



Week of July 24, 2016

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

MONDAY (25)

5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team, APR

TUESDAY (26)

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
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)

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

THURSDAY (28)

8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees, School

FRIDAY (29)

8:00 a.m. Rummage Sale, School Gym

SATURDAY (30) 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. Rummage Sale, School Gym
5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

SUNDAY (31) 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour
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*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.

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.

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****



"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." 1 Timothy 6:9-10

Paul warned his readers about the danger of money becoming our security and god. If we are obsessed with money, it becomes our love and treasure, and our thoughts and activities will become preoccupied with having more of it. When money has a hold on us, it is difficult to give money to God and others because we feel compelled to hoard it rather than give it. One of the ways that we can overcome money's power to possess us is to give it away freely and cheerfully. Then we will see money as a tool that God gives us to provide for our needs and for the help and support of others who are in need.

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.*

ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 306

Unified Received: \$16,322.90

Other Contributions: \$3,594.00

TOTAL: \$19,916.90

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 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 Konkell; James**

Mientke; Dale Roisum (son of **Audrey Roisum**)

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.**



MR + MRS

Marriage Milestones

July 24: Alan & Sonia Zook celebrate 62 years!

July 29: Michael & Kelly Behnke celebrate 10 years!



coffee
hour.

THANK YOU 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 31	Kathy Gerstenkorn	August 14	OPEN
August 7	OPEN	August 21	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.

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!



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.

We Are **HIRING**

At St. John's Child Development Center, we believe that children are precious individuals who should always be treated as such. During the early years, children need a stimulating and loving environment that will provide them with experiences that will aid them in development to their full potential. While the home is the foremost and most influential instrument for early childhood education, St. John's Child Development Center aids parents by providing a structured, Christian environment for learning and growing. Our school, congregation, staff and families together build a strong community.

Part Time Before and After Care Child Care Teacher (Portage/ Pardeeville)

*St. John's Child Development Center is looking to hire a qualified Teacher. St. John's CDC is a five star Christian center located in Portage an at our **NEW** Pardeeville Before and After Care site.*

Expectation of a Lead Teacher: • Work cooperatively with assigned teachers with lesson planning and schedule implementation, supervision, and management while supporting developmentally appropriate practice as well as children's individual goals. • Ensure a safe and healthy environment and complete daily tasks assigned. • Participate in regular cleaning of materials and classroom spaces. • Maintain classroom organization and rotate materials on a regular basis. • Create a culturally inclusive classroom with activities that support different cultures and backgrounds. • Engage children as individuals in a way that allows them to grow at their own abilities. • Work with cooperatively with classroom teachers to develop and maintain classroom curriculum. • Support children in their emotional and physical growth. • Maintain individual portfolios by observing, documenting, and assessing • Maintain daily, open communication with parents. • Help keep track of children and communicate regularly to parents about their progress in program. • Complete appropriate paperwork to assist with increased communication and also participate in parent conferences. • Communicate child concerns and family needs to the preschool team.

Responsibilities: • Follow policies and procedures of St. John's CDC. • Be knowledgeable of and adhere to state licensing regulations • Attend monthly staff meetings. • Respect confidentiality of families and staff. • Attend continuing education trainings to complete required hours. • Keep accurate record of trainings & timesheet.

Required Qualifications: • 18 years of age or older. • Graduation from high school. • Experience working in a preschool setting.

Preferred Qualifications: Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field

Part Time 4K Teacher Assistant

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THIS PAST
SATURDAY

(July 16th) St. John's
hosted the Commu-
nity Meal. It was a

huge success as we fed approximately 60 people. A big Thank You to everyone who brought a dessert, helped to serve the meal, or contributed in any way in hosting the Community Meal. The people that were there were very appreciative of the meal being served and the Christian fellowship that accompanied the meal.

Thank you.

Don & Jan Weideman and Family



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Luke 11:11 "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?" A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He

will care for our needs – we are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the Church, and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas (home, Church, and society) the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

Witness: Our task is to be fishers of men, not to worry whether they will be good or bad fishermen; be a fisherman and leave judgment up to God.



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



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:

- **Prepare a "director's report" every other month & maintain an ongoing ledger 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

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497

Confession and Absolution LSB 203

Kyrie LSB 204

Glory to God in the Highest LSB 204

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Genesis 18:20-33

Epistle Colossians 2:6-15

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

Holy Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Hymn of the Day

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets" LSB 583

Sermon

Offering

Soloist Lois Persson sings "Beautiful Savior."

Prayers

Preface / Sanctus LSB 208

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 209

Distribution Hymns

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" LSB 596

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB 770

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn

"Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725

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

"Draw Me Close to You"

"Lord I Need You"

Remembering Our Baptism

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading Genesis 18:20-33

Epistle Colossians 2:6-15

Holy Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Nicene Creed

Song

"Lord Reign in Me"

Sermon

Offering Song

"Seek Ye First"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"Keep Making Me"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Indescribable"

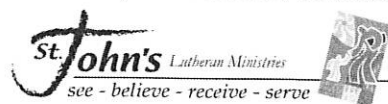
JULY 23 & 24, 2016 THE 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Mary Loomans

Lectors: Al Volpentesta (5:30); Kris Winkelmann (8:00);
Jim Atkinson (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:20–33

Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Epistle

Colossians 2:6–15

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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.