

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Week of April 24, 2016

## SUNDAY (24) FIFTH 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

## MONDAY (25)

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

## TUESDAY (26)

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

## WEDNESDAY (27)

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

## THURSDAY (28)

- 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 (29)

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

## SATURDAY (30) SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

## SUNDAY (MAY 01) SIXTH 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  
RITE OF CONFIRMATION
- 11:30 a.m. CLC Reserved
- 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.



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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.

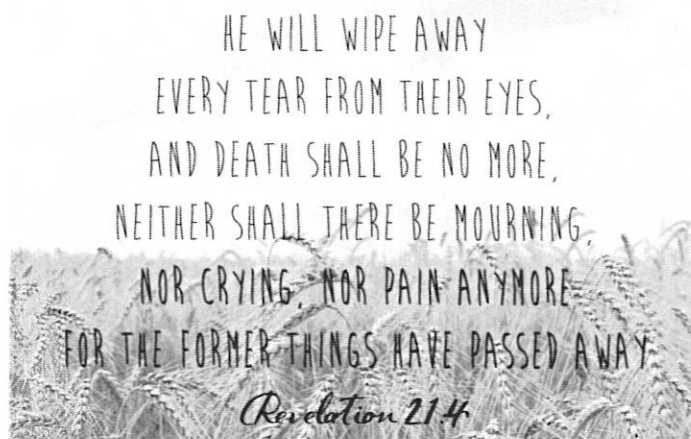
**SISTERS IN CHRIST BIBLE STUDY** meets @ **6:30 pm Tuesday nights** to study *Heroes of the Faith* in the CDC lower level. All women are welcome. Contact Elaine Hull 742-2034.

**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: 379

Unified Received: \$15,578.57

Other Contributions: \$930.00

TOTAL: \$16,508.57

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 REQUEST

(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 surgery April 4); **Marian Robinson**; **Donna Stauber** (having surgery April 25)

### 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

No milestone anniversaries this week...



coffee hour.

## THANK YOU

Health & Wellness 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!

May 1	Kathy G. & Bonnie K.	May 15	LWML
May 8	Judy K., Gene & Heidi T.	May 22	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.



## 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.



The Altar Guild expresses its gratitude to Gerald Mael and his family for the altar cross. Jerry has provided this cross that has for so many years enhanced our Lenten and Easter worship. Thank you!

## CONFIRMATION

6th 7th Grade Public School Catechism meets next week, Wednesday April 27, 2016 at Portage Pizza Hut at 6:00 p.m. Parents can pick up their children at Pizza Hut about 7:15-7:30 p.m. Questions, please contact either one of your catechism teachers for more details/info.. This will be our last "class" of the 2015-16 school year. Have a great summer!



## Save the Date!

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

JOIN US FOR

# WORSHIP

## Special Ascension Service

**Thursday, May 5, 2016 6:30 p.m.** Please come, and join us in sharing the love of God in the Word and music!



## 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.



## Want to Stretch Your Legs?

St. John's walking group, the Walkie Talkies, will be moving to the levee on May 2nd. We'll be walking on Monday evenings at 5:30 PM, and on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM. Walk slow, fast, short, or long. We're flexible and we'll be there, unless the weather is threatening... in that case we will walk in the tunnel that goes from the hospital to Tivoli (meet at the info. desk in the lobby). At the levee, we'll meet behind Tamarack's. Come and join us for exercise, vitamin D, and conversation. All are welcome! Call Theresa Smith (697-0509) with questions.



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

**Rev. 21:1** "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth

had passed away, and the sea was not more." The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth that has been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use "unrighteous mammon" for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom? **Witness:** The Father's love is for sharing among the family.



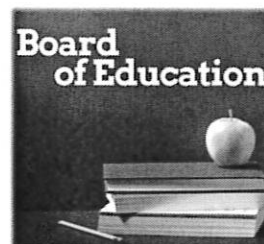
## St. John's Youth Group

is raising funds to go to the **In Christ Alone** 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.



## 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.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

If you would be interested in serving, please contact Joel Leeland at 608-697-5173 or call the church office.





## 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.

## Bookkeeper Wanted

St. John's is looking for a part-time bookkeeper to work 20-25 hours per week. This position is under the direction of the Business Manager and is responsible for all accounts payable/receivable, payroll, bank reconciliations and deposits. Desired qualifications include but are not limited to: working knowledge of Microsoft Suite programs (Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook), ability to type 45 WPM, understanding of debit/credit accounts, and experience with bank reconciliations. Skills in other office duties are also desired, i.e. ability to use a multi-line phone system, copy machine, fax machine, social media, and digital filing. The ability to maintain confidentiality is imperative. An application and a more detailed description can be picked up at the church office.

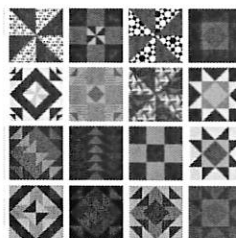


## A GATHERING ON MENTAL HEALTH

In partnership with Prevent Suicide Columbia County and other community organizations, Durward's Glen Retreat & Educational Center will host "A Gathering on Mental Health" on Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14, 2016. This event is open to all community members - including people living with mental health challenges, their families and friends, church or agency leaders, congregation members, and the general public. Cost is \$40 for pre-registration by May 1; \$50 registration after May 1. With sessions on Friday evening and all day Saturday, we hope to launch discussions among pastors and their staff, and members in the pew. For more information, visit <http://www.durwardsglen.org/events.html> or contact Cathy Lins, at or [theglen150@gmail.com](mailto:theglen150@gmail.com) or 608-356-8113. *\*Information, brochures, and registration forms at the Welcome Center.*



One in four people has a mental illness.  
You can be the one that helps.



## THANK YOU!

On Tuesday, 63 quilts were sent to Orphan Grain Train We received \$339 for our quilting fund that will be used for batting and backing It is very much appreciated. Thank you!

-The Quilting Ladies: Shirley, Lois & Elaine

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### St. John's Lutheran School

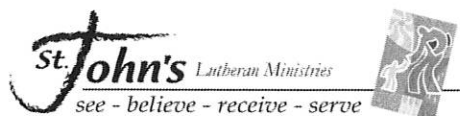
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## 5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

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**Announcements** *(if any)*

**The Peace of The Lord**

**Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" LSB 803

**Confession and Absolution** LSB 151

**Kyrie** LSB 152

**This is the Feast** LSB 155

**Collect of the Day**

**First Reading** Acts 11:1–18

**Second Reading** Revelation 21:1–7

**5:30 Alleluia and Verse** LSB 156

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

**Holy Gospel** John 16:12–22

**Hymn of the Day**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LSB 700

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** LSB back cover

**Prayers**

**Offering**

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

**Offertory** LSB 159

**Preface / Sanctus** LSB 160

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini / Agnus Dei** LSB 163

**8:00 Special Music** *Hand Chimes & Handbells*

**Distribution Hymns**

"By Grace I'm Saved" LSB 566

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" LSB 631

**Thank the Lord** LSB 164

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Benediction**

**Hymn**

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" LSB 673

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## 10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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**Announcements** *(if any)*

**The Peace of The Lord**

**Songs**

*"Hungry"*

*"For Those Tears I Died"*

**Remembering Our Baptism**

Hunter James Yahnke is being baptized today!

**Confession and Absolution**

**Opening Prayer**

**First Reading** Acts 11:1–18

**Second Reading** Revelation 21:1–7

**Holy Gospel** John 16:12–22

**Song**

*"Shout to the North"*

**Sermon**

**Offering Song**

*"Seek Ye First"*

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Distribution Song**

*"Amen (Because He Lives)"*

**Closing Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song**

*"Glorious Day"*

APRIL 23 & 24, 2016 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
*Serving the Worshipping Community Today*

**Organist:** Mary Loomans

**8:00 Special Music:** Upper Choir dir. by Gretchen Hintz

*"Praise the Lord" "This Little Light of Mine"*

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Hand Chimes dir. by Gretchen Hintz

Handbells dir. by Michelle Nummerdor

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

**Lectors:** Theresa Smith (5:30); Karen Riewe (10:30)

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



## First Reading

Acts 11:1–18

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

## Second Reading

Revelation 21:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment."

<sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

## Holy Gospel

John 16:12–22

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>16</sup>"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

## 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.