



Week of August 21, 2016

SUNDAY (21) 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour
National Youth Gathering Presentation
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY (22)

- 10:00 a.m. Worship @ Tivoli (*Additional*)
5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting, CLC
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team, APR

TUESDAY (23)

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
5:15 p.m. School Board Meeting, Computer Lab
6:30 p.m. Sisters In Christ Bible Study, CDC

WEDNESDAY (24)

- 5:30 p.m. WEBS, School Cafeteria
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, CDC

THURSDAY (25)

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

FRIDAY (26)

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

SATURDAY (27) 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Dino's
5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

SUNDAY (28) 15TH 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.

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****

STARTING AUGUST 20: SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets **Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m.** at Dino's in Portage. The group is working through Corinthians. Contact Dave Tamminga @ 742-3164.

stewardship

"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.

ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 333

Unified Received: \$14,201.64

Other Contributions: \$2,092.67

TOTAL: \$16,294.31

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 Wisner 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**; **Ron Kerl**; **Brian Konkell**;
James Mientke; Dale Roisum (son of **Audrey Roisum**)

Recovering:

Betty Carrington; **Russ Carrington**; **Veronica Clymer**;
Robert Hoffer; **Dale Horton**; **Gerald Mael**; **Joyce Mael**; **John Radke**; Tiffany Veach (daughter of **Ken** and **Marilyn Baars**); Tom Waddell

Thanksgiving:

Crissy Pasky (daughter of **Dean** and **Nancy Malloy**) gave birth to a baby boy.

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

August 24: Ronald & Geraldine Kerl celebrate 59 years!



coffee hour.

THANK YOU YOUTH MINISTRIES 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!

August 21	Youth Ministries	September 4	OPEN
August 28	Lutherans for Life	September 11	OPEN



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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS



Luke 13:26 "Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'" Proximity to Jesus and the

things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word – but ignored it, refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but doers of Jesus' Word. We want not just proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him, and returns thanks. **Witness:** In Matthew 15:21-28, the Canaanite woman was an "outcast" as far as the Jews were concerned, but she was not an "outcast" in the eyes of Jesus Who came to be the Savior for the whole world, not just the Jewish race. What good news to share that Jesus offers salvation for all!



LWML FALL RETREAT NEWS:

The Fall Retreat September 30th—October 1st, 2016 at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. Don't miss hearing about these COOL Saturday Breakout Sessions, which include a Mission Trip Speaker from Australia, and Lydia Beasley leader of *Born to Lead, Because Christ Led Us*.

For more information see the website <http://www.swd-lwml.org>. NOTE: To encourage our deaf LWML sisters, a grant to assist in costs for deaf interpreters has been applied for through Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry.



ADULT CHOIR

rehearsals will begin on August 31 6:30 p.m. in the church balcony. If you enjoy singing, the choir offers a wonderful opportunity to use your musical talents to sing Glory to God. Even if you don't

read music, you can join, and we will help you. If your schedule is conflicting with choir activities, we will work around it. Come and join a great group of people who spread the Word of God through their singing.

Handbells

Our handbell choir is currently looking for more people to join our choir! If anyone is interested in the playing the handbells, there will be a chance for you to try them out on Monday, August 22 from 5pm-6pm and Wednesday, August 24 from 5pm-6pm. If you can't be there right at 5pm, please come when you are able! This will be a very low key, informative practice about how to play our bells. Please feel free to come and see what our handbell choir is all about! Hope to see you there!



Congratulations to eighth grader, Brooke Fandrich! She not only won the St. John's School Life Essay Contest, and the Lutherans for Life State essay contest, but Brooke just won the NATIONAL Lutherans for Life essay contest. There were two national winners: one at the high school level and one at the middle school level. Brooke won the middle school level. She will represent our school, church, and state at the national Lutherans for Life conference in October. Brooke will be presenting her essay at the Bible study time (9:15) on **August 28**. Please come and listen to her message and support her as she goes on to the national conference.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASSES

Want to learn how to save \$1,000's, dump your debts, plan for the future, and much more? God will guide you the Biblical way in this class. New classes will start Monday evenings @ 6 pm on September 19 for 9 weeks in the Christian Life Center. Sign up for classes using this link: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1024936> Materials can be purchased at the church office while supplies last or on the above link for a cost of \$100. Class Coordinator Jim Atkinson can be reached at 608-697-7052 or jim@atkinsonrealtor.com.



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5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Hymn

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915

Confession and Absolution LSB 203

Kyrie LSB 204

Glory to God in the Highest LSB 204

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Isaiah 66:18-23

Epistle Hebrews 12:4-24

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

Holy Gospel Luke 13:22-30

Apostles' Creed LSB back cover

Hymn of the Day

"You Are the Way; through You Alone" LSB 526

Sermon

Offering

Prayers

Preface / Sanctus LSB 208

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 209

Distribution Hymns

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" LSB 673

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" LSB 563

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" LSB 791

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

"Holiness"

"Keep Making Me"

Remembering Our Baptism

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Isaiah 66:18-23

Epistle Hebrews 12:4-24

Holy Gospel Luke 13:22-30

Apostles' Creed

Song

"I Want to Know You"

Sermon

Offering Song

"Dear Jesus"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"On Remembrance"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Throne"

AUGUST 20 & 21, 2016: THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Mary Loomans

Lectors: Jim Atkinson (5:30);

Becky Williams (8:00); Ray Wisner (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 66:18–23

"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

"For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.

Epistle

Hebrews 12:4–24

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:22–30

[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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.