



Week of July 3, 2016

SUNDAY (3) 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Voter's Meeting, CLC
9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY (4) INDEPENDENCE DAY

ALL OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED

TUESDAY (5)

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Sisters In Christ Bible Study, CDC

WEDNESDAY (6)

7:00 p.m. Youth Group, CDC

THURSDAY (7)

8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
2:30 p.m. Worship @ Heritage House

FRIDAY (8)

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

SATURDAY (9) 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

SUNDAY (10) 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

*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.

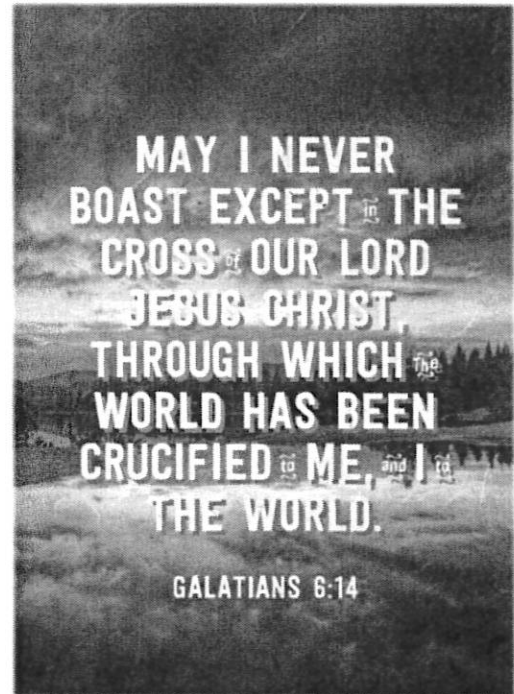
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets Tuesday mornings at 9:15 and is led by Pastor Hovland. Come a few minutes early for treats and coffee. ****OFF FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE****

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****



ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 290

Unified Received: \$18,396.08

Other Contributions: \$1,090.00

TOTAL: \$19,486.08

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**

Recovering:

Dennis Bennett; **Betty Carrington**; **Veronica Clymer**; **Robert Hoffer**; **Brian Konkel**; **Joyce Mael**; **Tiffany Veach** (daughter of **Ken** and **Marilyn Baars**)

Surgery:

Gerald Mael; (6-23 gall bladder surgery @ DSH)

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

July 9: Douglas & Kari Jacoby celebrate 5 years!
July 10: Len & Diane Strozinski celebrate 45 years!



coffee hour.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST?

Youth Ministries 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!

July 10	Shirley P. / Virginia L.	July 24	Youth Ministries
July 17	Kohrt's	July 31	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.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

All buildings will be closed on Monday, July 4th. Have a safe and enjoyable day with family and friends, remembering and celebrating all of our freedoms.



Ladies... Need a Lift?

You're invited to join us at the annual St. John's LWML Salad Supper! It's on Tuesday, July 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Our speaker will be Karen Lippert, director of Women's Ministries at Divine Redeemer, Hartland. She will speak about "The Tests of Our Lives" and how God helps us to pass those tests. Bring a salad to pass and a friend. (or just come— there's always more than enough! Hope to see you there!





STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Luke 10:20 "But rejoice that your names are written heaven." No one can snatch us out of the nail-marked hands of Jesus: He has redeemed us and claimed us as His own. As those whose

names are written in heaven, we seek to live heavenly lives here on earth. This is the foundation of all our good works, including the good work of faithfully supporting the work of the Church. It's our joy in having been redeemed by the Lord through the activity of the Church that motivates us. **Witness:** Have you ever said to yourself, "I knew I shouldn't do that?" Be assured that Jesus forgives. Tell someone else about Jesus, so they can also rejoice in His forgiveness.



Mark **WE ARE HOLDING** Your **OUR 3RD ANNUAL** **GARAGE SALE** Calendar **JULY 29TH - 30TH.**

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. Items to donate can be dropped off at the school **Saturday July 23rd from 8:00 am til Noon.** 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, call Emily Eicher at 608-697-5528.

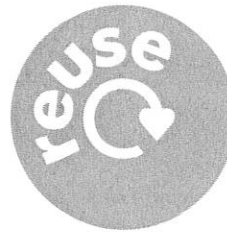


ST. JOHN'S WILL BE HOSTING the community meal for Portage on Saturday July 18th at St. John The Baptist Episcopal Church as we have for many years. The meal is served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. We are in need of deserts and also need a few people to help serve. If you can provide a dessert and or help serve the meal, please contact Don or Jan Weideman at 742-6776. Thank you.



We are in need of more counters to handle weekend offerings. Counting takes place between services and takes about an hour and a half. If you would be willing to serve in this way,

please contact Heidi Thompson at 608-742-3996 or ehthomps5@frontier.com.



WEEKENDS OF JUNE 18-19 AND JUNE 25-26:

The Board of Trustees will be sponsoring items in the narthex for you to take home if interested. Any groups in the church wishing to donate items no longer used or needed are encouraged to put them on the tables in the narthex on those dates. This is an effort to "clean house" in our church and provide things for your use. Any questions, contact Don Kohrt at 635-2744.

AVAILABLE HOUSING



We have two new teachers who will be in need of housing when they move to Portage! If you are aware of any rental availability, please contact Interim Principal Luke Beck @ lbeck@stjohnsportage.com or the church office @ 742-2387.



THE UNIVERSITY
of
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MADISON

Students from the University of Wisconsin, Madison

are looking for people who grew up speaking German in Wisconsin. They are interested in recording individual and community histories of Wisconsin German speakers. They would like to interview and record as many people as possible to learn about and preserve the language and history of German speaking Wisconsin residents. If you or someone you know grew up speaking German and would be willing to meet with them, please contact:

Lucian Rothe: (573) 639-1192
wisconsinheritagegerman@gmail.com
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REMINDER

The Financial Action Committee will be meeting on Thursday night July 7th at 6:30 pm.

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5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God" LSB 895

Confession and Absolution LSB 151

Kyrie LSB 152

This is the Feast LSB 155

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

Epistle Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

Holy Gospel Luke 10:1-20

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus Has come and Brings Pleasure" LSB 533

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

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus" LSB 606

"Lift High the Cross" LSB 837

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn

"God Bless Our Native Land" LSB 965

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

"Seek Ye First"

"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"

Remembering Our Baptism

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

Epistle Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Holy Gospel Luke 10:1-20

Apostles' Creed

Song

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Sermon

Offering Song

"Live Like That"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"Enough"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Better is One Day"

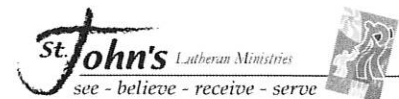
JULY 2 & 3, 2016 THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Serving the Worshipping Community Today

Organist: Stephenie Hovland

Lectors: Holly Wolgram (5:30); Kathy Gerstenkorn (8:00);
Stephanie Helmman (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance." For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies."

Epistle

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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.