



Week of July 17, 2016

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

MONDAY (18)

5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
6:30 p.m. Parish Life, CLC

TUESDAY (19)

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
7:00 p.m. LWML, CLC

WEDNESDAY (20)

5:30 p.m. Constitution Committee, CLC
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, CDC

THURSDAY (21)

8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee

FRIDAY (22)

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

SATURDAY (23) 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

SUNDAY (24) 10TH 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

 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.

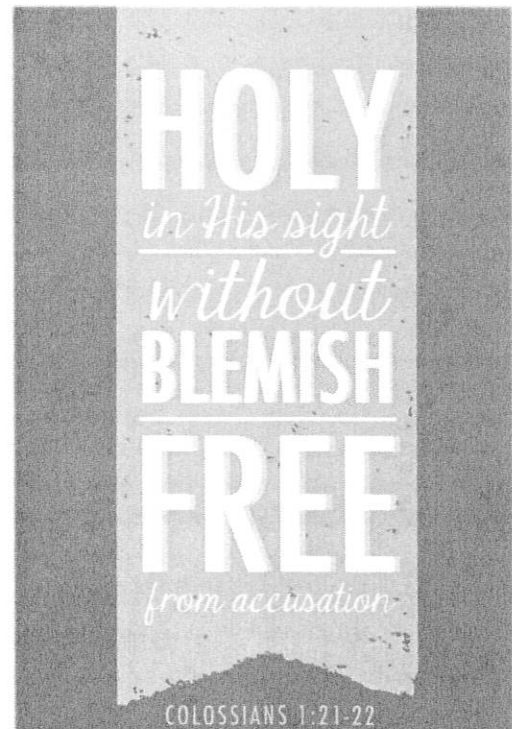
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets Tuesday mornings at 9:15 and is led by Pastor Hovland. Come a few minutes early for treats and coffee. ****OFF FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE****

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: 284

Unified Received: \$9,983.59

Other Contributions: \$2,060.00

TOTAL: \$12,043.59

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; Brian Konkel; James**

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Hospitalized:

Tom Waddell

Recovering:

Dennis Bennett; Betty Carrington; Russ Carrington;

Veronica Clymer; Robert Hoffer; Gerald Mael; Joyce

Mael; Tiffany Veach (daughter of **Ken** and **Marilyn**

Baars)

Comfort and Healing:

The family and friends of Jim Pankhurst (father of

Tammy Conley; died July 10; age 90)

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

Jul. 18: Bob & Dorothy Johnson celebrate 69 years!

Jul. 18: Don & Carol Kohrt celebrate 52 years!



coffee hour.

THANK YOU KOHRTS & LWML

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!

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| July 24 | Youth Ministries | August 7 | OPEN |
| July 31 | OPEN | August 14 | 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.



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!



Muffins-to-Go

Summer Camp will be selling muffins-to-go, coffee and juice to parents teachers and friends before they take off to work! Stop for a visit on Wednesday, July 20th between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. at St. John's Child Development Center. Cost is \$2 for a drink and muffin. All donations will go to Summer Camp activities!



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Luke 10:40 "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?" Martha is doing the right thing, but in the wrong order. Her service to the Lord is good – but she has let it get ahead of

hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good: is there any doubt that she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn't that what hearing the Word always lead us to do? We listen, then respond; we believe and thus we act!

Witness: Sow the seed of God's Word, and let God take care of the harvest. Only He knows how to sort out the wheat from the weeds.



3RD ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
JULY 29TH 8 AM-4 P.M.
JULY 30TH 8 AM-1 PM.

We are holding our 3rd Annual Garage Sale! Drop off day is

July 23rd from 8 am to Noon. We are looking for at least 15 helpers to make this day move efficiently and quickly. We are also looking for donations of gently used items. We CANNOT accept computers, TVs, mattresses, large upholstered furniture, paint or chemicals. If you have items you would like to donate but need help getting them to us, contact Emily at 608.697.5528. We are also looking for some of our blessed bakers and gardeners to donate baked goods or produce to our sale! Drop off for those items will be Thursday July 28th 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm or Friday July 29th during the sale. The sale will be held July 29th 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday July 30th 8 am to 1 pm. Come shop!! After the sale, we will need help cleaning everything up. We will start our clean up at 2pm on Saturday the 30th and hopefully be done no later than 4pm. Sign up sheets are in the back at the welcome center! Any questions, contact Emily Eicher at 608.697.5528



We need 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.



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

Fundraiser!

Pastor Hovland and Campus Maintenance Man Ethan Brown have graciously agreed to help St. John's CDC with a fundraising event. They are putting the Fun in FUNdraiser. They have agreed to be duct taped to the wall!! Anyone that is interested can join us to watch or participate as the Summer Camp kids compete against the Preschool kids to see who can raise the most for the center. We will be meeting in the school on **Thursday, July 28th** from 3:30 to 4:30, selling strips of duct tape for \$1 each. We will be using the funds to pay for summer camp field trips and other fun summer activities for the preschoolers. Don't miss out on this fun event!

Portage Police Department Volunteer Opportunity

D.A.R.E. CAR WASH
July 23rd, 2016
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**ASPEN FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER
2639 NEW PINERY ROAD. PORTAGE**

Please help wash cars to raise funds for the future success of the Dare Program. Dare teaches 5th grade students about being a valued member of the community. Not only does DARE teach about alcohol and tobacco, but also teaches confident communication, risks and consequences of their choices, how to report bullying, and so much more. Anyone 5th grade and up is encouraged to help!. Adult supervision is appreciated.

Contact: If you are able to volunteer, please contact Officer Dennis Pomeroy #7 at 608-742-2174. Please leave a message with your name and telephone number. I will return your call.

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5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In" LSB 913

Confession and Absolution LSB 203

Kyrie LSB 204

Glory to God in the Highest LSB 204

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Genesis 18:1-10a

Epistle Colossians 1:21-29

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

Holy Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Apostles' Creed LSB back cover

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" LSB 708

Sermon

Offering

Offertory LSB 159

Prayers

Preface / Sanctus LSB 208

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 209

Distribution Hymns

"My Hope Is Build on Nothing Less" LSB 575

"When Peace, like a River" LSB 763

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" LSB 811

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

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Songs

"Ancient Words"

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Remembering Our Baptism

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading Genesis 18:1-10a

Epistle Colossians 1:21-29

Holy Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Apostles' Creed

Song

"Seek Ye First"

Sermon

Offering Song

"I Have Been Bought"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"Enough"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Multiplied"

JULY 16 & 17, 2016 THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Serving the Worshipping Community Today

Organist: Sara Jakeman

Lectors: Marilyn Baars (5:30); Karen Riewe (8:00);

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



Old Testament Reading*Genesis 18:1–10a*

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.

He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

Epistle*Colossians 1:21–29*

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Holy Gospel*Luke 10:38–42*

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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.