

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Week of November 6, 2016

### SUNDAY (06) ALL SAINTS' DAY

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

### MONDAY (07)

- 4:00 p.m. Board of Stewards, APR
- 5:00 p.m. Home Basketball Game, Gym
- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH
- 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, CLC
- 6:30 p.m. Health & Wellness Committee, APR
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Action Committee, Nursery

### TUESDAY (08)

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
- 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Worship @ Wyocena
- 5:30 p.m. Gale Singers, Balcony
- 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee, CLC
- 6:30 p.m. Sisters In Christ Bible Study, CDC

### WEDNESDAY (09)

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth, Gym
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir, Balcony
- 5:30 p.m. Constitution Committee, APR
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth, Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation, CLC
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

### THURSDAY (10)

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

### FRIDAY (11)

- 12:45 p.m. Veterans Day Assembly, Gym

### SATURDAY (12) 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

### SUNDAY (13) 26<sup>TH</sup> 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

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



Find us on  
**Facebook**

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

Also listed on [www.stjohnsportage.com](http://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** in the CDC lower level. All women are welcome. Contact Elaine Hull 742-2034.  
**OFF THROUGH YEAR'S END; RESUMING JANUARY 10**

**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 @ 608-566-1123.

**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.



## ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 349

Unified Received: \$12,365.15

Other Contributions: \$3,250.00

TOTAL: \$15,615.15

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** (suffered a stroke); **Rita Fenske**; **Verona Gray**; **Michael Johnson** (battling leukemia); **Jane Kaiser**; **Brian Konkell**; **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**; **Sandra Hufner** (broken hip); **Carol Kohrt** (triple bypass); **Gerald Mael**; **Joyce Mael**; **Douglas Mountford**; **Tiffany Veach** (daughter of Ken and Marilyn Baars); Tom Waddell

### Comfort and Healing:

Family and friends of **John Radke**

### 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

Nov. 11: Roger & Ellowyn Kershaw celebrate 65 years!



coffee hour.

## Are you able to Host?

Thank you Kris Winkelmann for hosting!

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!

Nov. 6	Kris Winkelmann	Nov. 20	OPEN
Nov. 13	LWML	Nov. 27	Health & Wellness

## 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



**Matthew 5:6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." You only hunger and thirst for what you don't have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness – His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to

be givers, too. **Witness:** As we approach the end of the church year, our thoughts turn to last things. One day Christ will come again and take His precious saints to be with Him forever. In the meantime, we, as bold Christians, gladly share the hope that is within us even when things in this world go bad.



FYI

## The Financial Action Committee

will be meeting on Monday, November 7 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Nursery.



## YOU Have Funded a New AC Unit!

We presented a need to replace one of the AC units at St. John's School in Spring 2017. Our congregation delivered! We have received more than the \$2,500 estimated cost! Thank you for your steady and faithful support, and for giving above and beyond!



## Thank You

everyone for your cards, prayers,  
and words of encouragement fol-  
lowing my recent surgery!

-Carol Kohrt

See you there

## Altar Guild:

We will be setting our Christmas schedule at our next meeting on Monday, November 14 @ 1:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Please plan to attend!



## The roses on the altar flower stands

are placed by the **Altar Guild Flower Fund** in memory of each member of our congregation who has gone to be with our Lord and Savior this past year (since last All Saints' Day. Those family members who would like may pick up one rose AFTER the 10:30 service in memory of that loved one.

## STEWARDSHIP

The Board of Stewards is looking for people interested in growing in Sanctification and Christian Stewardship. The board could use help from people good at organizing and/or encouraging others. Contact Gary Zastrow or the church office.

you are

## INVITED

**The Grief Ministry** volunteers of St. John's invite the public to join them in hearing about an important community resource – a Support Group for those impacted by Suicide. Please join us on **Thursday, 11/17 at 6:30 pm** at St. John's where Amy Cole will speak to us about the support group, and about the unique challenges of supporting people who are grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. Here is some information about Ms. Cole and the support group:

Amy is a licensed School Psychologist. She majored in psychology at the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1998 and continued at UW-Whitewater to earn her Master's degree in School Psychology in 2000. She has been a practicing School Psychologist since 2000 and continues this practice at Bartels Middle School and the Portage High School. At the schools she works with 8th through 12th graders, their families, staff, and administration.

In 2002, Amy lost her only sibling to suicide. She, herself, attended a grief support group and experienced the benefit during her grief. She is an active member of the Prevent Suicide Columbia County Coalition. It was there that a need for a suicide loss support group was determined. She began the Suicide Loss Support Group as the facilitator in October 2015.

We hope to see you at St. John's to hear more about this important resource; again on Thursday, November 17, 6:30 pm at St. John's church.

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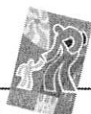
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## 5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

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### 5:30 Special Music

Adult Choir: "God Himself Is Present."

### Announcements *(if any)*

### The Peace of The Lord

### Hymn

"Father Welcomes" LSB 605

### Confession and Absolution LSB 151

### Kyrie LSB 152

### 5:30 Special Music

Adult Choir: "Shall We Gather at the River"

### 8:00 This is the Feast LSB 155

### Collect of the Day

### First Reading Revelation 7:9-17

### Epistle 1 John 3:1-3

### Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

### Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

### Hymn of the Day

"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White" LSB 676

### Sermon

### Offering

### Apostles' Creed LSB back cover

### Prayers

### Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 163

### Distribution Hymns

"For All the Saints" LSB 677

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" LSB 673

### Thank the Lord LSB 164

### Post-Communion Collect

### Benediction

### Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507

## 10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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### Announcements *(if any)*

### The Peace of The Lord

### Song

*"Revelation Song"*

### Remembering Our Baptism

### Confession and Absolution

### Opening Prayer

### First Reading Revelation 7:9-17

### Epistle 1 John 3:1-3

### Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

### Apostles' Creed

### Song

*"Untitled Hymn"*

### Sermon

### Offering Song

*"Be Unto Your Name"*

### Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

### Distribution Song

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

### Closing Prayer

### Benediction

### Closing Song

*"I Will Rise"*

NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 2016 ALL SAINTS' DAY  
*Serving the Worshipping Community Today:*

**Organist:** Sara Jakeman

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

**Lectors:** Holly Wolfgram (5:30);

Ken Jahn (8:00); Leah Smith (10:30)

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





## First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with  
his presence.  
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.  
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their  
shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## Epistle

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## 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.