

5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LSB 425

Confession and Absolution LSB 184

Kyrie LSB 186

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:16–21

Epistle Philippians 3:8–14

Holy Gospel Luke 20:9–20

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Hymn of the Day

"My Song Is Love Unknown" LSB 430

Sermon

Offering / Offertory LSB 192

8:00 Special Music *Lower Choir*

Prayers

Preface / Sanctus LSB 194

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 197

Distribution Hymns

"The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LSB 427

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Thanksgiving

Benediction

Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

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10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Songs

"Lead Me to the Cross"

"On Christ Alone"

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:16–21

Epistle Philippians 3:8–14

Holy Gospel Luke 20:9–20

Nicene Creed

Song

"Knowing You"

Sermon

Offering Song

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution

"Lamb of God"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"The Wonderful Cross"

Serving the Worshipping Community Today

Organist: Sara Jakeman

Lectors: Polly Koepp (5:30); Doug Jacoby (8:00);
Bonnie Mulhern (10:30)

8:00 Special Music:

Lower Choir dir. by Jackie Bauman
"Just Another Baby?"

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
 who brings forth chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
 they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick;
 "Remember not the former things,
 nor consider the things of old.
 Behold, I am doing a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
 I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
 The wild beasts will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches,
 for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
 to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
 that they might declare my praise.

Epistle

Philippians 3:8–14

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!"

But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

'The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone'?

"Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

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 March 13, 2016



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Facebook

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

SUNDAY (13) FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

MONDAY (14)

- 10:00 a.m. Worship @ Tivoli
- 1:30 p.m. Altar Guild, CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Tivoli
- 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team, APR

TUESDAY (15)

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
- 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Guild, CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study, Two Rivers Signs
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Action Committee, APR
- 6:30 p.m. Sisters In Christ Bible Study, CDC
- 7:00 p.m. LWML, CLC

WEDNESDAY (16)

- 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 (17)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
- 9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
- 10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Tivoli (DSH)
- 4:00 p.m. Call Committee Meeting, APR

FRIDAY (18)

- 12:00 p.m. NOON School Dismissal

SATURDAY (19) FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

SUNDAY (20) FIFTH 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 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.*

See I Am
Doing A
NEW
Thing!
ISAIAH 43:19



ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 375

Unified Received: \$12,711.40

Other Contributions: \$1160.00

TOTAL: \$13,871.40

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.



Marriage Milestones

No milestone anniversaries this week...



Thank you Sunday School 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 20	OPEN	April 3	OPEN
Mar 27	Easter Breakfast	April 10	OPEN

Radio Ministry

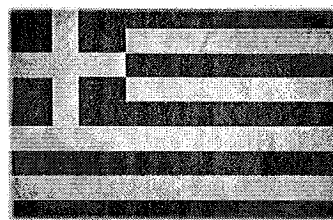


Our **Sunday morning broadcast** of the previous Sunday service continues at 10:00 a.m. on WPDR

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.

Attention Ladies!

ALTAR GUILD: We are meeting on Monday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. and will be signing up for Holy Week Please plan on attending.



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.



Easter Breakfast

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

CAN YOU HELP?

HELP NEEDED! Volunteers are needed to help with the 4000 newsletter mailing for Our Savior Deaf Church. We will meet at Monona Lutheran church, 4411 Monona Drive in

Monona at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 19, until the task is completed. Does anyone need to fulfill service hours for confirmation or school? This would be an ideal opportunity to do so. Feel free to bring your friends.

Need a ride?



Transportation

Need a ride to church or for an appointment. Phone the church office or Paul Persson @ 951-282-1046.



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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

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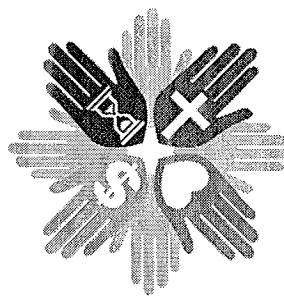
A number of items

are in a lost and found box located above the coat racks at the church's main entrance. If you are missing something that you may have left at church, please look to see if you can claim some of the items.

LOST

and

FOUND



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Luke 20:16 "He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" The

crowds were shocked at Jesus' parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take "the vineyard" away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom – let us not take it for granted, but instead respond with humble thanksgiving!

Witness: "Then let us follow Christ, our Lord and take the cross appointed and, firmly clinging to His Word, in suff'ring be undaunted. For those who bear the battle's strain the crown of heav'nly life obtain." (from All God's People Sing, #85).



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 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.

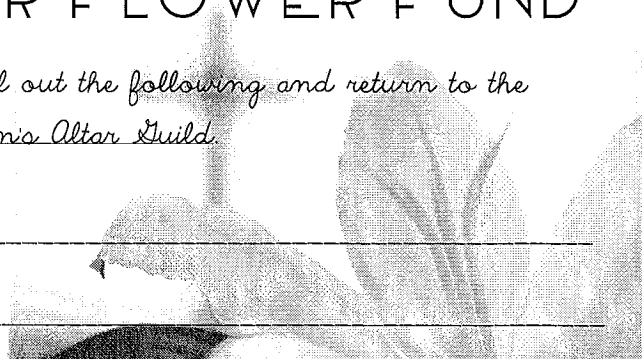


ALTAR GUILD EASTER FLOWER FUND

Those interested in donating for Easter flowers, please fill out the following and return to the church office by March 22. Make checks payable to St. John's Altar Guild.

A Gift in Loving Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

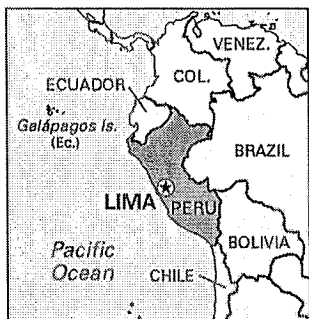


DEAR ST. JOHN'S CONGREGATION,

Lima, Peru in South America has 10 million people and counting. It has mountains on three sides, and the ocean looks into the city. It's hot, and there are car alarms and many street vendors. The food and drink is different but great, but nothing makes sense (to Americans), and many have not heard of Jesus. Come join me April 10 at 9:15 am in the Christian Life Center to learn about what God is pursuing in Lima, the missionaries he is working through, and get a taste of the culture.

God Blessings,

Kristen Conley



Call Committee Update for Principal Position

The Call Committee has been appointed and is meeting. They are in the process of updating the job description for principal and surveying the needs for the position. Once the job description is approved by the Executive Committee, it will be published along with the needs assessment results. The congregation will have a short period of time after it is published to nominate names for the position based upon the job description and needs assessment. Those seeking to nominate will need to contact the individual they have in mind and seek their approval for nomination. More information on the nomination process is expected in the next two weeks. Thank you for your patience!

Principal Vacancy

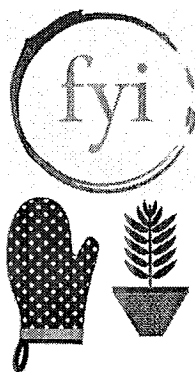
With Mr. Jacoby accepting the call to Zion, Wayside, Mr. Luke Beck has been appointed Interim Principal during the vacancy. He will work side by side with Mr. Jacoby until the end of the school year and take the position solely this summer. Please pray for Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Beck, and all involved in the Call process.



You Are Invited

Women's Guild will be meeting Tuesday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. 'The

Apron Ladies' will be here to give a lighthearted explanation of the history of aprons. All ladies (and gentlemen!) are welcome to attend.



The Financial Action Committee

will be meeting Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. We will be discussing details for upcoming events including a Bake-Off on April 23 and a Spring Plant Sale on May 14.

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