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NURSERY FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5

If you are in need of the Nursery for your child during Sunday morning worship, please let one of the ushers know and they will get a nursery attendant to sit with your child.

NOISY OFFERINGS

The September Noisy Offering will be for I-K Synod College Campus Ministry.

ARE YOU A NEWCOMER to St. John who would like to know more about what's going on around here? Copies of our newsletter are available at the Welcome Center. There are also copies of our brochure.

PENNY FUND

We are saving our pennies again to help with the remodeling of the kitchen. Please place them in the box in the Narthex of the church or give them to Martha Weber Thanks!

DIG DEEPER INTO OUR LUTHERAN ROOTS

During September and October, as we near the 500th remembrance of the Reformation, St. John is offering two opportunities to explore our faith as Lutheran Christians more deeply—one on Sunday mornings and one on Thursdays at noon. Sunday mornings will feature Rev. Dennis McFadden, pastor of outreach at nearby Emmanuel Lutheran Church, an energetic communicator who has a special passion for Reformation history and theology. Meanwhile, the Thursday Brown Bag Bible Study will be reading and discussing *Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans*, edited by Kathryn A. Kleinhans. See the September newsletter for more details.

QUARTERLY AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Today during worship we will be celebrating all those who are remembering their baptisms during the third quarter (July-August-September) of 2017. We do this with an Affirmation of Baptism service after the sermon (or after the service at 11). If that includes you or someone in your family, please make plans now to attend and participate. Thanks!

PRAYER CONCERNS



- Mike Decker (*health concerns*)
- Jim Edwards (*health concerns*)
- Chris Etzel (*healing, wisdom & peace/cousin of Pastor Paul*)
- Darryl Evans (*healing*)
- Marjorie Felger (*healing*)
- Tom Haslup (*healing*)
- George Hernandez
- Marvin Hoot (*healing*)
- Jeremy Gray
- Josh Grote (*healing*)
- Anna May Koker (*health concerns*)
- The family of Jeri Pigott
- Gary & Gloria Pile (*health concerns*)
- Kyle Paul (*healing*)
- Tony Shelton (*surgery 9/25*)
- Daniel Shroyer (*healing*)
- Geraldine & Richard Trautman (*health concerns*)
- Donna Weber (*healing*)
- CONTINUING CONCERNS:**
- Barb Braun (*health concerns*)
- Sarah Braun
- Clarence Bush (*health concerns/Vickie Brown's father*)
- Katherine Donohue (*health concerns*)
- Pauline Flaugh (*health concerns*)
- Ron Hilty (*healing*)
- Dori Knoch (*strength to cope*)
- Gene Knoch (*healing/strength to serve*)
- Rose Ellen Marquart
- Abigail Offhaus (*healing*)
- Carolyn Richardson (*health concerns*)
- Theresa Robinson (*healing/Dennis' sister-in-law*)
- Ruth Sible

- Brad Stoffer (*leukemia*)
- Carol VanCamp (*healing from lung cancer/Lisa Burris' mother*)
- MISSION/MINISTRY CONCERNS:**
- S.A.F.E. (*Staff & Students*)
- Sharing the Joy Meal Ministry (*that we minister effectively to those in our community*)
- Jane and Clyde Vanworth (*Safety in the Mission Field/Julia Rieck's sister*)
- THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:**
- Aaron (*relative of the Cobb/Johnson family who is serving*)
- Cody Cashman (*National Guard*)
- Anthony Cutino (*Fort Benning, GA/nephew of Fran Gull*)
- Vince Cutino (*Fort Stewart, GA/nephew of Fran Gull*)
- Cody Gull (*Army/Fort Benning, GA*)
- Matt McGahey (*MacDill Air Force Base/Tampa, FL*)
- David Niblick
- David Offhaus (*New Windsor, NY/nephew of Pastor Paul*)
- Warren Rockett, (*McConnell AFB, Wichita, KS/nephew of Fran Gull*)
- Jonathon Strait (*nephew of Linda McGahey/Germany*)
- Carter Vanworth *USAF-Washington DC/Julia Rieck's nephew*)
- CHURCH OF THE WEEK**
- Resurrection Lutheran Church**
- 1429 Clifty Drive
- Madison, IN 47250
- (Pastor James E. Smith)

We invite you to share your prayer concerns by calling the church office, 426.5751, or by filling out a green Prayer Request Card (found in the pew-card holder) and giving it to an usher, placing it in the offering plate or by placing it on the desk in the church office. Please indicate what you would like listed for prayers if you would like it to be listed. If you or a family member goes into the hospital, please call the church office so we are made aware of it as the privacy laws for hospitals do not always allow them to notify us thanks.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

The flowers on the Altar today are given in memory of loved ones by Billie Golden-Fowlkes.



OUR DAILY BREAD

Free copies of the September through November daily devotionals are now available at the Welcome Center, be sure to stop and pick up one today before they run out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF SET FOR TODAY

St. John will continue to offer two Sunday School classes, one for middle and high schoolers that will meet weekly, one for our littler ones (toddlers through Kindergarten) that will meet on the first and third Sunday each month. Both will kick off TODAY at the 9:00 a.m. service with a special Kids Talk where we will pray for the upcoming year and make promises to support our children and youth ministry here at St. John. Please plan now to attend!

Would you like to volunteer or respond to an announcement? How about requesting a favorite hymn? Let us know in the space below, tear off at the dotted line above, then drop in the offering plate, give to an usher, or leave it in the church office. Someone will contact you!

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Best Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Service Attended _____

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN

September 24 through October 1

SUN 24	16th Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday School Kick Off Quarterly Affirmation of Baptism (July/August/September)
	9:00 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	~9:15 am Toddler/PreK Sunday School (Nursery)
	10 am Middle/High School Sunday School (youth room)
	10:15 am Adult Forum (gym)
	11:00 am Non-Traditional Worship Service
	1 pm NA Meeting (BH)
MON 25	6:15 pm Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (balcony)
TUE 26	12-1:30 pm NA Mtg. (BH)
WED 27	6:45 am Breakfast Bible Study (Rm 105)
	12-1:30 pm NA Mtg. (BH)
	5:15/6:20 pm Sharing the Joy Meal/Worship Service
	7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Rm 105)
THU 28	9 am Quilters
	12 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (Rm 105)
	12-1:30 pm NA Mtg. (BH)
	6:30 pm Flute Rehearsal (Rm 105)
	7 pm Naomi Ruth Circle-J. Rieck Hostess
	7 pm AA Mtg. (BH)
FRI 29	8:30-9:30 pm NA Mtg. (BH)
SAT 30	7-8:30 pm NA Mtg. (BH)
SUN 1	17th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	~9:15 am Toddler/PreK Sunday School (Nursery)
	10 am Middle/High School Sunday School (youth room)
	10:15 am Free Blood Pressure Checks
	10:15 am Adult Forum (gym)
	11:00 am Non-Traditional Worship Service
	1 pm NA Meeting (BH)

CALLING ALL ST. JOHN WOMEN

Once again we have the opportunity to donate new and/or gently used bras in the box in the Narthex for the "Free the Girls" from sex trafficking campaign supported by WELCA. Let's fill it up! Any questions contact Linda McGahey/341-6759 or Tina Thompson/580-7908.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

St. John's "Brown Bag Bible Study" will be starting a new topic on Thursday, September 14. As the 500th commemoration of the Reformation enters its final weeks, we will be reading and discussing *Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans*. This time is meant to help us connect more fully with the teachings and influences of the Lutheran church, from 1517 through today. Here are the topics for September:

- Sept 21 – The Faith We Confess
- Sept 28 – From the Sixteenth Century to Today

Cost of the book we are using is only \$10—scholarship assistance is available. Questions? Contact Pastor Paul (260-426-5751, x101). Hope to see you there!

OCTOBER JUSTICE BREAD!

Orders for Wheat, Garlic Bites, Cinnamon Raisin are now on sale with October 1st being the order deadline. Stop at the SCRIP desk to order. Delivery will be Sunday, October 8th!

LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS

October will be here soon. LWR truck will be in our parking lot on October 21st. I desperately need DARK bath towels, nail clippers, and WIDE tooth combs. I have enough soap and toothbrushes. Thank you to all who have donated. Any questions, please call 260 410 9632. *Carol McLaughlin*



MARTIN LUTHER PLAY OPPORTUNITY

LAST CHANCE TODAY

A MIGHTY FORTRESS (September 22-24, 2017) is All for One's contribution to worldwide commemoration of the Protestant Reformation's 500th anniversary. Artistic Director Lauren Nichols' original one-man show presents Martin Luther, hidden away in Wartburg Castle, reflecting on the events of his life which led to his famous "Here I stand" speech at the Diet of Worms. Filled with humor and humanity, this one-act drama will provide important historic perspective to a 21st century audience. Jadon Moore stars as Martin Luther. Rated G, but most appropriate for middle school and up. Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$20/\$17/\$11 (adults/seniors/students). For details visit allforonefw.org.

ST. JOHN & THE HEDGE HOSTING PORCH PARTY

St. John and Julie Wall (from The Hedge) are co-hosting a West Central Neighborhood Porch Party on Friday, October 6th at 7 PM. Bring whatever you want to drink (adult beverages are allowed) and a finger food to share and hang out with us over by the Broadway House. The kids can play on the playground while the adults enjoy some conversation and fellowship. This is a great way to meet some of our West Central neighbors and put into practice living as a neighbor in our neighborhood. Hope to see you there!

THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN EMAILED

If you have not received it and would like to, email Jamie in the office (sjluth@stjohnluth.com). In addition, hard copies are available by the offering collection plates for those who wish.

THINKING OF JOINING ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY OF BELOVED DISCIPLES?

St. John's next New Member Orientation will be held on two successive Monday evenings, October 2nd and 9th, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm each night, with members being received on Sunday, October 15th. See the September newsletter for details or write 'Membership' on the tear off portion of the Weekly to learn more.

CHURCH LANDSCAPING

If you've enjoyed seeing all the new landscaping (see picture) and would like to see more, Brad Hollis is ready and willing! To help out, you could join him digging and weeding, OR, you could make a donation to purchase plants and materials. Just write "Landscaping" on a pew envelope and add your donation. Thanks!



THANK YOU WANTED

We are looking to continue giving thanks to people in our monthly newsletter so if you have someone or a group of people you'd like to thank please use the tear off portion on the front of this weekly or send it into the church office!

WEEKLY NEWS DEADLINE

If you have information to be put into the Weekly please make sure it is turned in to the church office each week by Tuesday noon. Thanks!