



## ANNOUNCEMENTS: Week of 12/25/16

### SUNDAY (25) CHRISTMAS 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 (26)

NO SCHOOL  
ALL OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED  
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH  
6:30 p.m. Parish Life, CLC

### TUESDAY (27)

NO SCHOOL  
6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC  
6:00 p.m. Board of Elders, CLC  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, APR

### WEDNESDAY (28)

NO SCHOOL  
5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir, Balcony

### THURSDAY (29)

NO SCHOOL  
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH  
5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees, CLC

### FRIDAY (30)

NO SCHOOL  
ALL OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED

### SATURDAY (31) THE CIRCUMCISION/NAME OF JESUS

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Dino's  
5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Word & Sacrament

### SUNDAY (JAN 01) THE CIRCUMCISION/NAME OF JESUS

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

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.*



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** 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.  
**OFF THROUGH DEC.**

**RACHEL BIBLE STUDY** meets **Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** in the CLC. If you have questions, contact Gladys Chance @ 608-566-1123. **OFF THROUGH DEC.**

**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: 236

Unified Received: \$15,116.62

Other Contributions: \$1,605.00

TOTAL: \$16,721.62

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 REQUEST

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

### Illness:

**Nancy Bethke** (cancer treatment); Patrick Blackly; Corbin Dansie (great-grandson of **Verona Gray**; battling leukemia); **Delores Fandrich** (stroke); **Rita Fenske**; **Verona Gray**; Father of **David Hornischer**; cancer); **Michael Johnson** (battling leukemia); **Jane Kaiser**; **Brian Konkell**; **Mary Loomans** (receiving chemo); **James Mientke**; **Dale Scholl** (son-in-law of **Roger** and **Elwyn Kershaw**; cancer); **Donna Stauber**

### Recovering:

**Alice Atkinson** (at Tivoli healing from a bad fall); **Veronica Clymer**; **Robert Hoffer**; **Dale Horton**; **Sandra Hutler** (broken hip); **Gerald Mael**; **Joyce Mael**; **Douglas Mountford**; **Margaret Reick** (had surgery 12/3 @ St. Mary's); **Tiffany Veach** (daughter of **Ken** and **Marilyn Baars**);

### 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 milestones this week...



coffee hour.

## 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!

Dec 25	OPEN	Jan 8	Dennis & Karen R Shirley P
Jan 1	OPEN	Jan 15	Adult Choir

## 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

**Christmas Eve / Isaiah 7:14** "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." God is now with us! The greatest Gift of love now lies in a manger for the world to feed upon! Truly, God the Father gives the established custom of giving gifts at Christmas time with the gift of His Son.

**Christmas Day / John 1:5** "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Through all of our hardships, all of our sorrows, all of our pains and lowliness: Jesus' light shines in the darkness, and we are not overcome. In the face of our sin, in the midst, of our pettiness, against all our pride: Jesus' light shines and illuminates our hearts, and changes us, day by day, into a greater reflection of His likeness.



## Thank you

to Sandy Tills for the donation of wreaths on the church doors. Thank you to everyone for all of their contributions of time and talents during this Christmas season. Your selfless gifts are appreciated by St. John's Lutheran Ministries and show your serving hearts for Him. To Him be all the glory!

# We Are

# HIRING

## Part Time Child Care Teacher

St. John's Child Development Center is looking to hire a qualified Teacher. St. John's CDC is a five star Christian center located in Portage. At St. John's Child Development Center, we believe that children are precious individuals who should always be treated as such. During the early years, children need a stimulating and loving environment that will provide them with experiences that will aid them in development to their full potential. While the home is the foremost and most influential instrument for early childhood education, St. John's Child Development Center aids parents by providing a structured, Christian environment for learning and growing. Our school, congregation, staff and families together build a strong community.

**Expectation of a Lead Teacher:**

- Work cooperatively with assigned teachers with lesson planning and schedule implementation, supervision, and management while supporting developmentally appropriate practice as well as children's individual goals.
- Ensure a safe and healthy environment and complete daily tasks assigned.
- Participate in regular cleaning of materials and classroom spaces.
- Maintain classroom organization and rotate materials on a regular basis.
- Create a culturally inclusive classroom with activities that support different cultures and backgrounds.
- Engage children as individuals in a way that allows them to grow at their own abilities.
- Work with cooperatively with classroom teachers to develop and maintain classroom curriculum.
- Support children in their emotional and physical growth.
- Maintain individual portfolios by observing, documenting, and assessing
- Maintain daily, open communication with parents.
- Help keep track of children and communicate regularly to parents about their progress in program.
- Complete appropriate paperwork to assist with increased communication and also participate in parent conferences.
- Communicate child concerns and family needs to the preschool team.

**Responsibilities:**

- Follow policies and procedures of St. John's CDC.
- Be knowledgeable of and adhere to state licensing regulations
- Attend monthly staff meetings.
- Respect confidentiality of families and staff.
- Attend continuing education trainings to complete required hours.
- Keep accurate record of trainings and timesheet.

**Required Qualifications:**

- 18 years of age or older.
- Graduation from high school.
- Experience working in a preschool setting.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field

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St. John's Lutheran Ministries is hiring for the position of **Administrative Assistant** at the church office. The Administrative Assistant will provide hospitality for all visitors, handle all incoming phone calls, coordinate work of any volunteers in the church office, communicate with all levels of staff regarding special events including worship services, funerals, baptisms, weddings, confirmations, meetings and other functions that take place in the church, and provide secretarial assistance for the Pastor and staff working in the church as well as assistance for officers, boards and committees of the congregation as directed by the Business Manager.

A successful candidate will possess:

- Basic secretarial skills. (WPM of 45 or higher)
- Basic bookkeeping skills.
- Basic website update experience.
- Knowledge of social media communication via Facebook.
- Knowledge of office equipment such as fax and copy machines.
- Proficiency with computer software including Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Outlook, Word & Publisher)
- Initiative and creativity in producing high quality publications.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Sound judgment in confidential situations.
- Organizational skills to ensure office staff may work efficiently and that others may easily locate necessary materials and files when absent from the office.
- Warm, kind, professional demeanor, with a pleasant personality.
- Flexibility and self-motivation.

For a complete job description, please contact the church office at 608-742-9000 or e-mail the Church Business Manager at [cmusser@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:cmusser@stjohnsportage.com).

## PLEDGE SUNDAY

Pledge Sunday is  
January 14-15, 2017.

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you

Thank You

for your thoughts and prayers given to us in our time of need. It was greatly appreciated.

-Family of Alfred Weideman

# 2nd Annual St. John's Carnival

Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 5pm-7pm



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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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"/> <b>I am making a donation.</b> (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](mailto:kquade@stjohnsportage.com) [lkosmala@stjohnsportage.com](mailto: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**

## St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

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**Office Hours: M-F / 8:30a-3:00 p**

## St. John's Lutheran School

A Nationally Accredited School  
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Portage, Wisconsin 53901  
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Luke Beck, Interim Principal  
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**School Year Hours: M-F / 8:00 a-3:00 p**

## St. John's Child Development Center

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**Center Hours: M-F / 6:00 a-6:00 p**



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# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 25, 2016 8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.

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## Announcements *(if any)*

### The Peace of The Lord

#### Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" LSB 379

#### Confession and Absolution LSB 203

#### Kyrie LSB 204

#### Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

#### Collect of the Day

#### Old Testament Isaiah 52:7-10

#### Epistle Hebrews 1:1-6

#### Alleluia LSB 205

#### Holy Gospel John 1:1-14

#### Nicene Creed LSB back cover

#### Hymn of the Day

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" LSB 384

#### Sermon

#### Offering Soloist: "The Birthday of a King"

#### Prayer of the Church

#### Lord's Prayer

#### Preface LSB 208

#### Sanctus LSB 208

#### The Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini / Agnus Dei LSB 209

#### Distribution

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" LSB 388

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" LSB 374

#### Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

#### Post-Communion Collect

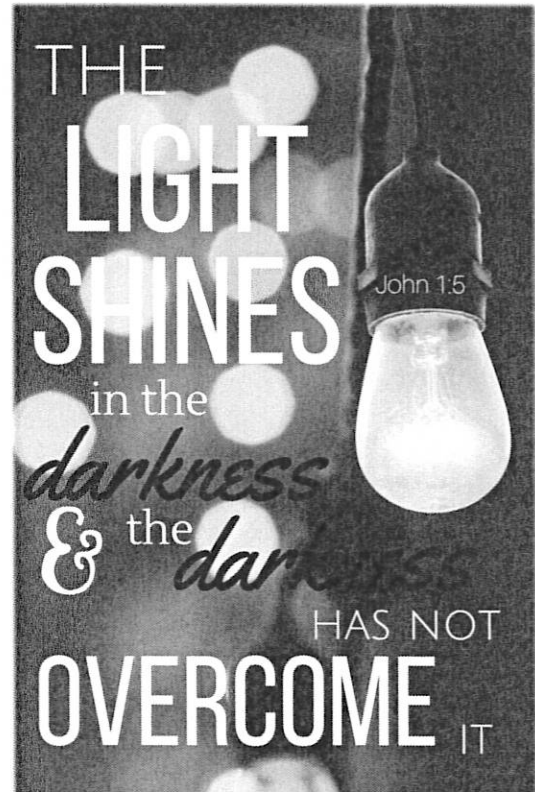
#### Benediction

#### Hymn

"Joy to the World" LSB 387

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book  
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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
*Serving the Worshipping Community Today:*

**Organist:** Sara Jakeman

**Special Music:**

Soloist Leona Brockopp



## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7–10

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of  
happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their  
voice;  
together they sing for joy;  
for eye to eye they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

## Epistle

Hebrews 1:1–6

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

## Holy Gospel

John 1:1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## 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.