

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Week of October 9, 2016

### SUNDAY (09) 21ST 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 (10)

- 5:00 p.m. Home Volleyball Game, School Gym
- 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee, APR
- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee
- 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Team, APR

### TUESDAY (11)

- 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 (12)

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth, Gym
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir, Balcony
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth, Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

### THURSDAY (13)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
- 9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
- 10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, Levee

### FRIDAY (14)

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

### SATURDAY (15) 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Dino's
- 8:00 a.m. New Member Class, CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

### SUNDAY (16) 22ND 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](http://www.stjohnsportage.com) under "calendar" link.

\*Announcements to be printed must be in the church office no later than Wednesday NOON.



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**Facebook**

Join the **St. John's Lutheran Ministries** group for news, updates and daily encouragement!

## 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.

**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.

*"if we are faithless,  
He remains faithful,  
for He cannot  
deny Himself."  
2 Timothy 2:13*

## ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 375

Unified Received: \$18,355.15

Other Contributions: \$2,585.00

TOTAL: \$20,940.15

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 Ken Chvojicek 697-2102

Head Elder Jim Atkinson 697-7052

## PRAYER REQUEST

(Names in bold face are members of St. John's)

### Illness:

**Delores Fandrich** (recently suffered a stroke); **Rita Fenske**; **Verona Gray**; **Michael Johnson** (battling leukemia); **Jane Kaiser**; **Brian Konkel**; **Mary Loomans** (receiving chemo); **James Mientke**

### Recovering:

**Russ Carrington**; **Ken Chvojicek** (recovering from hamstring surgery); **Veronica Clymer**; **Robert Hoffer**; **Dale Horton**; **Gerald Mael**; **Joyce Mael**; **John Radke**; **Jean** (sister of **Dennis Raimer**; hip surgery) **Tiffany Veach** (daughter of **Ken** and **Marilyn Baars**); **Tom Waddell**

### Hospitalized:

**Sandra Hutler** (broken hip)

### 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

Oct. 11: Michael & Lisa Weaver celebrate 30 years!



coffee hour.

## THANK YOU VOLLEYBALL TEAM

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!

October 9	Volleyball Team	October 23	OPEN
October 16	LWML	October 30	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.

**\*This weekend's order of service is sponsored in memory of Amber Ann Wilcox by the John Wilcox family. Thank you.**



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

**Luke 17:19** And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." Only one of the ten lepers cleansed returns to give

thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith: and his faith turned into actions, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God's work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

**Witness:** God gives us the boldness, power, and love to testify and witness about him. Through His grace we are able to suffer for the Gospel's sake.



## The Portage Fire Department

will be doing a fundraiser on Monday, October 10, 2016 at the Portage Pizza Ranch from 4:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

we *need* you.

## New AC Unit

There is a need to replace one of the AC units at St. John's School in Spring 2017. As we are well into Fall and know what is coming soon after, it's time to plan ahead. Often times our members ask if there is a specific need that they would be able to help with. Here's a need! The estimated cost of this project is just over \$2,500. In the coming months, if you have in mind to make a memorial or special gift, please prayerfully consider helping our school in this way. Our day-to-day operations still need your steady and faithful support, so we THANK YOU for that!



## Gideons International

On behalf of the Portage Gideon Camp, I would like to thank our congregation for its generous offering of

\$1,436.69 to Gideons International. This will purchase 287 Bibles or 1,149 pocket Testaments. -Ken Manthey



## Do you have a used floor lamp?

An LCFS psychotherapist who uses St. John's on Monday evenings as a place to meet with clients expressed a need for a working floor lamp. If you have a used one that's not in bad shape that you would be willing to part with, please contact the church office.

WE ♥ OUR  
volunteers

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

We are very excited to invite you to be involved in planning our annual fundraiser for St. John's School. This year we are going to host a spaghetti dinner with a silent auction in the Spring of the year. It is our goal that we have a high percentage of families involved with planning, advertising, soliciting, etc. With many families helping, our event will be very successful. To learn more about our annual fundraiser here at St. John's, please join us in the school lunchroom on October 25th at 6:00pm. If questions arise or you are unable to make this evening but are able to be a part of this committee, please contact Karen Taft.

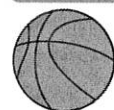
## WORK DAY



The Financial Action Committee is considering a Fall work day. In the past we had problems having enough volunteers to do work on the work days. If we can have a good supply of volunteers to do fall work chores, we will organize a Saturday work day for October 22nd from 8:00 am to NOON. If you are able and willing to volunteer for work duty, please contact Don Weideman at 742-6776 or Al Volpen-testa at 697-9566. Thank you.



## We are looking



for people willing to help with boys basketball. We need coaches for A Team and helpers for B team. Please contact Principal Luke Beck if you are able/willing to serve in this way!



## The Walkie Talkies

are moving to the tunnel at Divine Savior hospital, starting on Monday, October 10th through the Fall and Winter seasons. It's a good time to join us!

Meet at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays by the info desk at the hospital. All are welcome to join us!

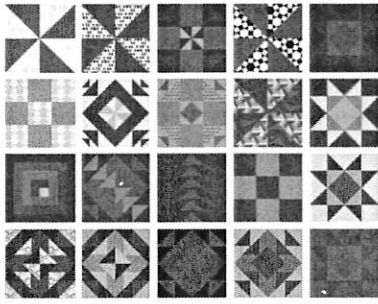
YOU ARE  
*Appreciated*

This weekend we recognize the installation of our new teachers, Miss Gerling in 1st Grade and Miss Meyer in 7th/8th grade. Along with our new teachers, all other teachers and staff will be recognized as well. There will be a box in the Narthex where you can place cards with well wishes to our current teaching staff and especially to our new teachers. Teaching is a challenging vocation. Your well wishes make a real difference, especially when just starting your ministry in a new place. \*During coffee hour we will have cake along with other refreshments from our volleyball teams.



**Relief for Human Need Worldwide**

The September issue of the Orphan Grain Train Wisconsin Branch Quarterly Newsletter is available at the Welcome Center. Please feel free to take one!



## Quilts on Display

On the weekend of October 22 & 23 a group of ladies

from our congregation will be displaying some quilts they have ready to send to Orphan Grain train. They will send off 50 + quilts. Donations for batting and backing are appreciated.

Thank you! Shirley, Lois & Elaine

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## 5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

### 5:30 Special Music

Adult Choir sings "How Can I Thank You Lord."

### Announcements *(if any)*

### The Peace of The Lord

### Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790

### Confession and Absolution LSB 203

### 5:30 Special Music

Adult Choir sings "O Come and Sing Unto the Lord."

### 8:00 Kyrie LSB 204

### 8:00 Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

### Collect of the Day

### Old Testament Ruth 1:1-19a

### Epistle 2 Timothy 2:1-13

### Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

### Holy Gospel Luke 17:11-19

### Nicene Creed LSB back cover

### Hymn of the Day

"When Peace, like a River" LSB 763

### Sermon

### Offering

### Preface / Sanctus LSB 208

### Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 209

### Distribution Hymns

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB 842

"Now Thank We All Our God" LSB 895

### Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

### Post-Communion Collect

### Benediction

### Hymn

"Onward, Christian Soldiers" LSB 662

## 10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

### Announcements *(if any)*

### The Peace of The Lord

### Songs

"Amen (Because He Lives)" "Awesome God"

### Remembering Our Baptism

Logan Kyle Paske is baptized today!

### Confession and Absolution

### Opening Prayer

### Old Testament Ruth 1:1-19a

### Epistle 2 Timothy 2:1-13

### Holy Gospel Luke 17:11-19

### Song

"Every More I Make"

### Sermon

### Offering Song

The Upper Choir sings "The House of the Lord."

### Prayer of the Church

### The Words of Our Lord

### Distribution Songs

"One Thing Remains"

"In Remembrance of Me"

### Closing Prayer

### Benediction

The Upper Choir sings "In Peace and Love."

### Closing Song

"Glorious Day"

OCTOBER 8 & 9, 2016 THE 2<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
*Serving the Worshipping Community Today:*

**Organist:** Sara Jakeman

**5:30 Special Music:** Adult Choir dir. by Kathy Gerstenkorn

**10:30 Special Music:** Upper Choir dir. by Gretchen Hintz

**Lectors:** Polly Koepp (5:30);

Becky Williams (8:00); Lora Foster (10:30)

**Worship Team:** Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



## Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1-19a

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

## Epistle

2 Timothy 2:1-13

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he also will deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

## 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.