St. John's Lutheran Ministries
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of July 10, 2016

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

MONDAY (11)
10:00 a.m. Worship @ Tivoli
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee, APR
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team, APR

TUESDAY (12)
6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
2:30 p.m. Worship @ Wyocena
6:30 p.m. Sisters In Christ Bible Study, CDC

WEDNESDAY (13)
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, CDC

THURSDAY (14)
8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee

FRIDAY (15)
NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

SATURDAY (16) 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

SUNDAY (17) 9TH 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

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

*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.

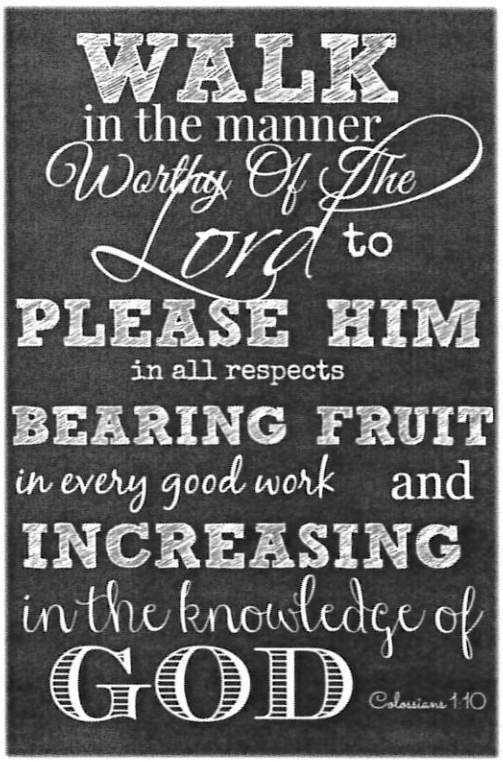
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets Tuesday mornings at 9:15 and is led by Pastor Hovland. Come a few minutes early for treats and coffee. ****OFF FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE****

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: 304

Unified Received: $11,736.84
Other Contributions: $1,140.00

TOTAL: $12,876.84

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 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; Brian Konkel; James Mientke**

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

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

Jul. 13: Ron & Susan Fleischhacker celebrate 5 years!
Jul. 13: Brian & Stacie Wheeler celebrate 20 years!
Jul. 15: Charles & Marlene Dehmlow celebrate 55 years!
Jul. 16: Phillip & Joyce Klieist celebrate 50 years!

coffee hour. THANK YOU SHIRLEY & VIRGINIA

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 17	Kohrt's	July 31	OPEN
July 24	Youth Ministries	August 7	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.

LWML 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!

I wish to thank

all who sent cards, calls, visits and prayers for me in my recovery. The Lord's blessings to all of you!

-Elizabeth Brozowski

Stewardship Thoughts

Luke 10:25 *"Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"* There is nothing right about this question. What shall I *do to inherit*? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can't do anything to gain those things: an inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties: the Father calls us His own children. So we inherit eternal life by grace, and seek to live out our new calling as the Father's children with our good works.
Witness: God plants His seed in all kinds of soil. Share His Word with someone today, planting seeds that may bear the fruit of eternal life.

3RD ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

JULY 29TH 8 AM-4 P.M.
JULY 30TH 8 AM-1 PM.

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 are looking for at least 15 people to 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 desserts 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.

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.

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

To the Congregation at St. John's Lutheran Church,

We, at the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC), thank you for your continuous financial support and prayers. Our recent need, however, extends beyond financial assistance; to "person" assistance. Our Center is in need of a Treasurer. The requirements are minimal and can be carried out primarily at home. Listed below are the requirements:

**Maintain an ongoing ledger and prepare a "director's report" every other month for our board meeting
**Assist with preparing the annual budget.
**Complete annual State 501(c3) renewal
**Balance monthly bank statements

We ask that you prayerfully consider assisting us with this worthwhile ministry in Portage. The PRC has helped numerous families in Columbia County meet their needs.

Please contact Gary or Liesa Zastrow at 742-4775 with questions relating to the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Blessings,

The PRC Board of Directors

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5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

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

Old Testament Reading **Leviticus 19:9–18**

Epistle **Colossians 1:1–14**

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

Holy Gospel **Luke 10:25–37**

Hymn of the Day
"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" LSB 851

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
"Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB 842
"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" LSB 729

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn
"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" LSB 924

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"
"Blessed Be Your Name"

Remembering Our Baptism

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading **Leviticus 19:9–18**

Epistle **Colossians 1:1–14**

Holy Gospel **Luke 10:25–37**

Nicene Creed

Song
"Shine on Us"

Sermon

Offering Song
"Voice of Truth"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song
"Enough"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song
"Shine Jesus Shine"

JULY 9 & 10, 2016 THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Serving the Worshiping Community Today:

Organist: Sara Jakeman

Lectors: Theresa Smith (5:30); Dorothy Lambert (8:00); Judy Kerr (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann

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Old Testament Reading *Leviticus 19:9–18*

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

"You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Epistle *Colossians 1:1–14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Holy Gospel *Luke 10:25–37*

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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.