

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Week of March 27, 2016

SUNDAY (27) THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

- 6:00 a.m. Church will be open for prayer.
- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service & Sacrament
- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast, CLC
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 11:30 a.m. Youth Group, CDC

MONDAY (28)

NO SCHOOL; ALL OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED

- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Tivoli
- 6:00 p.m. Evangelism, APR

TUESDAY (29)

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
- 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC
- 5:15 p.m. School Board, Computer Lab
- 5:30 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study, Two Rivers Signs
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Elders, CLC
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Action Committee, APR
- 6:30 p.m. Sisters In Christ Bible Study, CDC

WEDNESDAY (30)

- 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 (31)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
- 9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
- 10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Tivoli (DSH)
- 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees, School

FRIDAY (APRIL 01)

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

SATURDAY (02) SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

SUNDAY (03) SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 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.



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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.

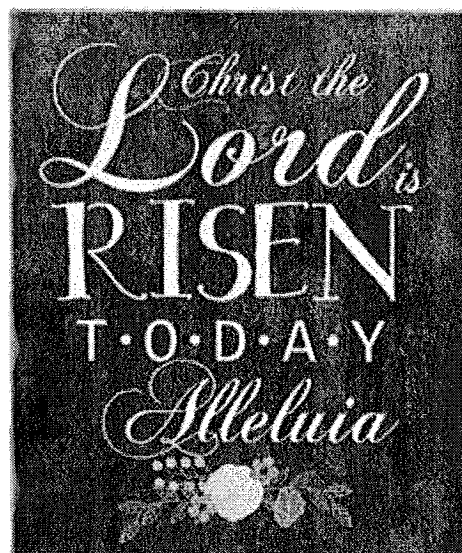
SISTERS IN CHRIST BIBLE STUDY meets @ **6:30 pm Tuesday nights** to study *Heroes of the Faith* in the CDC lower level. All women are welcome. Contact Elaine Hull 742-2034.

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.*



ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 431

Unified Received: \$13,993.88

Other Contributions: \$1,095.00

TOTAL: \$15,088.88

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 Chvojcek 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; Rita Fenske; Verona Gray;

Michael Johnson (battling leukemia); **Jane Kaiser;**

James Mientke; Kenneth Schwanz (now at

Wyocena); **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;

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

April 1: Keith & Betty Nollenberg celebrate 55 years!



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!

April 3	OPEN	April 17	OPEN
April 10	2nd Grade	April 24	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.

***Thank you to the Rohrbeck Family for sponsoring this weekend's broadcast and order of service booklets in memory of Nancy Engstrom.**



WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVE DESSERTS!

St. John's will be having a "Bake Off" similar to the Chili Cook Off held last fall. The "Bake Off" will be held Saturday, April 23rd. We are

looking for chefs to bake entries for cakes, pies and cookies/bars. The public is invited to participate as judges, or just come and enjoy the baked goods. More details to come. Bring your taste buds!

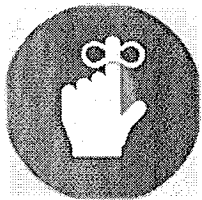
-Financial Action Committee

Mark your calendar.

St. John's will be holding an Outdoor Plant & Garden sale on Saturday, May 14th. Last year's plant sale was a huge success. If you are interested in helping or have plants to donate, please contact Jan or Don Weideman at 742-6776.

-Financial Action Committee





Reminder

The Financial Action Committee will be meeting Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the All Purpose Room.



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PART TIME CUSTODIAN AT OUR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

(Compensation: 10.00/hr)

4-5 hrs. a night. Some weekend work may be required. General cleaning, including vacuuming, mopping, cleaning bathrooms, etc. Cleaning carpets with an extractor and stripping and waxing floors as needed. Must be hardworking, able to work independently, and have excellent attendance. Please send resume when responding. Hours are Monday through Friday from 6:30 P.M. until finished and one or two Saturdays a month.

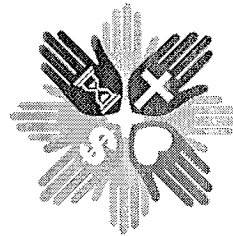
DEAR ST. JOHN'S CONGREGATION,



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



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Luke 24:6-7 "He is not here; He has risen? Remember how He told you, while He was still with

you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." So Jesus is risen... but is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen, but that He is risen to bless us: there is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed! **Witness:** We cannot earn salvation; it is a gift from God which is His Son, Jesus Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to come into your heart each and every day.



In Christ Alone
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

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. They are planning a "Spring Work Day" to help raise funds for their trip. Raking lawns, cleaning windows and other misc. spring jobs can be done if needed. Start thinking of jobs that you would like to have done. More details to come. Please call Joel Leeland at 608-697-5173 or the church office if you need help.



Agrace

Hospice is a wonderful resource for individuals, families and friends of those dealing with terminal illnesses. Hospice services can be provided in a person's home, or in a care facility; and are covered by many insurance policies. Support and healthcare providers can provide helpful services at a very difficult time. Please join the Grief Ministry group on **March 31, 6:30-7:00 p.m. at St. John's Church** to find out more about Hospice from speaker Cheri Milton. Ms. Milton is a Community Grief Counselor for Agrace Hospice Care Inc., and has years of experience and training in pastoral ministry, counseling, and end of life issues. Anyone from the community is welcome to attend this brief presentation. Please call Danielle (697-3560) or Beth (742-5216) with any questions.

Thank you to for all of the Easter Lily Memorial donations this year.
Your support of St. John's Altar Guild is appreciated.

Given By:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schumann
Betty & Bob Brozowski
Mootz Family
Idella Anacker
Family
Edna Abegglen
Mavis LaVigne
Joyce Paske; Bonnie & Mike Mulhern
Betty Carrington
Tim & Diana Shebel
Don & Jeanette Witt
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Jamie & Al Volpentesta
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Polly & George Koepf
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In Loving Memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. Alonzo Schumann; Mr. & Mrs. Oluf Gunderson;
Olin & Eldon Gunderson
Departed Parents
Tina Gaffney, Rose Mootz, Helen Thompson
Don & Garth Anacker; John Mittelstaedt
Mom & Dad & Dan
Emil Abegglen & Kathie Hintz
Don LaVigne, Parents, & Brothers
Lester Paske; Stan & Marjorie Mulhern
Bernard, Hazel, Patsy Schwanz; Jack Carrington Sr., Arlin Sipes
Don & Mary Schwanz
Our Parents & Sisters
Our Parents
Don LaVigne, Albert Baerwolf
Russ Gerstenkorn, Peter & Baby Miles Haakenson
Chuck Crawford
Our Parents & Daughter Amber Ann
James Schutz & Alma Siervert
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Our Parents & Brother Stephen Ableman
Virgie Egge, Rollie & Eleanor Schultz
Florence & Kenneth Schmidfill, Mabel & Edward Meyer, Lynn Epstein
Marjorie W. Grossmann
Becky Volpentesta & Ray Lockwood
Our Parents
Marge & Ray Clemens
Joseph & Arlene Horton, Ralph Huston & Son; William & Belva Mueller
Alonzo & Helen Schumann, Bretta Mootz, Myles Schumann

Thank you also to Frank and Sue Budka for their donation of Palms for Palm Sunday!

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8:00 WORSHIP

Special Music *Adult Choir*

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LSB 457

Confession and Absolution LSB 151

Kyrie LSB 152

This is the Feast LSB 155

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Special Music *Adult Choir*

Holy Gospel Luke 24:1-12

Hymn of the Day

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LSB 465

Sermon

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Prayers

Offering / Special Music *The Handbells*

Offertory LSB 159

Preface / Sanctus LSB 160

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 163

Special Music *The Handbells*

Distribution Hymns

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB 633

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" LSB 525

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book
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10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Special Music *Adult Choir*

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Song

"My Redeemer Lives"

Remembering Our Baptism

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Special Music *Adult Choir*

Holy Gospel Luke 24:1-12

Nicene Creed

Song

"I Will Call upon the Lord"

Sermon

Offering Song

"Amen (Because He Lives)"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Songs

"In Remembrance of Me"

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Glorious Day"

Serving the Worshipping Community Today

Organist: Sara Jakeman

Lectors: Kris Winkelmann (8:00); Don Weideman (10:30)

Special Music: Adult Choir dir. by Kathy Gerstenkorn
"Alleluia! Christ Is Risen" • "Christ Is Alive"

8:00 Special Music: Handbells dir. by Michelle Nummerdor
"Lead on, O King Eternal" • "Hallelujah from Messiah"

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



"For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be
accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my
people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their
hands.
They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the
LORD,
and their descendants with them.
Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of
all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the
firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a
man came death, by a man has come also the
resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so
also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his
own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming
those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end,
when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after
destroying every rule and every authority and power.
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under
his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they
went to the tomb, taking the spices they had
prepared.

And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
but when they went in they did not find the body of
the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this,
behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel.
And as they were frightened and bowed their faces
to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you
seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but
has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was
still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered
into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on
the third day rise." And they remembered his words,
and returning from the tomb they told all these things
to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary
Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of
James and the other women with them who told
these things to the apostles, but these words seemed
to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.
But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and
looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and
he went home marveling at what had happened.

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.