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+ Sundays 9:15 a.m.

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The Blessing of the Persistent Dandelion

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weakness, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

The joy of receiving the first handful of summer is in the fists of a small child delivering a fresh bouquet of yellow dandelions. The same dandelion is often a torment to others. I remember my uncle detested the things and dug them out with vigor, only to have them reappear the next season.

Dandelions do have a purpose. They are not only for the beneficial tea, greens, or wine that can be harvested. The dandelion is useful to the soil. The roots help loosen the soil if it is too compact or hard. As its leaves wither and die, it adds to the calcium to the soil. The dandelion plant also helps if the soil is acidic. The darn things keep growing back in the same area until that soil has improved. Thus, my uncle’s annual use of the spade on the beasts.

God has enriched the dandelion to be a helpful plant. These innocent yellow gold mines are an emerging hibernating insect’s food as it has both pollen and nectar. The dandelion flower has a unique beauty all its own when the golden bloom is finished and is just a ball of fluff.

To many, the dandelion is just a weed, a thorn to be dealt with.

In chapter twelve of 2 Corinthians, Paul wrote of his thorn in the side. He begged God for its removal. In the refusal of removal, Paul realized it did have a purpose and learned the necessity of relying on God.

We seek the help of Jesus with the weeds or trials in our life, and let our triune God shine when placing our weakness in God’s care.

Perhaps our dandelions of life are unrecognized blessings with a purpose when we have less reliance upon ourselves and are more alert to God’s presence.

Connie Streich
Author

Reading *the* Word of GOD

**A DAILY READING GUIDE
FOR THREE YEARS**

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has joined with the Lutheran Church—Canada and the North American Lutheran Church to compile a three-year plan of *daily* Bible readings and a year-long series of *weekly* readings on Martin Luther’s approach to the Scriptures.

Daily readings

The daily readings are listed on calendars for [2021](#), [2022](#) and [2023](#). The plan provides a guide that will take the reader through the entire Old Testament one time in three years, with the exception of Psalms, which are read twice each year. The New Testament will be read twice in the three years.

A reading from the Old Testament, a psalm (or portion of a psalm) and a reading from the New Testament is assigned for each day. Certain church festivals — Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and so forth — have readings appointed for the specific occasion.

The calendar of the daily readings can be found at <https://reporter.lcms.org/2021/three-year-bible-reading-guide-updated/>.

Walk Through the Liturgy: The Preface and Proper Preface

In the course of the Liturgy of the Divine Service, we now fix our eyes upon the Altar, where Christ comes to us in His Body and Blood to feed us, forgiving our sins, and strengthening our faith. We are entering into the “Service of the Sacrament.” But before the meal we prepare ourselves further by hearing the words of both the Preface and Proper Preface.

The Preface is one of the oldest pieces of the entire Liturgy. According to my reading in preparation for writing this post, it seems plausible that the Preface could have been a part of the liturgy when the Apostle John was still alive (90 AD).

The words of the Preface are pretty simple. The celebrant (the pastor who is overseeing the Sacrament of the Altar), begins by saying the phrase: “The Lord be with you,” which happens to be an echo from the Service of the Word when the pastor speaks or chants the Collect of the Day. The congregation then responds, “And with thy spirit.” Typically, the pastor has opened his hands toward the people in speaking this salutation

and then he “receives” this blessing from the people as well.

We then hear the words, “Lift up your hearts.” The congregation: “We lift them to the Lord.” These words are interesting because of their origin. While it sounds great, it can be misunderstood. I remember from my seminary days, Dr. Masaki talking about these very words because of their “implied Calvinism.” In the Service of the Sacrament it is not really us who go up to heaven, but in actuality, it is Christ who comes down to us. And wherever Christ is, that is where Heaven is. So Heaven is on Earth in the Divine Service, and specifically in the Service of the Sacrament.

The beginning phrase and the ending of of the Proper Preface remains the same each and every time. It’s what is sandwiched in between that changes and contains the hard hitting theology. For instance listen to the preface of Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Day, Pentecost, etc. You will see the themes of the day beautifully illustrated for us. Listen to these, ask your pastor for a copy of them to meditate upon for a devotion. In the Service, it leads us to the singing of the Sanctus in which we announce the “Coming of the Lord” for us to save us now in the giving of his body and blood.

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Happy Anniversary

August 2

*Brian and Ann
Yahnke*

August 3

*William and Irma
Brockley*

August 4

*Andrew and Amber
Schwartz*

August 8

*John and Annetta
Lauth
James and Joanne
Sohl*

August 9

*Raymond and Sharon
Norland*

*Eric and Mary
Soderlund*

*Gary and Liesa
Zastrow*

August 13

*Phillip and Judy
Rygiewicz*

August 14

*Grant and Kendra
Wotring*

August 15

*Harold and Suzanne
Erdman*

August 18

*Louis and Robin
Herrick*

August 19

*George and Pauline
Koepp*

*Mandrow and Kris
Tomazewski*

August 22

*James and Jamie
Moll*

August 23

*Mark and Jeannie
Mueller*

August 25

*David and Jessica
Fandrich
Benjamin and Monica
Neumann*

August 26

*Dale and Jenny
Megown*

August 28

*Theodore and Tammy
Mootz*

August 31

*Richard and Carol
Beckett
Don and Jan
Weideman*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

01	Audrey Dettman Judith Raimer Sarah Zimmerman	11	Janet Hasse Troy Simonson Andrew Tamminga	21	Joshua Krueger Lori Platt Wyatt Simonson
02	Harold Wakershauser	12	Leslie Ciolkosz David Hall Russell Miller Sharon Raddatz	23	Jenny Megown
03	Herbert Jahn Landon Jones Amanda Steinle David Zimmerman	13	Keith Horan Ellowyn Kershaw John Neale Holly Wolfgram	24	Ronald Atkinson
04	Benjamin Mootz Darwin Wolfgram	14	Benton Boeck Bradley Hinrichsen Payton Kabele Virginia Miller Austin Raimer Kenneth Schumann Amy Windus	25	Hunter Gitzlaff Diane Kesterton
05	Jessica Fandrich Donald Hackbarth	16	Michael Witkowski	26	Evelynn Bocinsky Hunter Sanders Douglas Zuhlke
06	Dennis Bennett Stephen Larson Paul Lendobeja Mark Mostrom	17	Russell Carrington Ronald Eddy Jamie Jardine Evan Kraucyk	27	Curtis Nummerdor Karlie Schultz Kaysie Schultz Ronald Thompson
07	Logan Paske Annabelle Reynolds Stacie Wheeler Mark Witt	18	Robin Herrick Eric Mraz Ronald Paske	28	Thomas Kohn Kyle Schumann Donald Stanford
08	Michael Behnke Harold Erdman	19	Amber Schwartz Amy Tikkanen	29	Shirley Middlesteadt
09	Karen George Pauline Koeppe Theodore Richards Christian Somer Tiffany Welsh	20	Nicole Moll James Winkelmann	30	Carla Henke Evonne Warren Robert Warren
10	Jordan Jones Karen Tessendorf			31	Laura Gerstenkorn Michael Mulhern Sydney Wheeler

Luther's Large Catechism

In this edition of the Cornerstone, we continue to publish portions of Luther's Large Catechism for your continued growth in God's Word. The text for this series is taken from the Triglotta, a public domain version of The Book of Concord.

We continue with the First Commandment:



The First Commandment.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

For I am the Lord, thy God, strong and jealous, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

Although these words relate to all the commandments (as we shall hereafter learn), yet they are joined to this chief commandment because it is of first importance that men have a right head; for where the head is right, the whole life must be right, and *vice versa*. Learn, therefore, from these words how angry God is with those who trust in anything but Him, and again, how good and gracious He is to those who trust and believe in Him alone with the whole heart; so that His anger does not cease until the fourth generation, while, on the other hand, His blessing and goodness extend to many thousands, lest you live in such security and commit yourself to chance, as men of brutal heart, who think that it makes no great difference [how they live]. He is a God who will not leave it unavenged if men turn from Him, and will not cease to be angry until the fourth

generation, even until they are utterly exterminated. Therefore He is to be feared, and not to be despised.

He has also demonstrated this in all history, as the Scriptures abundantly show and daily experience still teaches. For from the beginning He has utterly extirpated all idolatry, and, on account of it, both heathen and Jews; even as at the present day He overthrows all false worship, so that all who remain therein must finally perish. Therefore, although proud, powerful, and rich worldlings [Sardanapaluses and Phalarides, who surpass even the Persians in wealth] are now to be found, who boast defiantly of their Mammon, with utter disregard whether God is angry at or smiles on them, and dare to withstand His wrath, yet they shall not succeed, but before they are aware, they shall be wrecked, with all in which they trusted; as all others have perished who have thought themselves more secure or powerful.

And just because of such hardened heads who imagine because God connives and allows them to rest in security, that He either is entirely ignorant or cares nothing about such matters, He must deal a smashing blow and punish them, so that He cannot forget it unto children's children; so that every one may take note and see that this is no joke to Him. For they are those whom He means when He says: *Who hate Me, i.e.*, those who persist in their defiance and pride; whatever is preached or said to them, they will not listen; when they are reproved, in order that they may learn to know themselves and amend before the punishment begins, they become mad and foolish so as to fairly merit wrath, as now we see daily in bishops and princes.

But terrible as are these threatenings, so much the more powerful is the consolation in the promise, that those who cling to God alone should be sure that He will show them mercy, that is, show them pure goodness and blessing, not only for themselves, but also to their children and children's children, even to the thousandth generation and beyond that. This ought certainly to move and impel us to risk our hearts in all confidence with God, if we wish all temporal and eternal good, since the Supreme Majesty makes such sublime offers and presents such cordial inducements and such rich promises.

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But, alas! here is the failure, that the world believes nothing of this, nor regards it as God's Word because it sees that those who trust in God and not in Mammon suffer care and want, and the devil opposes and resists them, that they have neither money, favor, nor honor, and, besides, can scarcely support life; while, on the other hand, those who serve Mammon have power, favor, honor, possessions, and every comfort in the eyes of the world. For this reason, these words must be grasped as being directed against such appearances; and we must consider that they do not lie or deceive, but must come true.

Reflect for yourself or make inquiry and tell me: Those who have employed all their care and diligence to accumulate great possessions and wealth, what have they finally attained? You will find that they have wasted their toil and labor, or even though they have amassed great treasures, they have been dispersed and scattered, so that they themselves have never found happiness in their wealth, and afterwards it never reached the third generation.

Instances of this you will find a plenty in all histories, also in the memory of aged and experienced people. Only observe and ponder them.

Saul was a great king, chosen of God, and a godly man; but when he was established on his throne, and let his

heart decline from God, and put his trust in his crown and power, he had to perish with all that he had, so that none even of his children remained.

David, on the other hand, was a poor, despised man, hunted down and chased, so that he nowhere felt secure of his life; yet he had to remain in spite of Saul, and become king. For these words had to abide and come true, since God cannot lie or deceive. Only let not the devil and the world deceive you with their show, which indeed remains for a time, but finally is nothing.

Let us, then, learn well the First Commandment, that we may see how God will tolerate no presumption nor any trust in any other object, and how He requires nothing higher of us than confidence from the heart for everything good, so that we may proceed right and straightforward and use all the blessings which God gives no farther than as a shoemaker uses his needle, awl, and thread for work, and then lays them aside, or as a traveler uses an inn, and food, and his bed only for temporal necessity, each one in his station, according to God's order, and without allowing any of these things to be our lord or idol. Let this suffice with respect to the First Commandment, which we have had to explain at length, since it is of chief importance, because, as before said, where the heart is rightly disposed toward God and this commandment is observed, all the others follow.

The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter article – August 2021

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures; who gave her everything she had; who redeemed her from her own

sin, from death, and the power of the devil; who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament; would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts, it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Galatians 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

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Crusader News!



Welcome Mr. Krupski!

As I begin this new ministry amongst the people at St. John's, I am excited by all of the wonderful opportunities that are available in the greater Portage area to share the wonderful message of salvation that we have through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For many years St. John's, has worked through good times and bad to continue this vital work.

First, I would like to introduce myself. I was born in Berwyn, Illinois, an older suburb on the northwest side of Chicago. Being the son of a Lutheran pastor, I grew up in Lincoln Park, Michigan. At the beginning of second grade, I attended grade school at Calvary Lutheran in Lincoln Park and then continued at Lutheran High West in Detroit, Michigan, where I graduated in 1978. Following high school, I attended Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and graduated from Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois, in May of 1982. I did extensive graduate work in history at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, and then received a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Indiana University in 1997. I taught in Louisiana, Michigan, and Indiana with a large part of that time as chairman of the history department and student activities director at Lutheran High Northwest in Rochester Hills, Michigan. I have been a principal for the past 24 years in several states, including Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois. My most recent call was in Bourbonnais, Illinois as a principal. I love music, history, and science fiction movies. I am eager to

meet all of you and become part of the St. John's family.

I strongly believe that now more than ever, a strong Christ-centered school is vital. God has placed us together in this ministry to not only train our own but to reach out to a world that is desperately struggling to find hope. This true hope can only be found in Jesus Christ.

This coming year we will focus on how Christ is the center of all. This year's theme is, **"IN ALL THINGS"** It is based on Colossians 1:15-20 where it says,

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

(Colossians 1:15-20).

We as a church and school have much to learn as we study the passage together. We understand that none of this is about us. It is about our Lord and Savior. As it says in the above passage, "All of creation was made by Him and for Him." He is the purpose for our being. Our Lord loved us so much that he sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins and then sealed that victory through His resurrection from the dead. What a wonderful opportunity we have to share this message with our students, their families, and our community.

-Jim Krupski,
St. John's Lutheran School Principal





Yet for Christians the day they worship — and rest — is a matter of freedom. It belongs to the *civil law*, the law for the nation of Israel. It is not a part of the *moral law*, the law for all people. We know this because Jesus called himself “the Lord of the Sabbath” and St. Paul describes that freedom in Romans and Colossians. Still the church chose from the beginning to rest every Sunday, the first day of the week, to remember the Resurrection of Jesus.

While Christians should worship God every and any day, resting on Sunday brings with it the opportunity to hear God’s word preached, to receive his gifts of baptism and the Lord’s Supper, to meet with each other and pray for each other and to study the Word of God. It is not so much that we have to go to church than that we get to go to church. At many times and in many places that freedom does not exist.

So we honor Sundays and Holy Days. We use the opportunity to receive the forgiveness of sins and bread for our daily lives. We rejoice to honor our Lord Jesus, who died for us, rested in the tomb three days and rose again, so that we might rest with him forever.

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The Sabbath Rest

The Sabbath rest is ancient. God himself rested on the seventh day, just after he created the world in six days. When God gave his law to his people the command to rest on the seventh day made the top ten. God knew that working without rest would damage his creatures. So he built it in — rest every night and the seventh day. It provided time for his people to worship and to meditate on his word.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter article – August 2021 continued...

So, what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God’s giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Corinthians 16:1–2, 2 Corinthians 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)!

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, and without resources for the poor and needy.

In short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us. For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor

(Matthew 22:34–40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, “Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart” (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God’s gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.

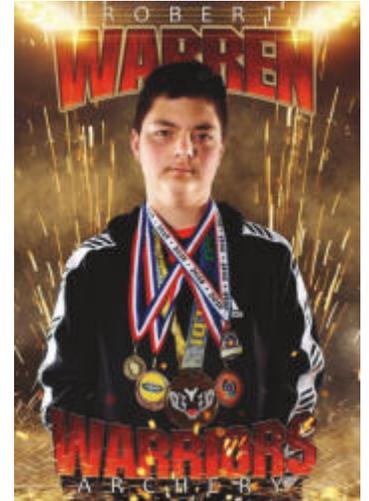
Celebrating our Students Past & Present

St. John's is blessed with many talented students at our school and in our congregation. If you have a student you would like to celebrate, please email the church office, churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com.

This month, we would like to introduce you to Robert Warren. Robert recently had the opportunity to compete in several archery competitions.

Greetings St. John's family,
My name is Robert Warren and I'm a recent 8th grade graduate of St. John's Lutheran School. I started my Christian education 12 years ago when I attended the 3K program instructed by Mrs. Sara Jakeman. I started to compete in NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) when I was in 4th grade. A soccer teammate thought we should try archery together. I've enjoyed archery ever since and I've been quite successful with the Lord guiding me. I had the opportunity to practice my archery with the help of Mrs. Tessendorf when she brought archery into the school for gym class. I normally will practice at the Montello Bow Benders Club. This past April, I participated in the middle school boy's division for the Wisconsin State Archery Tournament. I took 1st place out of 224 middle school male archers and 3rd place over the other 884 archers. Since I took first place at the State level, I was able to compete at the NASP National level. At the National level I ranked 34th out of 3611 middle school male archers. Because I placed in the top 100 at the National level I was able to attend the NASP Championship in Myrtle Beach, SC this past June. I placed 5th out of 368 male archers. I also participate in the Wisconsin Badger State Games. I've placed 1st numerous times and have represented the state of Wisconsin at the State Games of America in Lynchburg, Virginia. I've already qualified for two events for the

State Games of America in 2022 that will be held in Ames, Iowa. I've won numerous medals, plaques, trophies, arrows, and even a bow, but the best part of attending these tournaments is interacting with other archers. I've shot with archers from all over the USA and other countries. God has and will continue to play different roles in my archery. He's taught me patience with myself, my shots and other archers. He's brought countless coaches into my life that give me direction. He's given me the opportunity to see his creation when I compete in different states. Most importantly, is that God continually gives me the opportunity to participate in the sport that I enjoy. I've never shot an apple off of another person's head, but I have shot a foam apple and foam golf balls off of a target at 15 meters. My next tournament will be in Yankton, SD where I will be participating for the first time in the NFAA Outdoor National Target Championships. My favorite Bible reference of archery is: Revelation 6:2 "I looked, and behold a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer."



August Ministries Calendar

August—10

- Su 01 Service of Word and Sacrament**
8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- Tu 03 Men's Bible Study**
6:30 a.m., Portage Airport
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:15 a.m., Christian Life Center
Weekly Announcement Submission Deadline
12:00 p.m., churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
- W 04 Service of Word and Sacrament**
5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Youth Group
6:30 p.m., School Gym
- Th 05 Heritage House Monthly Worship**
11:00 a.m., Heritage House
Thirsty Souls Bible Study
5:30 p.m., Christian Life Center
- Sa 07 Service of Word and Sacrament**
5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Su 08 Service of Word and Sacrament**
8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- M 09 Tivoli Monthly Worship**
10:00 a.m., Tivoli
Altar Guild
6:30 p.m., Christian Life Center
- Tu 10 Men's Bible Study**
6:30 a.m., Portage Airport
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:15 a.m., Christian Life Center
Weekly Announcement Submission Deadline
12:00 p.m., churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
- W 11 Service of Word and Sacrament**
5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Th 12 Thirsty Souls Bible Study**
5:30 p.m., Christian Life Center
- F 13 Cornerstone Submission Deadline**
12:00 p.m., churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
Submission Guidelines can be found on our website, stjohnsportage.com/resources/the-cornerstone-submission-guidelines
- Sa 14 Service of Word and Sacrament**
5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Su 15 Service of Word and Sacrament**
8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- Tu 17 Men's Bible Study**
6:30 a.m., Portage Airport
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:15 a.m., Christian Life Center
Weekly Announcement Submission Deadline
12:00 p.m., churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
- W 18 Service of Word and Sacrament**
5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Th 19 Thirsty Souls Bible Study**
5:30 p.m., Christian Life Center
Board of Trustees
6:00 p.m., All Purpose Room

- Sa 21 Service of Word and Sacrament**
5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Su 22 Service of Word and Sacrament**
8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- Tu 24 Men's Bible Study**
6:30 a.m., Portage Airport
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:15 a.m., Christian Life Center
Weekly Announcement Submission Deadline
12:00 p.m., churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
- W 25 Service of Word and Sacrament**
5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Th 26 School Choice Audit**
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., All Purpose Room
Thirsty Souls Bible Study
5:30 p.m., Christian Life Center
- Sa 28 Service of Word and Sacrament**
5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Su 29 Service of Word and Sacrament**
8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- Tu 31 Men's Bible Study**
6:30 a.m., Portage Airport
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:15 a.m., Christian Life Center
Weekly Announcement Submission Deadline
12:00 p.m., churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

Calendar events are subject to change.
For the most up-to-date calendar information,
please visit our website,
<http://www.stjohnsportage.com/st-johns-calendar>.

To schedule your group activity, please contact the
church office at 608-742-9000 or email
churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com.

Attention Altar Guild!

We will begin meeting again on **August 9 at 6:30 p.m.**
to set a schedule for now until next May.
If you are interested in joining Altar Guild, please
join us for our meeting on August 9. We are looking
forward to all joining together to serve our Lord in this
capacity.

2021 Young Women's Event

Date: August 14, 2021

Location: Trinity Lutheran

728 Church St. Wisconsin Dells, WI

Theme: Focused on Christ and Psalms 25:5

Geared for families with children of all ages. Fun servant events with children's messages to keep the kids engaged and growing in Christ.

Possible Online option!

Contact Amy Tikkanen at 608-369-2059 or

atikkanen.lwm.@gmail.com with any questions.



Who needs an event that the whole family can attend? That's right, the **WHOLE** family! The Young Women's committee has planned an event that not only focuses on Jesus and service but is planned around the kids. We would like you to join us Saturday, August 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for some fun and spiritual growth.

We will have an in person event at Trinity Lutheran in Wisconsin Dells or, if you cannot join us in person, we will have the event on Zoom as well! We will have two to three children's type sermons/devotions, VBS-type songs, learn about the church through children's eyes, and of course, servant events. If you are able to join us in person, we will be working on lap blankets for local nursing home and making witness bracelets for MOST Ministries. For those on Zoom, as well as in person, we will have cards and bookmarks that can be colored for local nursing home residents. We hope you can join us. Make sure to bring your children and learn how we can remember...*My hope is in You all day long* (Psalms 25:5 NIV).

To register for the event, please go to lwml-swd.org/events/workshops for the Young Women's Event Registration. The registration form can also be printed off and mailed in if you would prefer not to complete it online.

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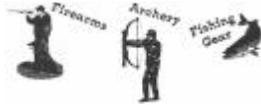
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