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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 May Noisy Offering will be for St John Camperships.

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. In addition, please feel free to stop by room 105 (down the ramp and across from the drinking fountain in the school hallway) after 9:00 a.m. worship, where coffee, donuts and fellowship are offered.

FLOWERS FOR MOM

After worship at both services today, St. John will be giving all of the mothers in our midst a small token of our appreciation and esteem for all their love, hard work and dedication as mothers. Thanks, Moms!

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Response to the photo directory has been great! Monday is completely filled and Tuesday only has a few appointments left. We've had to add Saturday, May 26th as an additional day – there are still several spots available. If you haven't signed up, stop by the table outside of Room 105 between services and sign up for a time slot today. If you've decided not to participate because the Monday and Tuesday dates didn't work for you, you can sign up for Saturday today!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jared & Abigail Puff on the birth of their son Gunner Wayne Puff who was born on Thursday, April 26. Gunner joins big sister Paisley at home and his proud grandmother is Bonnie Shurboff.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Johanna Baird (*health concerns/Victor's mother*)
Herb Chandler (*health concerns*)
Darold Gifford
Billie Golden-Fowlkes (*health concerns*)
John Hardiek (*health concerns/Ann Arnold's brother*)
Esther Helmke (*healing*)
Jodi Inge (*healing*)
The family of Eric Johnson (*Murphy's nephew*)
Tanner & Kaylin Jones
Danielle Koppelman (*health concerns/Brandon's wife*)
Lydia
Joe Manier (*healing*)
Pauline Prentice (*healing*)
Frances Reisenbichler (*healing*)
Owen Rentschler (*health concerns*)
Donna Jo Rogers (*healing, strength and peace*)
Don Schenkel & Family
Ruth Sible (*healing*)
Terry Smith (*healing*)
Bob Sutton (*health concerns*)
Martha Weber (*health concerns*)
CONTINUING CONCERNS:
Barb Braun (*health concerns*)
Sarah Braun
Dick Brown (*health concerns*)
Clarence Bush (*health concerns/Vickie Brown's father*)
Katherine Donohue (*health concerns*)
Pauline Flaugh (*health concerns*)
Susann Felger (*healing*)
Jeremy Gray
Ron Hilty (*healing*)
Sue Kienzle (*healing*)
Dori Knoch (*strength to cope*)
Gene Knoch (*healing/strength to serve*)
Rose Ellen Marquart

Abigail Offhaus (*healing*)
Carolyn Richardson (*health concerns*)
Elaine Schuchhardt
Brad Stoffer (*leukemia*)
Richard Trautman (*health concerns*)
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*)
Cody Cashman (*National Guard*)
Anthony Cutino (*Fort Benning, GA/nephew of Fran Gull*)
Vince Cutino (*Ft. Stewart, GA/nephew of Fran Gull*)
Cody Gull (*Army/Fort Benning, GA*)
Matt McGahey (*Fort Collins, CO*)
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/Fort Huachuca, AZ*)
Carter Vanworth *USAF-Washington DC/Julia Rieck's nephew*)

CHURCH OF THE WEEK

Mary, Mother of God Roman Catholic Church
157 South Triangle Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Ascension Lutheran Church

8811 St Joe Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

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 my mother Marie Hansen and mother in law Alice Brumagim by Elsie Brumagim. The plant on the altar is given in memory of Rory Murphy's Birthday (5/16) by Tim & Bev Murphy.



EASTER: THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

As many of you know, although Easter Sunday was last weekend, the actual Season of Easter continues for a grand total of 50 days. This means that for each of the 40 days of Lenten self-denial and walking with Jesus toward the cross, we get another day—plus 10 bonus days at the end—to celebrate the empty tomb and walk with our resurrected Lord of all, Jesus the Christ. The container of plastic Easter eggs up by the altar will help us keep track of how many days remain. How cool is that?



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

May 13 through May 20

SUN 13	Ascension Sunday/Mother's Day	
	9 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	10 am	Middle/High School SS (youth room)
	10:15 am	Adult Forum (gym)
	11:00 am	Non-Traditional Worship Service w/Holy Communion
MON 14	11 am	LLV Tour of St John (Sanctuary)
	6:15 pm	Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (balcony)
	6:30 pm	Executive Board Mtg. (church office)
	2-8:30 pm	Pictorial Directory Pictures
	7 pm	WELCA Mtg. (Rm 105)
TUE 15	10 am	Super Seniors (Rm 105)
	1 pm	Mutual Ministry Mtg. (off site)
	12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
	2-8:30 pm	Pictorial Directory Pictures
	5:30 pm	Wellspring Youth Dinner (gym/kitchen)
WED 16	6:45 am	Breakfast Bible Study (Rm 105)
	11:30 am	Staff Mtg./Lunch (church office)
	12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
	5:15/6:20 pm	Sharing the Joy/Worship Service
	7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Rm 105)
THU 17	9 am	Quilters
	12 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study (Rm 105)
	12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
	7 pm	Congregation Council Mtg. (Rm 105)
	7 pm	AA Mtg. (BH)
FRI 18	8:30-9:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
SAT 19	7-8:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
SUN 20	The Day of Pentecost	
	9 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	~9:15 am	Toddler/PreK Sunday School (Nursery)
	10 am	Middle/High School SS (youth room)
	10:15 am	Adult Forum (gym)
	11:00 am	Non-Traditional Worship Service w/Holy Communion

LWR HEALTH KITS

It is that time of year. Collection for health kits is starting. We need the following:

- † 1 light-weight bath-size towel, dark color
- † Bath soap (need 2-3 bars for each kit)
- † 1 adult size toothbrush in original packaging
- † 1 sturdy WIDE TOOTH comb
- † 1 metal nail clippers

Monetary donations are certainly acceptable as I will be willing to shop. Please leave the items in the basket in the Narthex. Any questions please call Carol McLaughlin @ 410-9632 thank you for your generous donations.

YOUTH GATHERING BOOK COLLECTION

Our youth who are headed to Houston for the triennial national youth gathering are welcoming donations of certain books (new or gently used only) to take with them for distribution throughout the Houston Independent School District. Copies of a flyer with the accepted list of books can be found at the Welcome Center. Look for a grocery cart in the narthex/lobby where you can place the books. Thank you!

CELEBRATE PENTECOST WITH RED GERANIUMS!

You can help us decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums for Pentecost, which falls on Sunday, May 20th this year. Prices are 4" - \$3; 6" - \$6; and 9" - \$12. The order forms will be located at the SCRIP table in Rm 105. **Deadline to Order is TODAY!** You are welcome to pick up your geranium(s) after worship that morning *although if you can wait until after the 11 AM service it would be much appreciated!* All geraniums not claimed by the following Sunday will beautify our church grounds or be given to one of our shut ins.

JUNE JUSTICE BREAD!

June's options are Wheat, Cranberry, and Onion Buns, with orders due by June 3 and delivery will be on June 10th. May's bread will be delivered today. Thanks to Mike and Lisa Burris for providing this service!

LSSI COMING TO SHARING THE JOY

On May 23rd, representatives from Lutheran Social Services of Indiana (LSSI) will be sponsoring the meal costs for the night and introducing their staff and programs to our Wednesday evening community. They will also be offering educational opportunities on achieving greater financial stability on site. Thank you, friends at LSSI!

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND UPDATE

Thank you to all those who heard and responded to the call for funds for our Good Samaritan Fund, which helps both members and non-members alike with various physical needs, including but not limited to food and transportation. We have received about \$900 in new gifts, which at our current rate of support should cover the next six months or so. Thank you!

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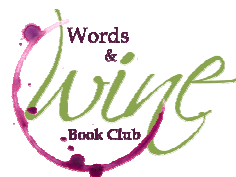
NAOMI RUTH CIRCLE

The Naomi Ruth Circle will be meeting on Thursday, May 24 at 7 pm at Barb Callender's home.

FIRST MEETING!

Join us on either Friday, June 1st at 3:30 PM
OR

Monday, June 4th at 7:30 PM (or both!)
for the organizational meeting of the
Words & Wine Book Club.



A monthly book club discussing books chosen by club members, we'll celebrate reading, discussion, and (of course) wine! Bring your book recommendations and enjoy finger foods and a glass of wine as we decide on a book (or list of books) and determine the schedule of our meeting times. Sponsored and hosted by St. John Lutheran Church, 729 West Washington Boulevard.

Please e-mail Jay Heare (jay.heare@stjohnluth.com) or Julie Walda (julie.walda68@gmail.com) for more information.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Click on the "DONATE" button at the bottom of the St. John webpage and you will be directed to a SECURE webpage where you can make gifts to St. John just as easily as you pay your utility bills. Set up an account to keep track of what you give, or just use it as a "one time" donation. If you want credit for your giving, please leave your name (and envelope number, if you have one). More information coming in the May Newsletter.

