

## 5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

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**8:00 Special Music** *The Adult Choir*

**Announcements** *(if any)*

**The Peace of The Lord**

**Hymn**

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609

**Confession and Absolution** LSB 184

**Kyrie** LSB 186

**Collect of the Day**

**Old Testament Reading** Ezekiel 33:7-20

**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**5:30 Special Music** *The Handbells*

**8:00 Special Music** *The Adult Choir*

**Holy Gospel** Luke 13:1-9

**Nicene Creed** LSB back cover

**Hymn of the Day**

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" LSB 809

**Sermon**

**Offertory / Offering** LSB 192

**5:30 Special Music** *The Handbells*

**Prayers**

**Preface / Sanctus** LSB 194

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini / Agnus Dei** LSB 197

**Distribution Hymns**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" LSB 761

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" LSB 722

**Nunc Dimittis** LSB 199

**Thanksgiving**

**Benediction**

**Hymn**

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" LSB 917

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## 10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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**Announcements** *(if any)*

**The Peace of The Lord**

**Songs**

"Change My Heart, O God"

"Once Again"

**Confession and Absolution**

**Opening Prayer**

**Old Testament Reading** Ezekiel 33:7-20

**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**Holy Gospel** Luke 13:1-9

**Nicene Creed**

**Song**

"In Christ Alone"

**Sermon**

**Offering Song**

"Potter's Hand"

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Distribution**

"Holy Spirit"

**Closing Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song**

"Blessed Be Your Name"

*Serving the Worshipping Community Today*

**Organist:** Stephanie Hovland

**Lectors:** Gretchen Hintz (5:30); Al Volpentesta (8:00);  
Karen Riewe (10:30)

**5:30 Special Music:** Handbells dir. by Michelle Nummerdor  
"A Trumpet Chorale" • "Lenten Meditation"

**8:00 Special Music:** Adult Choir dir. by Kathy Gerstenkorn  
"The Law of God is Good and Wise" • "Search Me, O God"

**Worship Team:** Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

### Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

**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 February 28, 2016

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**St. John's** Lutheran Ministries  
see - believe - receive - serve



Find us on  
**Facebook**

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

## SUNDAY (28) THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 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 (29)

- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Tivoli

## TUESDAY (MARCH 01)

- 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 (02)

- 10:00 a.m. Lent Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Handbells, Balcony
- 5:30 p.m. Lent Supper, CLC
- 6:30 p.m. Lent Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

## THURSDAY (03)

- 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 (04)

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

## SATURDAY (05) FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

## SUNDAY (06) FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 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](http://www.stjohnsportage.com) under "calendar" link.

## 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.

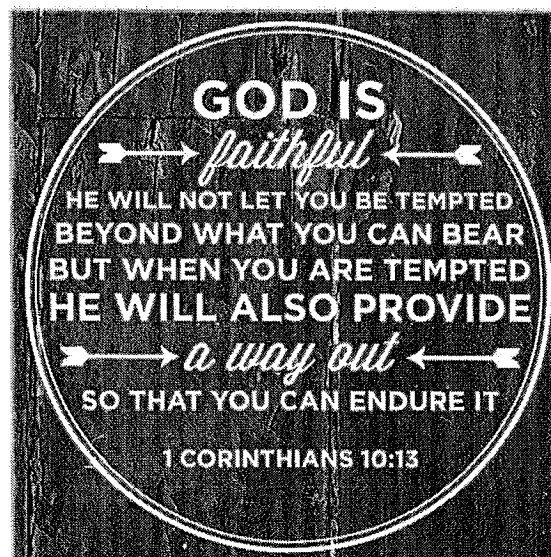
**SISTERS IN CHRIST BIBLE STUDY** meets @ **6:30 pm Tuesday nights** to study *Heroes of the Faith* in the CDC lower level. All women are welcome. Contact Elaine Hull 742-2034.

**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.*



## ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 353

Unified Received: \$10,874.13

Other Contributions: \$980.00

TOTAL: \$11,854.13

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:

**Connie Chapman** (dealing with chemo treatments);

**Delores Fandrich; Verona Gray; Michael Johnson**

(battling leukemia); **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**

### 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.**



MR + MRS

## Marriage Milestones

No milestone anniversaries this week...



coffee hour.

**Thank you Theresa Smith for serving 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!

Mar 6	Virginia L. & Shirley P	Mar 20	OPEN
Mar 13	Sunday School	Mar 27	Easter Breakfast

## 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

In Response to the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) Baby Bottle Drive that St. John's participated in... Your efforts raised an amazing donation of \$642.06! This will be utilized to support the mission of the PRC. Motivated by the compassion of Jesus Christ to provide services to women throughout their pregnancy and beyond. Thank you for your generous gifts!

Liesa Zastrow, President  
Pregnancy Resource Center



Flowers were placed

in Church to the glory of God by the families of William Laing (2/13, 2/14) and Elmer Ernst (2/20, 2/21).  
Thank You!



# YOU ARE INVITED TO A PIZZA RANCH TIP NIGHT TO BENEFIT ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP TRIP

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016 4 TO 9PM  
LOCATION: 2905 New Pinery Rd., Portage, WI 53901  
PIZZA RANCH WILL DONATE 10% OF YOUR GUEST CHECK TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION.

*LCMS National Youth Gathering 2016, New Orleans Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the synod. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, MO.*



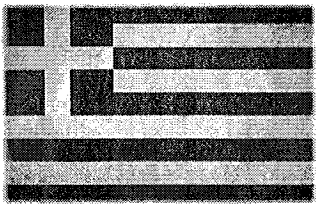
Dear Members of St. John's Lutheran:

Thank you so much for the gift of \$1,689.59 from St. John's First Fruits. At a recent meeting of the Council, a decision was made to designate the gift toward the utilities bill.

The faithfulness and commitment of St. John's to support Bethany-Milwaukee is so appreciated. There are no words to express the gratefulness of Bethany to the members of St. John's Lutheran.

May God continue to bless your members and congregation. St. John's is a blessing to Bethany!

Sincerely,  
Carla A. Claussen, Congregation Secretary  
Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church



**Want to go** on a GREECE Cruise Trip and walk in the footsteps of Paul?? Go with other Christians, and invite your family and friends. This excursion will be taking place Oct. 29-

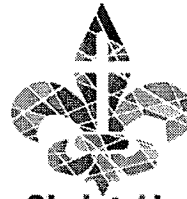
Nov. 8, 2016, and early bird savings apply. For more info, go to Welcome Center to pick up a brochure or contact Elder Jim Atkinson 608-697-7052.



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

**Luke 13:3** "I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, "What is trying to keep me away from Jesus? What is a temptation I face? What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?" Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living. **Witness:** "How dare you lecture us!" That's what the Pharisees said to the man whose sight was restored. They could not believe that God would help a person whose life was steeped in sin, so they never tried to help him. Unfortunately for them, they were blind to their own condition. We must not see the misfortunes of others as signs of God's judgment on them, but as opportunities for us to share God's grace.



**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.



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**DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®**

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support St. John's! Don't let designated Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2016, to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

# 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!!!



# Easter Breakfast

Gary Zastrow will be coordinating this year's Easter Breakfast (Sun. Marcy 27). Please give him a call if you can help! 608-742-4775



The Financial Action Committee will be meeting Tuesday, March 8 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.



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