 Special Music: Upper Choir dir. by Gretchen Hintz
"Praise the Lord, You Peoples"

"Come, Sing Allelu!"

"Luther's Evening Prayer"

8:00 Special Music: Adult Choir dir. by Kathy Gerstenkorn
"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

"By Our Love"

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:31-44

And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Holy Communion Saint John's celebrates The Lord's Supper, knowing that "it is the true body and

blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." In this meal, we receive the forgiveness of sins. It strengthens our union with Christ and one another. Our Lord invites to his table those baptized and instructed Christians who trust his words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love others as He forgives and loves us. Holy Communion is also a public testimony of our unity of faith. Please speak to the pastor before communing if you intend to receive the sacrament, but you are not yet instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, in doubt, or hold a different teaching from this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, all individuals who commune should first spiritually examine and prepare themselves before communing. A self-examination includes the following questions:

- Do I believe I am a sinner?
- Do I, by the power of the Holy Spirit, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior?
- Do I believe Jesus' own words that I receive His true body and true blood in this meal?
- Do I, by the Holy Spirit, intend to change my sinful ways (repent)?

If you cannot say "yes" to these questions, please speak with the pastor privately before attending the Lord's Supper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Week of January 31, 2016

SUNDAY (31) THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 11:30 a.m. Youth Group, CDC

MONDAY (FEBRUARY 01)

- 4:00 p.m. Board of Stewards, APR
- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Tivoli

TUESDAY (02)

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
- 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study, Two Rivers Signs
- 6:30 p.m. Executive Committee, CLC
- 6:30 p.m. Sisters In Christ Bible Study, CDC

WEDNESDAY (03)

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Handbells, Balcony
- 6:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

THURSDAY (04)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
- 9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
- 10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Tivoli (DSH)
- 2:30 p.m. Worship @ Heritage House

FRIDAY (05)

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

SATURDAY (06) THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

- 5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

SUNDAY (07) THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 11:30 a.m. Youth Group, CDC

*Christian Education Hour This Week

Adult Bible Class, CLC • Study of Exodus, APR
Sunday School, School Gym

APR = All Purpose Room; CLC = Christian Life Center

CDC = St. John's Child Development Center

Also listed on www.stjohnsportage.com under "calendar" link.



Find us on
Facebook

Join the **St. John's Lutheran Ministries** group for
news, updates and daily encouragement!

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS @9:15

Pastor Hovland will lead Sunday Morning Bible study with us in the Christian Life Center. We hope to see you there for coffee, fellowship, and study!

STUDY OF THE EPISTLES This class is led by Dave Tamminga **Sunday mornings at 9:15** in the All-Purpose Room.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets Tuesday mornings at 9:15 and is led by Pastor Hovland. Come a few minutes early for treats and coffee.

THIRSTY SOULS BIBLE STUDY meets **Tuesdays, at 5:30 p.m.** at Two Rivers Signs (1316 Wauona Trail, Portage). Contact Marilyn Jahn at 617-7787.

SISTERS IN CHRIST BIBLE STUDY meets @ **6:30 pm Tuesday nights** to study *Heroes of the Faith* in the CDC lower level. All women are welcome. Contact Elaine Hull 742-2034.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets **Tuesday mornings at 6:00 a.m.** in the CLC. Contact Ken Manthey at 742-5216.

ESTHER BIBLE STUDY meets **Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m.** in the CLC. Contact Mary Loomans at 742-3972.

RACHEL BIBLE STUDY meets **Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** in the CLC. If you have questions, contact Gladys Chance @ 742-2014.

**Announcements to be printed must be in the church office no later than Wednesday NOON.*

*Before you
were formed,
I knew you.
Before you
were born,
I set you apart.*

- JEREMIAH 1:5

ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 411

Unified Received: \$9,789.61

Other Contributions: \$990.00

TOTAL: \$10,779.61

Weekly Unified Needed: \$13,781.00

ST. JOHN'S ELDER DIRECTORY

The Elders listed below are available to talk with and pray with you. Feel free to contact us wherever you are with whatever you may be going through. We CARE and are here for you:

Elder Gene Thompson 697-4786

Elder Ron Mueller 369-1845

Elder Bob Griepentrog 566-9810

Elder Al Volpentesta 697-9566

Elder Don Waukerhauser 617-6171

Elder Ray Wiser 617-6816

Elder Ken Chvojicek 697-2102

Head Elder Jim Atkinson 697-7052

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Names in bold face are members of St. John's)

Illness:

Delores Fandrich; Verona Gray; Jane Kaiser; James Mientke; Edmond Spaeth (*husband of Ray Wiser's sister-in-law*)

Hospitalized:

Tiffany Veach (*daughter of Ken and Marilyn Baars*)

Recovering:

Dennis Bennett; Veronica Clymer; Robert Hoffer; Joyce Mael; Kenneth Schwanz

Comfort & Healing:

Family and friends of **Melba Jonas**; family and friends of **James O'Neill**; family and friends of **Irene Zastrow**; family and friends of **Mary Zimmerman**

How Do I Get Someone on the Prayer List?

If you or someone you know would like to have your name added to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Individuals will remain for a 2-week period. Please keep us **updated on a regular basis.**

***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.**

ALSO: Please be sure that you have the permission of the individual before contacting the church office to add them to the public prayer list.



Marriage Milestones

No Milestone Anniversaries this week...



Thank you Irma and Jean for hosting this weekend. We encourage groups to host coffee hour on Sunday mornings so that individuals aren't overwhelmed. If you are involved in a Bible Study, Board or group that would like to host, please

contact the church office to sign up!

DONATIONS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR WILL BE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR NATIONAL YOUTH GROUP ATTENDEES!



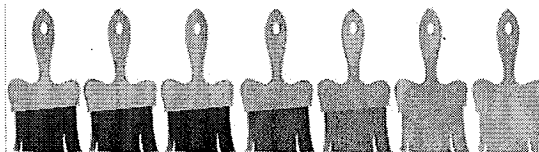
Feb 7	Adult Choir	Feb 21	Riewes & Jakemans
Feb 14	Pribnows & Norlands	Feb 28	Theresa Smith

Radio Ministry



Our **Sunday morning broadcast** of the previous Sunday service continues at 10:00 a.m. on WPDR

1350 AM. Broadcasts (\$50) as well as the order of service booklets (\$30) may be sponsored in honor or in memory of a special person or occasion. **Thank you to Phyllis Zimmerman for sponsoring this weekend's service booklets in memory of Mary Zimmerman.**



Are you able to help with some painting?

On Saturday, February 20, the Child Development Center could use your help freshening up the classrooms with some paint. Please contact either the Church or CDC office if you can lend a hand!

LOCAL resources

Steps of Change: Free Drug & Addiction Awareness Education Series in the Portage Library Education Room
 9:30-10 a/ Service Resource Fair • 10 a-Noon/ Speakers
 Saturday Series Schedule: **2/6:** Awareness & Prevention -Understanding Addiction and Prevention Efforts • **2/13:** Drugs & Legal Impacts-Drugs in Community and Legal Interactions • **2/20:** Addiction and the Family -Impacts on Family Members • **2/27:** Treatment & Recovery-Pathways to Treatment and Recovery

**You're
Invited**

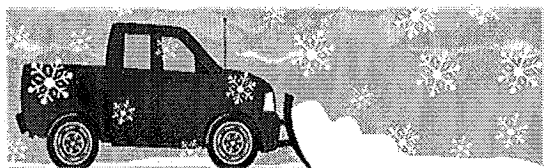
23rd Annual

"One Heart Women's Seminar."

Mark your calendar for February 27, 2016 from 8a-3p. Cost of \$25 includes morning coffee / muffin and delicious Wintergreen lunch. This special day will be at the Wintergreen Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. Brochures are in the church office. For more information, call Bonnie at 608-742-6893.

SANCTITY *of human life*

Baby bottles will be available in the narthex for the next several weeks in support of the Columbia County Pregnancy Resource Center. Coins or checks may be placed in the bottles and returned by February 13 and 14. The Resource Center is also in need of disposable diapers and baby wipes. These can also be placed in the basket in the narthex or brought to the church office. Your donations help the PRC meet financial needs and increase awareness in the community about this important ministry. Thank you for your support of Life.



Salting/
Plowing

Do any of our church members have a plow truck? We are looking for someone to be on call for February 1-10 in case of the parking lot needing to be cleared. Our usual go-to volunteer will be unavailable during this time.



A Huge Thank You to everyone that helped make St. John's first Winter Carnival a success! Thank you to everyone that donated and volunteered their time. We couldn't have done it without you. It was a fun afternoon for all involved.

-Kerri Quade and Leah Kosmala



SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

at their last home basketball game on **Thursday, February 4 @ 5 p.m.!**



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy

or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful." Love is the greatest of the three "theological virtues" because God is Love. That is why love is the fulfillment of the Law, because the Law is the reflection of God's being and God is love. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to grow in love, to grow up into the image of Christ Who demonstrates what love looks like with His sacrifice on the cross. For love always seeks the good of the other, always seeks to serve, to give, to bless. **Witness:** With God, all things are possible. In Genesis 12 we learn how God taught an old dog new tricks. In Romans 4 we learn how God gives hope even to the wicked and the unrighteous. In John 4, Jesus shows His love to a woman who thought it best to try to cover up her sinful past. May we react as she did, telling everyone we meet that God knows us...and loves us anyway!



In Christ Alone
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

FUNDRAISING

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP is raising funds to go to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in July 2016, and would like to offer their services to the congregation and community for snow shoveling and spring clean up, like leaves, windows, etc. This is open-ended offer, so please call Joel Leeland at 608-697-5173, or the church office if you need help.

Divine Savior
HEALTH CARE

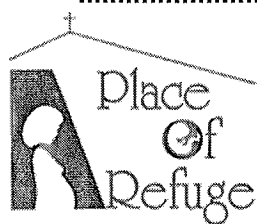
Divine Savior is implementing a program to give 'comfort bags' to patients nearing end of life and their families. They are looking for anyone who would be willing to donate lap quilts, approximately 3ft x 3ft to put in the comfort bags. Any questions can be directed to Melissa at 608-333-3532.

St. John's Child Development Center



is selling Butter Braids® frozen pastries to help raise funds for their center playground as well as John Muir gross motor activities for the before & after school program. Orders must

be in no later than February 29 with a delivery date of March 18. The cost for each pastry is \$12, and checks may be written to **St. John's Child Development Center**. Please contact the church office or child development center if you would like to make an order. Available flavors are: Apple, Blueberry, Caramel Rolls, Cherry, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, and Strawberry & Cream Cheese. YUM!!!



The annual meeting

for **A Place of Refuge Ministries**, our LCMS ministry to pregnant women in need, is scheduled for **Sunday, January 31, 2016**. Area LCMS

churches may be represented by one pastor and one lay delegate. Other members, especially APOR volunteers and supporters are also invited.

WORSHIP and ANNUAL MEETING @ 4:00 p.m.

Catered Dinner provided @ 5:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

8080 N. 47th Street Brown Deer, WI

RSVP at 414-355-5030 or e-mail at repa@aol.com

Join with your fellow Lutherans to celebrate births and baptisms in this Christ-centered ministry.

Advance Notice: **Life Walk 2016** will be held on **Saturday, June 11, 2016**, at The Lutheran Church of the Prince of Peace – Menomonee Falls. Registration and snacks will be @ 9 am. The Walk starts at 10:30 am with lunch to follow. You can also check out our website, aplaceofrefuge.org or like us on Facebook.

You're invited FELLOW REDEEMED:

Looking for a way to reach out into your community, into your local school system, while at the same time increase attendance and have the process be self-perpetuating? Take a look at Rebeccasgardenofhope.org, an after school tutoring program with a gospel outreach.

Monona Ev. Lutheran, Monona, WI is taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity and is inviting you and your church members to our training session scheduled for Sunday, January 31st from 1:00-5:00pm. Come, and find out for yourself what this RGOH is all about, what gains it can make for your church, and how you can take advantage of it as well. Director Sonya Parsons will be the presenter so you have access to her for all your questions and loads of information.

All are welcome but if possible let us know your numbers that will attend so we can prepare.

Working the harvest with you!

Pastor Thomas Nowak, Monona Ev. Lutheran
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