

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Week of 11/27/16

SUNDAY (27) FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

MONDAY (28)

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

TUESDAY (29)

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Game, School Gym
6:00 p.m. Board of Elders, CLC
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, APR

WEDNESDAY (30)

10:00 a.m. Advent Worship
4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth, Gym
5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir, Balcony
5:30 p.m. Advent Dinner, CLC
6:00 p.m. High School Youth, Gym
6:30 p.m. Advent Worship
6:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation, CLC
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir, Balcony

THURSDAY (DECEMBER 01)

8:00 a.m. Altar Guild Christmas Decorating, APR
8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH
2:30 p.m. Worship @ Heritage House

FRIDAY (02)

NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

SATURDAY (03) SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Dino's
5:30 p.m. Christmas Concert

SUNDAY (04) SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

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

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** 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.

Give
THANKS
to the **LORD**
for He
IS GOOD
His
LOVE
endures
FOREVER
Psalm 107:1

ST. JOHN'S INFO CORNER

Last Weekend's Attendance: 371

Unified Received: \$12,313.35

Other Contributions: \$1,065.00

TOTAL: \$13,378.35

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 Ken Chvojicek 697-2102

Elder Bob Griepentrog 566-9810

Elder Ron Mueller 369-1845

Elder Gene Thompson 697-4786

Elder Al Volpentesta 697-9566

Elder Don Wakershauser 617-6171

Elder Mark Witt 697-0224

Head Elder Jim Atkinson 697-7052

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Illness:

Frank Budka (cancer treatment); **Delores Fandrich** (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**; **Sandra Hutler** (broken hip); **Gerald Mael**; **Joyce Mael**; **Douglas Mountford**; **Tiffany Veach** (daughter of **Ken** and **Marilyn Baars**); **Tom Waddell**

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

11/28: Robert & Patricia McCoy celebrate 52 years!

11/30: John & Susan Wilcox celebrate 53 years!

12/2: Albert & Sheila Ostmann celebrate 55 years!

12/4: Rick & Kay Crawford celebrate 35 years!



coffee hour.

Are you able to Host?

Thank you Health & Wellness 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 27	Health & Wellness	Dec 11	Nancy, Karen, Bonnie, Jean
Dec 4	OPEN	Dec 18	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.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

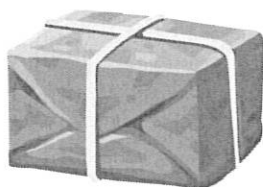
Matthew 21:3 "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord's kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals! **Witness:** Because of our hope in Christ, we believe that the best is yet to come. That is the kind of hope that people around us need to hear.



Altar flowers

On this the first Sunday of Advent the altar flowers are given to the glory of our Savior in memory of their mothers

Marion Soderlund and Elvina Szeus by our new members Eric and Mary Soderlund. We thank you and welcome you to our St. John's family.
-The Altar Guild



Military Boxes

We will send boxes to our Military men and women in time for Christmas and will need home-made cookies and candy. If you can bake or help with a monetary gift for postage, it will be greatly appreciated. Boxes will be packed in the Christian Life Center on December 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Due to health reasons, I can no longer direct the Military Ministry. However, I am happy to announce that Carol Hamele, Judy Raimer and Kris Tomaszewski have volunteered to keep this ministry alive. So when they appeal for help, please afford them the love and willingness to serve that you afforded me over the years.

Thanking you, Betty Carrington

You're Invited

What:

Journey to Bethlehem, a 20-minute trek through an elaborate set designed to look like the City of David as it appeared more than 2,000 years ago.

When:

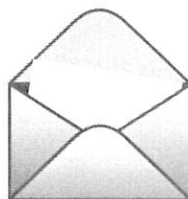
Dec. 3 and 4, 1-7 p.m.

Where:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
300 Broadway Drive Sun Prairie

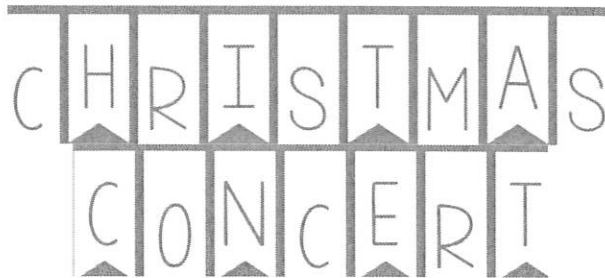
Details:

A cast of 100-plus costume-clad townspeople will line the winding path, lending narrative to this important moment in history. Bleating sheep, cackling chickens and the periodic calls of street merchants – combined with the aroma of straw and hay – will enhance the sensory experience of this trip back in time. While waiting for your tour to begin, enjoy live seasonal music and challenge yourself with some Christmas-themed trivia. For more information, contact Pastor Steve Vera at (608) 837-7446 or psv@bethlehemlc.org.



Missing Members:

At the Welcome Center is a list of "Missing Member" names. An encouragement letter will be going out soon from the Board of Elders to those who have not been in church in over 18 months. If you know or see these members, please invite them to come to church during this Advent Season. We joyfully welcome them back with open arms!
-Board of Elders.



The annual Christmas Concert will be held on

Saturday, December 3

at the 5:30 p.m. service.

Come, and join the worship Team, School Choirs, Handbells, and Adult Choir in celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!



Altar Guild Flower Fund

If you are interested in donating towards Christmas poinsettias, please fill out the following and return to the church office by December 16th.

Checks payable to *St. John's Altar Guild*. **Please do not place in an offering.**

A Gift In Loving Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

**Hop on in and help us out with the
2nd Annual St.
John's Carnival
Friday January 27th,
2017 1pm-4pm**

We need volunteers to make the St. John's Winter Carnival happen. We are planning a great family afternoon, so please consider helping and joining us. This event is a great way to raise money for our school. We need volunteers to run class games. (Games will be set up when you get there.) We also need baked goods for our cake walk. Please let Miss Quade or Miss Kosmala know if you will be making a donation. Baked goods can be dropped off Friday the 27th. Please don't worry if someone else donated an item. We are looking for multiples of each item on the list.

Please check events you would be willing to help with:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> run a class game | <input type="checkbox"/> sell concessions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> run prize table | <input type="checkbox"/> run cake walk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sell tickets at carnival | <input type="checkbox"/> face paint |
| <input type="checkbox"/> run the soda fountain | <input type="checkbox"/> help set up/clean up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> take photos at photo booth | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am making a donation. (See needed items below.) | |

What will you be donating:

Please return this slip to Miss Quade or Miss Kosmala

If you have questions talk to Miss Quade or Miss Kosmala.

kquade@stjohnsportage.com lkosmala@stjohnsportage.com

We are looking for the following donations: **Prizes:** small toys, gift cards, books, coupons, stuffed animals, art supplies, etc.

Concessions: water bottles, fruit snacks, small chip bags, granola bars, juice boxes, trail mix, etc. **General Items:** duct tape, paper plates, whipped cream, root beer, cups, ice cream, candy bowls, candy, prize bags, colorful table cloths, coloring books, gift cards to Walmart or Dollar Tree.

Please get items to Miss Quade or Miss Kosmala by Jan. 20.

Thank you!! -Miss Quade and Miss Kosmala

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Debra Drew, Director
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Center Hours: M-F / 6:00 a-6:00 p



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod

5:30 & 8:00 WORSHIP

8:00 Special Music

Adult Choir: "Emmanuel"

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Hymn

"Savior of the Nations, Come" LSB 332 v. 1-4

Confession and Absolution LSB 203

5:30 Kyrie LSB 204

5:30 Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

8:00 Special Music

Adult Choir: "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Isaiah 2:1-5

Epistle Romans 13:11-14

Alleluia LSB 205

Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

Nicene Creed LSB back cover

Hymn of the Day

"Savior of the Nations, Come" LSB 332 v. 5-8

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Preface / Sanctus LSB 208

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 209

Distribution Hymns

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" LSB 341

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" LSB 621

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Hymn

"The Advent of Our King" LSB 331

10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Announcements *(if any)*

The Peace of The Lord

Songs

"Revelation Song"

"Be Unto Your Name"

Remembering Our Baptism

Confession and Absolution

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Isaiah 2:1-5

Epistle Romans 13:11-14

Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

Nicene Creed

Song

"He's Coming"

Sermon

Offering Song

"O Come, O come Emmanuel"

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Song

"While We Are Waiting Come"

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"How Great Is Our God (How Great Thou Art)"

NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2016 THE 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Serving the Worshipping Community Today:

Organist: Sara Jakeman

8:00 Special Music: Adult Choir dir. by Kathy Gerstenkorn

Lectors: Karen Riewe (5:30);

Al Volpentesta (8:00); Judy Kerr (10:30)

Worship Team: Led by Lisa Tessmann and Kara Rietmann



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

Epistle

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

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.