

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Week of October 23, 2016

SUNDAY (23) 23RD 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 (24)

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

TUESDAY (25)

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
- 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Auction Planning Meeting, Lunchroom
- 5:30 p.m. School Board, Computer Lab
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Elders, CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, APR
- 6:30 p.m. Sisters In Christ Bible Study, CDC

WEDNESDAY (26)

- 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. Public School Confirmation, CLC
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

THURSDAY (27)

- 8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
- 9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
- 10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH
- 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees, CLC

FRIDAY (28)

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

SATURDAY (29) REFORMATION DAY

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

SUNDAY (30) REFORMATION DAY

- 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.

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



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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.

THE
Lord
STOOD
With Me
AND
strengthened me
2 TIMOTHY 4:17

ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 348

Unified Received: \$13,412.03

Other Contributions: \$1,200.00

TOTAL: \$14,612.03

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**; **Dale Scholl** (son-in-law of **Roger** and **Elowyn Kershaw**; cancer)

Recovering:

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

Hospitalized:

Sandra Hutler (broken hip); **Carol Kohrt** (triple bypass)

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

No milestone anniversaries this week...



ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST?

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 23	OPEN	November 6	OPEN
October 30	Kathy G/Shirley P.	November 13	LWML

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS



2 Timothy 4:6 "For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure." As St. Paul nears the end of his life he continue to view it as something to be spent in sacrifice toward God – just as he had told the Romans (12:1) to be "living sacrifices." And why does St.

Paul do this? Because he knows that His Lord has already won for him the crown of life. Jesus' sacrifice that purchased our salvation leads us to imitate His sacrifice in our living for Him. **Witness:** Love your neighbor as yourself and share God's plan of salvation through Jesus with him/her.



Military Boxes

It's time to start thinking about our Military Boxes for Christmas. The ladies that spoke to me earlier, please call me at 745-4670 before October 31st.

-Betty Carrington

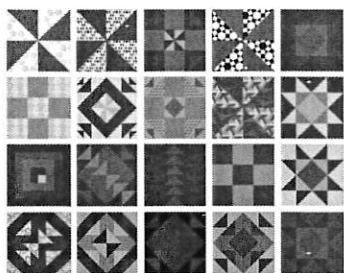
we *need* you.

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!

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.



Quilts on Display

This weekend 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



St. John's
CDE
Book Fair
Oct 31st -
Nov 4th

Stop by, and check out books for children of all ages, and help us achieve our 225 'books sold' goal! This is a great resource for birthday and Christmas presents. Check out our classroom wish lists to see what our teachers would like to add to their classrooms. The book fair will be available during center hours: 6am - 6pm. ***Family Fun Night** is November 2nd from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be dinner, books, a photo booth, face painting, and much more! Attire: beach / under the sea. Can't Make it? Online shopping can be done from Oct. 21 - Nov. 8:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnschilddevelopment>



Sisters in Christ Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights in the Child Development Center lower level. All women are welcome! Contact Elaine Hull at 742-2034.

BOOK OF REVELATION

YOUTH GROUP:
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 4:30 TO 8 P.M.
MIDDLE SCHOOL : 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL - 6 TO 8 P.M.
ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL CAFETERIA/GYM

We are studying the Book of Revelation this month.

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5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Hymn

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" LSB 611

Confession and Absolution LSB 203

Kyrie LSB 204

Glory to God in the Highest LSB 204

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Genesis 4:1-15

Epistle 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

Holy Gospel Luke 18:9-17

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Hymn of the Day

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740

Sermon

Offering

Prayers

Preface / Sanctus LSB 208

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 209

Distribution Hymns

"Just as I Am, without One Plea" LSB 570

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" LSB 803

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus Glory" LSB 660

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

"Grace Flows Down"

"Lord I Need You"

Remembering Our Baptism

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Genesis 4:1-15

Epistle 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Holy Gospel Luke 18:9-17

Nicene Creed

Song

"Wonderful Merciful Savior"

Sermon

Offering Song

"Refiner's Fire"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"You Are My All in All"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Every Move I Make" Come on up, kiddos!

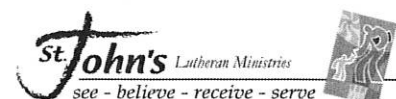
OCTOBER 22 & 23, 2016 THE 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Kathy Gerstenkorn

Lectors: Ken Manthey (5:30);
Ron Mueller (8:00); Don Weideman (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



Old Testament Reading*Genesis 4:1-15*

1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." 2 And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. 3 In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, 4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. 6 The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" 10 And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. 11 And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." 13 Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." 15 Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith."

Epistle*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

16 At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! 17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel*Luke 18:9-17*

9 [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

15 Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 17 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

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.