

Announcements: Week of 2/5/17

SUNDAY (5) THE 5th Sunday after Epiphany

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

MONDAY (6)

- 4:00 p.m. Board of Stewards, APR
- 5:30 p.m. Walkie Talkies, DSH
- 6:30 p.m. Health & Wellness, APR

TUESDAY (7)

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CLC
- 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee, CLC
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Action Committee, APR

WEDNESDAY (8)

- 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 (9)

- 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. Kindergarten Open House, Gym

FRIDAY (10)

No Activities

SATURDAY (11) EPIPHANY

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

SUNDAY (12) EPIPHANY

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
- 8:00 a.m. School Lower Choir Sings
- 9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening, Nursery
- 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**

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS at 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 **at 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 at 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 at 742-3164.

Everyone His Witness

Epiphany 5

Matthew 5:13-20: We have been blessed to be a blessing to others as salt and light. Isn't it wonderful that God Himself refers to YOU as His salt and His light for His world that He seeks to love and save? Empowered by the grace and forgiveness of Christ crucified, we have the privilege and responsibility of bearing witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in our every thought, word and deed. We are blessed salt and light that bring glory to God and lead others to praise God rather than praising us for our deeds. While this is hard to accomplish as sinners, we have the righteousness of Christ crucified to carry it out. May God bless us so we can "season" others with His salt and light to make an eternal difference everywhere we go.

St. John's Info. Corner

Last Weekend's Attendance: 355

Unified Received: \$11,759.22

Other Contributions: \$1,190.00

TOTAL: \$12,949.22

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. **This weeks broadcast is sponsored by the Rachel Bible Study.**



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!

February 5	Health & Wellness
February 12	Ray & Sharon Norland, Eugene & Carol Pribnow
February 19	Open
February 26	Open

PRAYER REQUESTS

(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**; Dawn Schallow (recurring brain cancer) niece of **Judy Kerr**.

Comfort & Healing:

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 5:1 : "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fill up the Law in our place. Now the threat of the Law is abolished – and the Law itself is upheld. For in Christ now we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life – precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Starting Monday, February 6th, join the congregation in a personal, in-home, 2-year Bible Study. The goal is that we collectively grow in Christ through God's Word. Spend time with God in His Word Monday through Saturday using the Today's Light Bible that you see in the pews. In just 15 minutes "Get the big picture" and "Sharpen the focus" in your Christian walk.

You may choose to purchase one of the pew Bibles (\$15 for the maroon NIV edition or \$25 for the "cloud covered" ESV edition.) You are also free to use your own Bible as the Today's Light reading schedule will be printed in the weekly bulletin. Join us! Contact an Elder or Pastor Greg with questions about the study.

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FIRST OFF, I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT SO MANY OF YOU ARE ENJOYING THE NEW STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES ONLINE ...



**Lutherans
For Life**

Celebrate Sanctity of Life

– There is still time to return baby bottles for the Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser to support this pro-life ministry. There is a need for cash donations, which can be placed inside the bottles and also baby wipes and diaper ointment. Your gifts may be placed in the basket in the narthex or returned to the office by the weekend of Feb 11-12. The staff of the resource center and members of Lutherans For Life thank you for your support. If you have an interest in becoming a member of LFL, there are membership forms in the welcome center.



Marriage Milestones

none



Sweetheart Dinner

Saturday, February 18



4:00 p.m. Fellowship
4:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Movie: War
Room and Popcorn

St. John's Church, CLC

Have you been married for 30 years or more?

If yes, this event is for you! We are celebrating your love! Parish Life is happy to host this year's Sweetheart Dinner and a movie for you and the love of your life.

Please RSVP for this dinner at the St. John's Church Welcome Center by February 5



Dishes, Pans, Bowls...

Do you have any dishes that may have been left in the Christian Life Center? There is a growing collection of dishes and pans in the storage closet of the Christian Life Center. Please claim them! We appreciate your service in preparing dishes for funerals, Lenten meals, coffee hours, etc.



Thank you to everyone that donated and helped with the Winter Carnival. The carnival had a great turn out and was very fun! Your contributions did not go

unnoticed. We are blessed to work with such a caring congregation.

Thank you!
Miss Quade and Miss Kosmala



**RESCHEDULED!
NEW DATE!**

**W.E.B.S.
Wednesday Evening Bible
Stories**

Wednesdays – February 8,

2017
4pm to 7:30p.m. (park open till 9)

Tube Town @ Cascade Mountain

Everyone is encouraged!
with RSVP for dinner by February, to
ktaft@stjohnsportage.com with WEBS in subject of email.

**Every ticket sold, St. John's Youth Ministries will receive
50% back
with the Youth Ministries Happenings newsletter.**

Purchase tickets on arrival: ages 7 & up \$15,
ages 6 & under \$10.

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

Check out the link below to register:

fpu.com/1036909



**Spaghetti Dinner &
Silent Auction**

(Plus more fun for the entire family to enjoy!)
Saturday, March 11, 2017
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Ticket Sales: Available
at St. John's School, Church & Child Development Center Offices Prior to March 3rd

\$6.00 per Adult / \$4.00 per child under 12

**Fundraiser Profits will benefit St. John's School Playground Updates.

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