



# Cornerstone

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## Worship and Weekly Events

### Sundays:

8:00 a.m. **Service of Word and Sacrament**  
9:15 a.m. **Christian Ed Hour**, Christian Life Center  
9:15 a.m. **Sunday School**, School Cafeteria  
9:15 a.m. **Praise Band**, Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. **Service of Word and Sacrament**

### Tuesdays:

6:30 a.m. **Men's Bible Class**, Portage Airport  
9:15 a.m. **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**,  
Christian Life Center  
6:30 p.m. **Sisters in Christ Bible Study**,  
Christian Life Center

### Wednesdays:

10:00 a.m. **Chapel**, Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. **Weekly Announcements Deadline**  
churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com  
5:00 p.m. **Handbell Choir**, Balcony  
6:30 p.m. **Youth Group**, School Gym  
6:30 p.m. **\*Adult Choir**, Balcony

### Thursdays:

8:00 a.m. **Esther Bible Study**, Christian Life Center  
10:00 a.m. **Rachel Bible Class**, Christian Life Center  
5:30 p.m. **Thirsty Souls Bible Study**,  
Christian Life Center

### Saturdays:

5:30 p.m. **Service of Word and Sacrament**  
\*Adult Choir End of Year Choir Party, May 11

## Resource Links

**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod:**

<http://www.lcms.org/>

**South Wisconsin District of LCMS:**

<http://swd.lcms.org/>

**South Wisconsin District of LWML:**

<http://www.swd-lwml.org/>

**Lutheran Hour Ministries:**

<http://www.lhm.org/>

**Concordia University – Wisconsin:**

<http://www.cuw.edu/>

**Lutheran Counseling and Family Services:**

<http://www.lcfswi.org>

**Lutherans For Life:**

<http://www.lutheransforlife.org/>

**Camp LuWiSoMo:**

<http://www.luwisomo.org/>

**Concordia Publishing House:**

<http://www.cph.org/>

**Northwestern Publishing House:**

<http://www.nph.org/>

# May Lectionary Summaries

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(1 May 2022)

Acts 9:1–22

Revelation 5:(1–7) 8–14

John 21:1–14 (15–19)

### ***The Good Shepherd Feeds His Lambs***

“*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain*” (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has “*ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation*” (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He “*was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead*” (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15–17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name “*before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel*” (Acts 9:15).



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(8 May 2022)

Acts 20:17–35

Revelation 7:9–17

John 10:22–30

### ***The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep***

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, “*they will never perish*” (John 10:28), for “*no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand*” (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “*shepherds*”) “*care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood*” (Acts 20:28), “*testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: “*Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!*” (Rev. 7:10).

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(15 May 2022)

Acts 11:1–18

Revelation 21:1–7

John 16:12–22 or John 13:31–35

### ***Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy***

On earth “*you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy*” (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, “*God has granted repentance that leads to life*” (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is “*a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household*” (Acts 11:14). He gives freely “*from the spring of the water of life*” (Rev. 21:6), “*and death shall be no more*” (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, “*making all things new*” (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, “*and God is glorified in him*” (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our “*love for one another*” (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(22 May 2022)

Acts 16:9–15

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

John 16:23–33 or John 5:1–9

### ***We Pray to the Father in Jesus’ Name***

“*In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world*” (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that “*whatever you ask of the Father*” in Jesus’ name, “*he will give it to you*” (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our “*joy may be full*” (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation “*of the twelve apostles of the Lamb*” (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is “*the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb*” (Rev. 21:22).

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (26 May 2022)

Acts 1:1–11  
Ephesians 1:15–23  
Luke 24:44–53

### *Christ Ascended Is with You Always*

In His resurrection, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, *“appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God”* (Acts 1:3). Then He ascended to the right hand of the Father, not orphaning His Church, but filling all things in heaven and on earth, and giving gifts to His disciples. So today, He continues to preach *“repentance for the forgiveness of sins”* (Luke 24:47) through *“the apostles whom he had chosen”* (Acts 1:2), even *“to the end of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). Jesus comes among us today by His Word and Spirit, whom He pours out upon *“the church, which is his body”* (Eph. 1:22–23). In His Church, He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself *“in the heavenly places”* (Eph. 1:20).

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (29 May 2022)

Acts 1:12–26  
Revelation 22:1–6 (7–11) 12–20  
John 17:20–26

### *Jesus Is with Us in His Holy Christian Church*

On the night when He was betrayed, Jesus interceded for His Church — for His apostles and all who believe in Him through their word — that all of His disciples *“may become perfectly one”* in the Father and the Son (John 17:21–23). For Jesus became flesh and dwells among us in order to reveal the Father and His name, to share with us the glory of His righteousness, and to bring us to the Father in Himself. As the Father loved the Son from *“before the foundation of the world”* (John 17:24), so He loves the whole world (John 17:23, 26). Through the apostolic witness to the Baptism, cross and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 1:21–22), the Lord gathers His disciples throughout the world *“with one accord”* as one body in Christ (Acts 1:14). And so with one voice and by one Spirit, His Bride prays, *“Come”* (Rev. 22:17). And He comes to us. He gives us *“the water of life without price”* to wash our robes and quench our thirst (Rev. 22:17); He feeds us from *“the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit”* (Rev. 22:2).

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**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**  
Newsletter Article – May 2022

## Living Sacrifices

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area then we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game that we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way.

This is why our Lord warns: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23) We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have.

And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us: “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may

discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1–2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that and think that we have done what God has required. Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us. Not one for the other but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God. And, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9–13)

# Catechism: The Three Ways God Cares for Us

When we baptize a new Christian, we ask him to promise several things and confess several things. Following the ancient tradition of the Church, we ask the candidate if they believe what the creed proclaims. But we do this with three questions: “Do you believe in God the Father...?” “Do you believe in Jesus Christ...?” and “Do you believe in the Holy Spirit...?” We do this because each person of the Holy Trinity has His own role in our life and salvation.

This is a bit of a mystery, since all three persons are involved in all these acts of love for us, yet the Scripture speaks of each having these roles. Rather than try to puzzle out how this is so, we rejoice that each person loves us in his own way.

Martin Luther in his Small Catechism calls each person’s work an article and speaks about them separately. So, he talks about the good news that God the Father created and provides for us, God the Son redeems us with his own blood and the Holy Spirit makes us holy. This good news gives us joy, especially since we just considered his law in the Ten Commandments. We have been confronted by the fact of our sinfulness. Now we can have peace in the gospel of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

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## Church Words: Communion of Saints

Every Sunday, we confess that we believe in the “communion of saints.” This phrase is not about the Lord’s Supper (yes, I know we sometimes call it Holy Communion!) It refers to the fellowship between members of the visible church, both in the paradise with the Lord and with us on earth.

Theologians call Christians who have died trusting in Jesus for their salvation the Church Triumphant. They have been cleansed of their sin. God has dried every tear in their eyes. They praise the Lamb of God night and day with great joy. In Jesus, they have conquered sin, death and the power of the devil. On the last day, God will raise them from their graves and we will join them forever at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb.

The Christians in this world, who still fight every day with the Devil and his forces, the world and its pressures to worship other gods and the old Adam, are called the Church Militant. The word is Latin for “to fight like a soldier.” When the Christian dies, he or she enters the Church Triumphant. William W. How describes the relationship between the two states of the church well in his beloved hymn, “For All the Saints:”

O blest communion, fellowship divine  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! (TLH 463 Stanza four)

When a Christian dies and enters eternal life, they no longer are aware of this world. We do not pray for them, because they no longer need prayer. We do not pray to them, because they do not answer, nor is there anything they can do for us. We pray to the Father and the Son and sometimes the Holy Spirit. They are where help can be found.

But there is a time when we pray with them. When we gather for worship, we are not just praying with those in the room with us. We pray together with the whole church — both the Church Militant around the world of all nations, races, languages and places, with Angels and Archangels, and the Church Triumphant, the whole company of heaven. The day will soon enough come — today, tomorrow, decades from now, or at the end of time — when we will worship in the presence of God as members of the Church Triumphant. For now, we join them every time we gather to praise God. It is why theologians often call Sunday the eighth day of the week. It is a time outside of time itself in eternity, when the clock stops for us until the pastor makes the sign of the cross at the end of worship and we realize about an hour has past in the world around us!

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# 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. For a more up-to-date reading, consider purchasing Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions at [cph.org](http://cph.org).



## The Fourth Commandment (Part 5)

*Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother.*

The same also is to be said of obedience to civil government, which (as we have said) is all embraced in the estate of fatherhood and extends farthest of all relations. For here the father is not one of a single family, but of as many people as he has tenants, citizens, or subjects. For through them, as through our parents, God gives to us food, house and home, protection and security. Therefore, since they bear such name and title with all honor as their highest dignity, it is our duty to honor them and to esteem them great as the dearest treasure and the most precious jewel upon earth.

He, now, who is obedient here, is willing and ready to serve, and cheerfully does all that pertains to honor, knows that he is pleasing God and that he will receive joy and happiness for his reward. If he will not do it in love, but despises and resists [authority] or rebels, let him also know, on the other hand, that he shall have no favor nor blessing, and where he thinks to gain a florin thereby, he will elsewhere lose ten times as much, or become a victim to the hangman, perish by war, pestilence, and famine, or experience no good in his children, and be obliged to suffer injury, injustice, and violence at the hands of his servants, neighbors, or strangers and tyrants; so that what we seek and deserve is paid back and comes home to us.

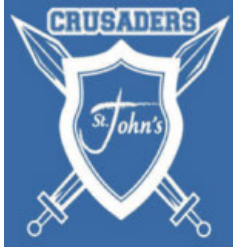
If we would ever suffer ourselves to be persuaded that such works are pleasing to God and have so rich a reward, we would be established in altogether abundant possessions and have what our heart desires. But because the word and command of God are so lightly esteemed, as though some babler had spoken it, let us see whether you are the man to oppose Him. How difficult, do you think, it will be for Him to recompense you! Therefore you would certainly live much better with the divine favor, peace, and happiness than with His displeasure and misfortune. Why, think you, is the world now so full of unfaithfulness, disgrace, calamity, and murder, but because every one desires to be his own master and free from the emperor, to care nothing for any one, and do what pleases him? Therefore God punishes one knave by another, so that, when you defraud and despise your master, another comes and deals in like manner with you, yea, in your household you must suffer ten times more from wife, children, or servants.

Indeed, we feel our misfortune, we murmur and complain of unfaithfulness, violence, and injustice, but will not see that we ourselves are knaves who have fully deserved this punishment, and yet are not thereby reformed. We will have no favor and happiness, therefore it is but fair that we have nothing but misfortune without mercy. There must still be somewhere upon earth some godly people because God continues to grant us so much good! On our own account we should not have a farthing in the house nor a straw in the field. All this I have been obliged to urge with so many words, in hope that some one may take it to heart, that we may be relieved of the blindness and misery in which we are steeped so deeply, and may truly understand the Word and will of God, and earnestly accept it. For thence we would learn how we could have joy, happiness, and salvation enough, both temporal and eternal.

Thus we have two kinds of fathers presented in this commandment, fathers in blood and fathers in office, or those to whom belongs the care of the family, and those to whom belongs the care of the country. Besides these there are yet spiritual fathers; not like those in the Papacy, who have indeed had themselves called thus, but have performed no function of the paternal office. For those only are called spiritual fathers who govern and guide us by the Word of God; as St. Paul boasts his fatherhood 1 Cor. 4, 15, where he says: *In Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the Gospel.* Now, since they are fathers they are entitled to their honor, even above all others. But here it is bestowed least; for the way which the world knows for honoring them is to drive them out of the country and to grudge them a piece of bread, and, in short, they must be (as says St. Paul, 1 Cor. 4, 13) as the filth of the world and everybody's refuse and footrag.

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# Crusader News!



## Crusader Calendar — May

- 2 – 6 Teacher Appreciation week**  
If you would like to do something extra special, check out their wish list of wants on Amazon by going to our website: <http://www.stjohnsportage.com/wish-list>.
- 4 Hillbilly Silly Science Spectacular**  
1:00 p.m. in the school gym
- 15 School Choir sings at the**  
10:30 a.m. church service
- 26 School Musical**  
*Land of the Lost and Found*,  
6:30 p.m. in the school gym

## Canoes on Parade

May—6

Monday, May 16, 2022

Get your maps at multiple locations.

St. John's Lutheran School was asked to do an education canoe.

Our finished canoe will be at Portage Culver's starting May 16th. Maps will be available at Culver's to view the rest of the amazing Canoes on Parade.

Presented by the Portage Chamber of Commerce  
<https://portagewi.com/canoes-on-parade/>



# LAND of the LOST & FOUND

FROM THE DOVE-NOMINATED CREATORS OF "WHAT'S UP ZAK?"



You're invited to  
**A Musical Encounter with the Parables**

**When: May 26 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Where: St. John's Lutheran School gym  
Armstrong Street Entrance**

created by  
Kim Ingram, Joe Milton and Heather Olson



We are super proud of our school donating 456.5 pounds of food to the portage food pantry through chapel offerings & \$534.65 to The Market through penny wars during Spirit Week!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01	Michael Muller Maya Oganezov Travis Witt	09	Elizabeth Manthey Bonnie Mulhern Mark St. Martin Eugene Thompson Logan Wilcox	17	Diane Bortz Joanne Haefele Richard Hemler Tom Hinrichsen Jan Weideman	24	Michael Larson Heather Saari Hayden Steinle Easton St. Martin
02	Thomas Edwards					25	Cora Loomans Michelle Nichols
03	Shari Beckius Troy McReath	10	John Gavinski David Hornischer Dennis Riewe Heidi Thompson	18	Jennifer Kabele Shannon Kreuziger Maxwell Petersen	26	Wyatt Jost Brian Thompson
04	Mary Kastner Jennifer Popp Gregory Wilson			19	Thomas Leege Cynthia Lehman Diane Manthey Isaac Opalewski	27	Miles Dorn Sally Miller
05	Philayne Pribnow Linda Vista	11	Stephanie Helmann Rebecca Johnson Robert Johnson Lael Schumann	20	Isabelle Bass Larry Bielke	28	Rita Haase
06	Tremaine Richards Korbin Schumann David Tamminga	12	Gordon DeZoute Beverly Hornat Kara Lendobeja Corry Wetzell	21	Johnathan Conway Emma Eicher Brandie McReath	29	Levi Carrington Regina Mommens
07	Elizabeth Carrington Maurice Georgeson			22	Abigail Boeck Grace Jones Shane Kraucyk Catherine Mael	30	Parker Horan Raymond Norland Colin Thompson
08	Rebecca Arkin Eric Barreau Jacob Barreau Piper Rantala Gemini Schwantz Laci Wilcox Susan Wilcox Sarah Winkelmann	13	Jacob Helmann Mark Jonas Helen O'Neill Dreyer	23	Jesse Jahn Donna Leege Kaitlyn Lendobeja Gil Schultz	31	Martin Hintz Melissa Leeland

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- ♥ Jonathan & Carrie Conway — May 1
- ♥ Jason & Shari Beckius — May 3
- ♥ Thomas & Amanda Kohn — May 4
- ♥ Val & Marilyn McReath — May 4
- ♥ William & Kelly Hageman — May 6
- ♥ Paul & Amy Wolff — May 7
- ♥ Scott & Donna Jones — May 8
- ♥ Tom and Jennifer Hinrichsen — May 10
- ♥ Arthur and Shirley Anacker — May 15
- ♥ Andre and Sassha Coullard — May 15
- ♥ David and Sandy Hall — May 16
- ♥ Kenneth and Marilyn Jahn — May 16
- ♥ Michael and Melissa Belton — May 17
- ♥ Gary and Lori Witt — May 17

- ♥ David and Carla Henke — May 22
- ♥ David and Beverly Hornischer — May 26
- ♥ Michael and Bonnie Mulhern — May 27
- ♥ Robert and Marion Beahm — May 28
- ♥ Paul and Stacy Opalewski — May 28

*Love* one another with genuine affection,  
and take delight in *Honoring*  
one another.

# News from St. John's Child Development Center

## From the Green Room

In March, Greenroomers had a lot of fun and were busy learning about the weather and about our clothes—including sorting, fastening, and washing.

In April, we learned about shoes and hair styles. Children learn differences and uniqueness through different hair colors and styles. After celebrating Easter, we moved on to a spring theme with living things like birds, frogs, insects, and plants.

We review two letters each week in alphabetical order, talk about story sequences, characters, and their feelings. We continue practicing counting and number matching with a variety of loose parts and focus on comparison and a variety of patterning.

As teachers, we continue stressing social interaction with others and expectations in the classroom. Children understand better every day. We are so proud of them.

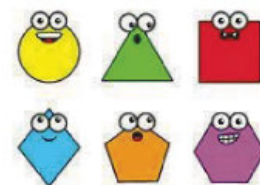
Happy Spring!



## From the Red Room

### Things we are Focusing on this month:

- Using silverware during our meal times
- Saying please when asking for something
- Colors
- Shapes: circle, oval, square, triangle, heart, star, rectangle
- Counting 1–5/1–10
- Using our words and not our hands





## From the Director



Thank you to Nancy and Dawn for helping the CDC by cooking lunch the last few weeks and training our new cook Shari Beckius. Welcome, Shari.



At the beginning of every month, I walk into the center on a Monday, and I see the bulletin board in the hallway has been transformed into a beautiful vision or story. I know someone sneaks into the center on the weekend and creates her masterpiece before we open on Monday. This person wears many hats here at St. John's Ministries. I am very thankful for her as a friend, mentor, teacher, and bulletin board "artist." Mrs. Beth Manthey, thank you for all you do for our center. God has blessed you with many gifts, and I am glad you share them with us at the center.

-Debbie Drew

## Flowers and Sunshine

*Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow:  
they neither toil nor spin.*

*Matthew 6:28*



My gaze wandered to the outside world as I sat at my desk, watching yet another day of God replenishing the earth with more raindrops. A day or so ago, I was watching the tiny snowflakes gather. I remembered how my dad would say "poor man's nitrogen," but I think that was associated with a plowed field, and I haven't seen any of those yet. While the dismal day continued, my thoughts brightened, first with thanksgiving for the rain, leading to the old saying of "April showers bring May flowers." Then a hopeful heart shone.

Martin Luther wrote that God's power and wisdom can be seen in all creatures, even in the smallest flowers (Luther's Works 54:327). His words remind us of the Creator's work in all things, even the tiny. We know our renewal of hope and trust because of our Savior's Resurrection and Ascension. We enjoy the beauty of spring, the rebirth of flowers and budding tree leaves, the newborn animals, and the ground for new harvests.

May we have the perseverance of the dandelion root and the faithfulness of the sunflower as it follows the sun. Likewise, with our triune God's power, we turn our hearts and minds to Him. We experience a new rebirth for ourselves, rejoicing each day to celebrate and share His birth, life, and Resurrection.

Even though the sun may not always shine, the Son always does. Be strengthened and encouraged!

Connie Streich

# St. John's Ministries Monthly and Special Event Calendar

May—10

## May

- Su 01 Confirmation Service**  
10:30 a.m.
- M 02 Praise Band Music Meeting**  
9:00 a.m., All Purpose Room  
**Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex
- W 04 Jr. Youth Group**  
3:30 p.m., School Gym
- Th 05 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex  
**Heritage House Monthly Worship**  
11:00 a.m., Heritage House
- M 09 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex  
**Tivoli Monthly Worship**  
10:00 a.m., Tivoli  
**Altar Guild**  
6:30 p.m., All Purpose Room
- Tu 10 Executive Committee**  
6:00 p.m., Christian Life Center
- Th 12 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex
- 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](http://stjohnsportage.com/resources/the-cornerstone-submission-guidelines)
- M 16 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex
- Tu 17 Women's Guild Luncheon Potluck**  
12:00 p.m., Christian Life Center  
**Board of Christian Education**  
6:00 p.m., Christian Life Center  
**LWML**  
6:30 p.m., All Purpose Room
- W 18 4K Graduation**  
1:00 p.m., Pauquette Park
- Th 19 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex  
**Columbia County Healthcare Monthly Worship**  
11:00 a.m. Columbia County Healthcare  
**Board of Trustees**  
6:00 p.m., All Purpose Room
- M 23 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex  
**Finance Board**  
4:30 p.m., All Purpose Room
- Tu 24 Board of Elders**  
6:00 p.m., Christian Life Center  
**Prayer Shawls**  
6:00 p.m., Narthex
- Th 26 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex
- M 30 Memorial Day**  
**No School**  
**Ministries offices closed**

## June (proposed)

- Th 07 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex  
**Heritage House Monthly Worship**  
11:00 a.m., Heritage House
- Sa 04 8th-grade Graduation**  
5:30 p.m.
- M 06 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex
- Th 09 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex
- F 10 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](http://stjohnsportage.com/resources/the-cornerstone-submission-guidelines)
- S 11 Wedding**  
2:00 p.m., Sanctuary, Christian Life Center, All Purpose Room
- M 13 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex  
**Tivoli Monthly Worship**  
10:00 a.m., Tivoli
- Tu 14 Executive Committee**  
6:00 p.m., Christian Life Center
- Th 16 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex  
**Columbia County Healthcare Monthly Worship**  
11:00 a.m. Columbia County Healthcare  
**Board of Trustees**  
6:00 p.m., All Purpose Room
- M 20 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex
- Tu 21 Board of Christian Education**  
6:00 p.m., Christian Life Center
- Th 23 Strength Training Class**  
9:30 a.m., Narthex
- Th 27 Finance board**  
4:30 p.m., All Purpose Room
- Tu 28 Board of Elders**  
6:00 p.m., Christian Life Center  
**Prayer Shawls**  
6:00 p.m., Narthex

Calendar events are subject to change.  
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**Luther's Large Catechism**  
**The Fourth Commandment (Part 5) continued.**

Yet there is need that this also be urged upon the populace, that those who would be Christians are under obligation in the sight Of God to esteem them worthy of double honor who minister to their souls, that they deal well with them and provide for them. For that, God is willing to add to you sufficient blessing and will not let you come to want. But in this matter every one refuses and resists, and all are afraid that they will perish from bodily want, and cannot now support one respectable preacher, where formerly they filled ten fat paunches. In this we also deserve that God deprive us of His Word

and blessing, and again allow preachers of lies to arise to lead us to the devil, and, in addition, to drain our sweat and blood.

But those who keep in sight God's will and commandment have the promise that everything which they bestow upon temporal and spiritual fathers, and whatever they do to honor them, shall be richly recompensed to them, so that they shall have, not bread, clothing, and money for a year or two, but long life, support, and peace, and shall be eternally rich and blessed. Therefore only do what is your duty, and let God take care how He is to support you and provide for you sufficiently. Since He has promised it, and has never yet lied, He will not be found lying to you.

**Living Sacrifices continued.**

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle's teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable

response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection. Through this, we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.

(1 Cor. 16:2).

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

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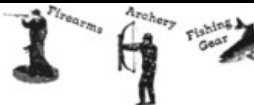
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