

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Week of April 10, 2016

St. John's Lutheran Ministries
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SUNDAY (10) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings, Nursery
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour
(Peru Mission Presentation by Kristin Conley, CLC)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 11:30 a.m. Youth Group, CDC

MONDAY (11)

- 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee, APR
- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talks, Tivoli
- 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team, APR
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Action Committee, CLC

TUESDAY (12)

- 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. Sisters In Christ Bible Study, CDC

WEDNESDAY (13)

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. WEBS, School
- 5:00 p.m. Handbells, Balcony
- 6:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

THURSDAY (14)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
- 9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
- 10:00 a.m. Walkie Talks, Tivoli (DSH)

FRIDAY (15)

- 12:00 p.m. NOON School Dismissal

SATURDAY (16) FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

SUNDAY (17) FOURTH 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.

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.

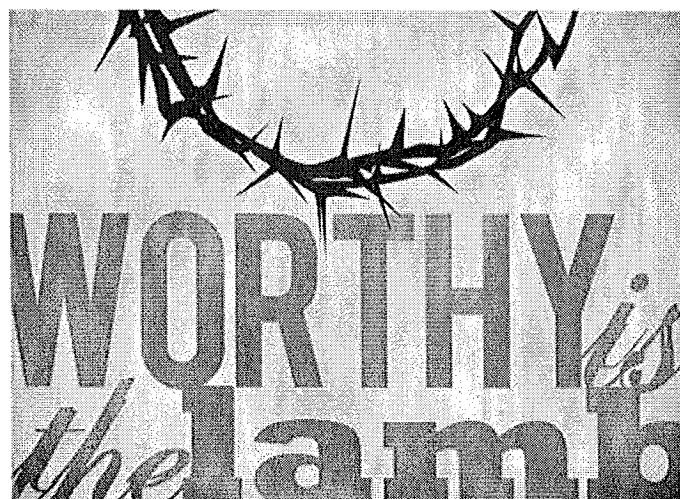
SISTERS IN CHRIST BIBLE STUDY meets @ **6:30 pm Tuesday nights** to study *Heroes of the Faith*-in the CDC lower level. All women are welcome. Contact Elaine Hull 742-2034.

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: 362

Unified Received: \$13,289.58

Other Contributions: \$1,015.00

TOTAL: \$14,304.58

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 (recently suffered a stroke); **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**);

Kim Purgett (mother of **Jessica Walker**; having open heart surger April 4)

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.



MR + MRS

Marriage Milestones

April 18: James & Mary Kabele celebrate 35 years!



coffee hour.

THANK YOU Second Grade 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!

April 17	Quilters	May 1	Kathy G. & Bonnie K.
April 24	Health & Wellness	May 8	OPEN

Radio Ministry



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

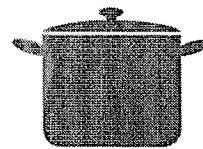
1350 AM. Broadcasts (\$50) as well as the order of service booklets (\$30) may be sponsored in honor or in memory of a special person or occasion.

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



JOIN US for St John's 1st Annual BAKE OFF on April 23rd from 2-4 p.m. in the school gym. There will be three categories: 1) Cookies - 2) Pies - 3) Cakes. Three prizes will be awarded in each category along with a mystery prize for

most total votes!! The cost for adults and children over 8 is \$3.00. This includes three tickets for judging/taste-testing and complimentary house snacks including milk, coffee and water. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$0.50 each. There will also be children's games and face painting! Please see the flyer located at the Welcome Center for rules and contestant information.



Dishes, Pans, Bowls...

Do you have any dishes that may have been left in the Christian Life Center?

There is a growing collection of dishes and pans in the storage closet of the Christian Life Center. Please claim them! We appreciate your service in preparing dishes for funerals, Lenten meals, coffee hours, etc.



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.

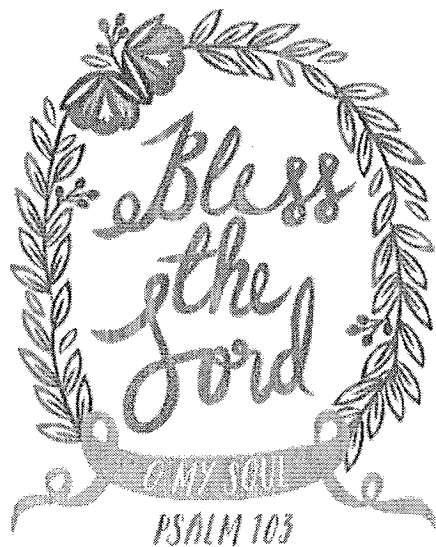
DEAR ST. JOHN'S CONGREGATION,



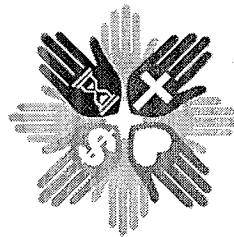
Lima, Peru in South America has 10 million people and counting. It has mountains on three sides, and the ocean looks into the city. It's hot, and there are car alarms and many street vendors. The food and drink is different but great, but nothing makes sense (to Americans), and many have not heard of 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



French Press Mornings



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

John 21:6 "He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.

So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.'" Won't the disciples ever learn? Jesus had done something similar before: when the odds seemed completely against it, the Lord gave them a command to let down the nets, a command that seemed crazy. But they complied and He blessed their obedience. When will we learn this lesson too?

Witness: There is no greater love than to share the Gospel with the ones you love.



ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

In Christ Alone
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

is raising funds to go to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in July 2016. They are planning a "Spring Work Day" on Saturday April 23rd to raise funds for the trip. Raking lawns, cleaning windows and other miscellaneous spring jobs can be done if needed. Sign-up sheets for people wanting jobs done will be at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions please call Joel Leeland at 608-697-5173, contact the church office, or see Don Weideman at the Welcome Center.

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

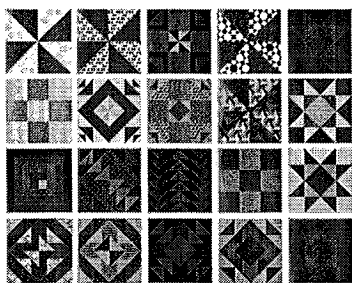


Attention

Altar Guild:

The 2016 Altar Guild Federation will be held Saturday, May 7th at St. John Lutheran Church on Hwy Z east of Wausau. If you are interested in attending, the cost is \$10/ person. Please call Irma Brockley (429-3917 or 742-5351) as the deadline for registration is April 23.

QUILTS ON DISPLAY



Several ladies from our congregation have continued their handiwork in assembling quilts to be donated to the efforts of Orphan Grain Train. Quilts will be on display in church on the weekend of April 16

-17. If you would like to support this ministry, donation baskets will be available, or a designated offering can be given in the offering collection plate.



Hygiene Kits

The LWML will be collecting items for relief for families in need through the work of Orphan Grain Train. Congregation members, including school children, will have an opportunity to donate specific items for Hygiene Kits, which will be assembled in May.

These donations may be brought anytime during the month of April through the weekend of May 7-8 and can be placed in designated boxes in the narthex. **Items requested are the following:**

-Bath towels and wash cloths, new or in good condition, preferably a dark color

New items:

-Bath-size bars of soap -Adult size toothbrushes
-Sturdy comb -Stick deodorant

We encourage you to participate in this important work, providing relief for human need worldwide.



USED EYEGLASSES

The Portage Lions Club will be collecting used prescription eyeglasses, prescription sunglasses and hearing aids for distribution to the needy in underdeveloped countries. Children's glasses are especially in high demand.

A collection box will be available at the church during the month of May.



Sam Bieno Memorial Blood Drive and Marrow Registry

This blood drive is Friday April 15 from 12pm to 5pm. Appointments are encouraged, but walk ins are accepted. The blood drive is being held at Divine Savior Healthcare and is being sponsored by Divine Savior Healthcare and Portage High School HOSA - Future Healthcare Professionals.



Would you find it helpful to have your offerings taken from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? At no cost to the congregation? Thrivent Financial for Lutherans sponsors a program called *Simply Giving*®, which offers this service for people who wish to have offerings transferred electronically to their church's account. For those who travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with their intended offerings, and it will keep you from having to make up the difference later. The Congregational Council has approved this program for those who choose to participate in it. Contact the church office for more details.

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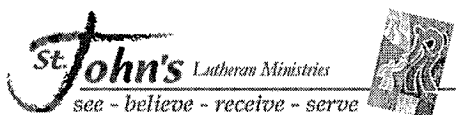
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5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

5:30 Special Music *The Adult Choir*

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Hymn

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" LSB 611

Confession and Absolution LSB 151

Kyrie LSB 152

This is the Feast LSB 155

Collect of the Day

First Reading Acts 9:1-22

Second Reading Revelation 5:8-14

5:30 Special Music *The Adult Choir*

8:00 Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

Holy Gospel John 21:1-14

Hymn of the Day

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke" LSB 688

Sermon

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Prayers

Offering

Offertory LSB 159

Preface / Sanctus LSB 160

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 163

Distribution Hymns

"This Joyful Eastertide" LSB 482

"In Thee Is Gladness" LSB 818

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507 sts. 1-4

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

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Songs

"Change My Heart Oh God"

"We Will Glorify"

Remembering Our Baptism

Iris Harmony Georgeson is being baptized today!

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

First Reading Acts 9:1-22

Second Reading Revelation 5:8-14

Holy Gospel John 21:1-14

Song

"Revelation Song"

Sermon

Offering Song

"My Savior My God"

Prayer of the Church

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"Amen (Because He Lives)"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Lord Reign in Me"

APRIL 9 & 10, 2016: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Serving the Worshipping Community Today

Pastor: Jim Laatsch

Organist: Mary Loomans

5:30 Special Music: Adult Choir dir. by Kathy Gerstenkorn

"On Galilee's High Mountain" "Christ Is Alive"

Lectors: Dawn Mueller (5:30);

Chuck Williams (8:00); Lorraine Stevens (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



First Reading

Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Second Reading

Revelation 5:8–14

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Holy Gospel

John 21:1–14

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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.