



Week of May 29, 2016

SUNDAY (29) 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 (30) MEMORIAL DAY

NO SCHOOL; ALL OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee

TUESDAY (31)

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 (JUNE 01)

6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation, Church

THURSDAY (02)

8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
10:00 a.m. Closing Chapel
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
12:00 p.m. Noon School Dismissal
2:30 p.m. Worship @ Heritage House

FRIDAY (03)

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

SATURDAY (04) 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

SUNDAY (05) 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

Join the **St. John's Lutheran Ministries** group

 Find us on **Facebook** for news, updates and daily encouragement!

**Announcements to be printed must be in the church office no later than Wednesday NOON.*

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 5:00 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. ****OFF FOR SUMMER****



To St. John's Family from Your Executive Committee:

Greetings in the name of our risen Savior. Recently we shared that it appears we will be about \$43,000 (about 2.5% of our budget) short of a balanced budget by the end of June. Your Executive Committee wants to keep you updated as we approach the end of the fiscal year. Thank you for your faithful support of God's ministry at St. John's.

We are preparing the budget for fiscal year 2016/2017. As St. John's faces many challenges and decisions in our budget process, we know you and your family does too. In faith we trust God to fill our daily needs as we pray in the Lord's Prayer. We are asking you to first pray for God's ministry at St. John's, and then, as God has blessed you, prayerfully consider helping St. John's meet our financial obligations for this fiscal year. Thank you, and we pray God's blessings for you and your family.

ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 371

Unified Received: \$10,576.22

Other Contributions: \$920.00

TOTAL: \$11,496.22

Weekly Unified Needed: \$19,281.00

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 Wakershauser 617-6171

Elder Ray Wiser 617-6816

Elder Ken Chvojicek 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;** 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;

Surgery:

Janet Van Epps (having 5th of 6 eye surgeries; June 2 @ Davis Duehr Dean Eye Center, Madison)

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

May 28: John & Arlene Neale celebrate 58 years!

June 3: Curt & Michelle Nummerdor celebrate 10 years!

June 4: Gerald & Joyce Mael celebrate 56 years!

June 4: Merlin & Eunice Shanks celebrate 67 years!



coffee hour.

THANK YOU Tammy and Kristen

Conley and Irma Brockley for serving this weekend's coffee hour! 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!

June 5	Muellers & Bonnie K.	June 19	Kathy Gerstenkorn
June 12	Williams' & Riewes	June 26	Youth Ministries

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 John & Arlene Neale for sponsoring this weekend's radio broadcast in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on May 28.**



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.



Thank you

for including our 60th Anniversary in the celebration on Sunday. Thank you to Pastor Hovland for his prayer at service and at lunch. To all who provided the delicious lunch and to those who set it up and served

thank you! God's blessings to all.

-Pastor Ted & Darlene Krueger

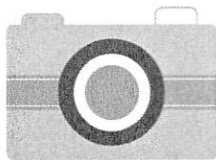


STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Galatians 1:6 "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel." The Bible uses the image of "turning" to another gospel,

or to another god, to show us the seriousness of sin. When we are tempted to follow some sinful course of actions, we are being told to turn our backs on God. But the Lord calls upon us to turn away from sin and turn toward Him – where we will find a Father's smiling face and loving embrace. In our stewardship, let us not turn toward greed in fear, but toward our Lord in humility and faith. **Witness: John 17:1-11:** On the evening before His death, Jesus prayed fervently for His disciples. Later in this same chapter Jesus indicates that He is praying not only for His disciples, but also for all who in the future will believe. That includes us! What a joy to know that we have a Savior who prays daily for us and longs to have all people know and believe in Him.

LAST CALL



Confirmation Families:

Photos are now available.
Please go to:

clients.gretchenwillisphotography.com/Confirmation

Just enter your email. No password is required.



Sara Jakeman and I were very thankful for the potluck gathering this past Sunday, to honor our service at St. John's. The cards and notes really touched both of our hearts. We feel very blessed to have served St. John's Lutheran Church. I know I will always think fondly of my time in Portage. I know Sara has retired from teaching, but she will still be doing the Lord's work in playing the organ and being involved in the choir.

God's blessings,
Sara Jakeman, Doug Jacoby



The May Issue of the Orphan Grain Train newsletter is available at the Welcome Center. Please feel free to take one.



Lutheran Church Extension Fund

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Planning Your Legacy

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, ..." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

What are the benefits of an estate plan? We all leave a legacy of some sort-the question is, what will it be? During your lifetime, you may work 40 years to accumulate assets and spend 10-20 years conserving that accumulation. With proper planning, another wonderful chapter in the book of your life can be completed.

We can show you how to enhance your and your families' security and legacy with an estate plan. If you would like a FREE print or electronic copy of the guide, contact:

Diana Raasch, LCEF District Vice President
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Mark **WE ARE HOLDING** **Your 3RD ANNUAL** **Garage Sale** **Calendar JULY 29TH - 30TH.**

Items to donate can be dropped off at the school **Saturday July 23rd.**

We are looking for donations of gently used items as well as delicious baked goods. We cannot accept, computers, TVs, mattresses, large upholstered furniture, paint or chemicals.

We will need lots of help on our drop-off day so that things can move smoothly and quickly! More information will follow. Any questions, feel free to call Emily Eicher at 608-697-5528.



Health & Wellness Needs Drivers

The Health & Wellness Committee is in need of people for their ministry, including drivers. If you are able and willing to provide transportation for those of our members who may need a ride to church, a Dr.'s appointment, etc. please contact Paul Persson @ 951-282-1046.



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.

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5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

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

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43

Epistle Galatians 1:1-12

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

Holy Gospel Luke 7:1-10

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655

Sermon

Apostles' 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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB 702

"How Great Thou Art" LSB 801

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" LSB 717 vs. 1, 2, 3, 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

"Glorify Thy Name"

"How Great is Our God (How Great Thou Art)"

Remembering Our Baptism

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43

Epistle Galatians 1:1-12

Holy Gospel Luke 7:1-10

Apostles' Creed

Song

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Sermon

Offering Song

"Voice of Truth"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"Once Again"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Indescribable"

MAY 27 & 28, 2016 THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Pastor: Wayne Dobratz

Organist: Sara Jakeman

Lectors: Dorothy Neitzel (5:30); Kris Winkelmann (8:00);
Jim Atkinson (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



First Reading

1 Kings 8:22–24, 27–29, 41–43

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, ²³and said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day.

²⁷"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place.

⁴¹"Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for your name's sake ⁴²(for they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name."

Epistle

Galatians 1:1–12

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show

wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:1–10

¹After [Jesus] had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum.

²Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. ³When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, ⁵for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." ⁶And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. ⁷Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ⁹When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

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.