St. John's Lutheran Ministries
Church, Child Development Center, School

Announcements: Week of 1/22/17

SUNDAY (22) THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
8:00 a.m. All School Choirs Sing
9:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour
10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY (23)
5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH
6:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting, APR
6:30 p.m. Financial Action Meeting, CLC

TUESDAY (24)
6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, CLC

WEDNESDAY (25)
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 (26)
8:00 a.m. Esther Bible Class, CLC
9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Class, CLC
10:00 a.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH
3:30 p.m. Student Led Conferences
5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting, CLC

FRIDAY (27)
5:00 p.m. School Carnival, Gym

SATURDAY (28) EPIPHANY
7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Dino's
5:30 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

SUNDAY (29) EPIPHANY
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** *under "calendar" link.*

***Announcements to be printed must be in the church office no later than Wednesday NOON. Send all correspondence to churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com**

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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.

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.

LWML Mission Grants 2016-2018

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS in the Concordia University System $5,000

This grant will help equip military veterans serve as peer counselors on Concordia Campuses. The funds would be used to develop resources which would encompass and promote collaboration with other Veteran support entities. Please pray for our veterans who will be serving as counselors. If you would like to support this grant please place your donation in the large Mite Box or pick up a small Mite Box to fill at home. They are found on the table in the CLC. The small Mite Boxes can be returned to the church office. Please pick up the LWML Quarterly magazine. Thank you for your prayers and monetary support.

St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 347

Unified Received: $11,999.05
Other Contributions: $1,985.0

TOTAL: $13,984.05

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

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.

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!

January 22	School Faculty
January 29	Lutherans For Life
February 5	Health & Wellness
February 12	Ray & Sharon Norland, Eugene & Carol Pribnow

(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 Konkel; Mary Loomans** *(receiving chemo);* **James Mientke; Dale Scholl** *(son-in-law of* **Roger** *and* **Elowyn Kershaw;** *cancer);* **Donna Stauber**

Recovering:
Veronica Clymer; **Robert Hoffer; Dale Horton; Sandra Hutler** *(broken hip);* **Gerald Mael; Douglas Mountford;**

Comfort & Healing:
Family and friends of **Marian Robinson;** family and friends of **Joyce Mael;** Family of **Jack Draper** (Steve Mulhern's ex father in law); Family and friends of **Raymond Johnson** *who died in Texas this last week. A memorial service will be held at St John's this spring. Family of* **Gladys Port**.

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.

Stewardship Thoughts

Matthew 4:20 "Immediately they left their nets and followed him." Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had: they left their trade, their hometown, their families and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship – the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: that we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose, that we are His disciples, ready to follow where He leads.

The Financial Action Committee will be meeting on Monday January 23rd at 6:30 in the CLC

CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Starting Monday Feb. 6th Join the WHOLE congregation in a personal, in Home , 2-year Bible Study spending time with GOD. Mon. - Sat. using Today's Light Bible that you see in the pews. 15 minutes per day "Get the BIG Picture" and "SHARPEN the FOCUS". $15 for Maroon Bibles (NIV) or $25 for Cloud covered Bibles (ESV) for sale at Welcome Center. Or just use your own personal Bible.
Contact an Elder or Pastor Greg with questions about this Bible Study.

Financial Peace University (FPU)

Want to get out of DEBT, Want to have Financial Peace in your LIFE. Want to strengthen your MARRIAGE or SINGLE Life. Learn how to handle Finances the Biblical Way. THIS CLASS has something for you to learn no matter what age. Classes Starting Monday Feb. 27 at 6:00 pm in the CLC. Materials can be purchased at Church office for $100. More info contact class Leader Jim Atkinson 697-7052 or jim@atkinsonrealtor.com

Lutherans For Life

Third Sunday after Epiphany

– Deep grief and dense guilt have descended upon our people like a darkness (Isaiah 9:2) because death is viewed and used as a solution. Only the Gospel that Jesus Christ has come with a kingdom of forgiving grace (Matthew 4:17) can break any gloom's grip. Faith in His ways may feel ineffective, old-fashioned, and foolish (1 Corinthians 1:17-18), but even through our clumsy conversations and awkward interactions, God's love heals every disease and affliction (Matthew 4:23). *Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten our land's darknesses by bringing Your Spirit among us through Your Word. Amen.*

Voter's Meeting Tuesday, Jan 31st @ 6:30p.m.

Items on the agenda

- Missing Members List
- Extend a call-Luke Beck Principal
- Board updates

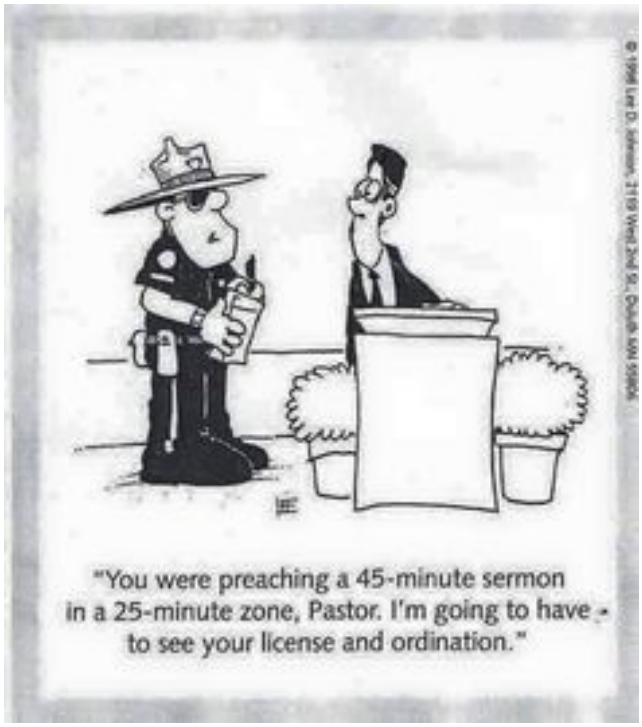
Marriage Milestones

Dr. Russell & Jeanette Smith—66 years

The Family of Joyce Mael would like to thank Bonnie Tamminga, Nancy Malloy, Carol Pribnow, Diane Manthey, Kathy Gerstenkorn, Carol Weiss-Swanson, Bonnie Konkel, Carol Kohrt, Jeanette Witt, David and Kelly Mael, Phyllis Zimmerman, Florence Schultz, Judy Raimer, Lovice Klemp, Dave & Lynn Koch, and Judy Rygiewicz for their prayers and generous contribution to the funeral. We would also like to thank all of those who prayed for Joyce over the years.

Passionate Believers Conference - Feb. 4

This year's ***Passionate Believers Conference*** will be here soon! We will meet together once again at Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church, N48 W31385 Hill Street, Hartland, WI 53029.
Our plenary speaker will be the president of Concordia Theological Seminary, Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast, Jr., who will present "Be Ready In Season and Out of Season" (2 Timothy 4:2): Confessing the Faith in Good and Bad Times.
Register online at http://swd.lcms.org Deadline is January 27, 2017!



The Handbell Choir would like to send out a huge thank you to the anonymous donor for their generous donation! It is greatly appreciated! This donation will go towards purchasing additional handbells.

THIS WEEK!

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