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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.

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.

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!

WELCOME, CONCORDIA HS A CAPPELLA CHOIR!

We are pleased to welcome—for the second year in a row—the Concordia High School A Cappella Choir, directed by Mr. Tavis Schlicker. The choir will be sharing their musical gifts with us over the course of our worship as well as in a post worship mini-concert prior to our Norman Rockwell Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you, Mr. Schlicker and choir members!

ADVENT COIN FOLDERS AVAILABLE

Believe it or not, Advent is just around the corner, and with it . . . Advent Coin Folders! This tradition for many will officially commence on November 15, 40 days before Christmas Eve. The folders themselves are available at the Welcome Center in the narthex (lobby) for any who wish to use them. This year all of the coin folder money will be sent to the ELCA Good Gifts ministry to purchase a variety of animals for families who need them. You are also welcome to donate through the white envelopes in the pew—just write “Good Gifts” on the envelope. So please, as you go about other Advent and Christmas preparations, be sure to also take time to “remember the poor” (Galatians 2:10). Thank you.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2018 Annual Meeting of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana will be held **Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** An email with agenda and further information will go out later in the month. Please make plans now to attend. Thank you.

PRAYER CONCERNS



- Lisa Boleyn (*health*)
- Alma Kable (*health*)
- Ed Koppelman (*health*)
- Jane McInnis (*cancer*)
- Jean Murphy (*stroke/Tim's mother*)
- Rev. John Pannkuk (*health*)
- Sandy Polaski (*health*)
- Monty Reese
- Donna Jo Rogers (*health*)
- Nicholas Steed & Family
- Ruth Sible (*health*)
- Sharon Wild (*healing*)
- CONTINUING CONCERNS:**
- Barb Braun (*health*)
- Sarah Braun
- Dick Brown (*health*)
- Clarence Bush (*health/Vickie Brown's father*)
- Pauline Flaugh (*health*)
- Darold Gifford
- Jeremy Gray
- Esther Helmke
- Gene Knoch (*healing/strength to serve*)
- Dori Knoch (*strength to cope*)
- Danielle Koppelman (*health/Brandon's wife*)
- Rose Ellen Marquart

- Abigail Offhaus (*healing*)
- Carolyn Richardson (*health*)
- Richard Trautman (*health*)
- THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:**
- Aaron (*relative of the Cobb/Johnson family*)
- Anthony Cutino (*Fort Benning, GA/nephew of Fran Gull*)
- Vince Cutino (*Ft. Stewart, GA/nephew of Fran Gull*)
- Cody Gull (*Army/Fort Benning, GA*)
- Lucas Kirkwood (*Hawaii/Mike & Sherry Mommer's grandson*)
- Matt McGahey (*Fort Collins, CO*)
- 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**
- Little Widow's Mite Baptist Church**
- 1807 Mahan Avenue
- Bronx, NY 10461

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 in honor of our 1st Anniversary (11/4) by Jane Porter Gresham and Jim Crouse.



NOISY OFFERINGS

The November Noisy Offering will be collected for Lutheran Social Services of Indiana (LSSI).

KIDS' NIGHT - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH 5:30-8 PM GRADES K-5TH GRADE

The kids will be doing a “food scavenger” hunt. We are in need of three identical food item from each person that chooses to donate. We already have donations for corn, peas, green beans, canned chicken, peaches, spaghetti and sauce and stuffing. We could use additional fruit, cake mix and frosting, corn bread, sweat potatoes and other pasta. Please remember to donate three identical items. Any questions please call Cheryl Kienzle 260-385-1480. Items will need to be donated by Wed., Nov. 14th. After our scavenger hunt all items will be donated to food bank.

HELP SAFE HAVE A 'SAFE' WINTER

We are currently collecting TISSUES for the staff and students of Smith Academy for Excellence (aka SAFE), St. John's adopted school (grades 4-12, currently) that meets in our building. So for the month of October, look for a grocery cart in the Narthex (lobby) where you can donate boxes of tissues for the students' (and staff's!) use. THANK YOU in advance for your continued prayers and support of SAFE!

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 Best Contact Phone _____
 Email _____
 Service Attended _____

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!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN

November 11 through November 18

SUN 11	25th Sunday after Pentecost	
	10 am	One Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	~10:15 am 11:45 am	Sunday School PreK-8 yrs. (Youth Rm) Norman Rockwell Thanksgiving Meal
MON 12	11:30 am	Executive Board Mtg. (youth room)
	6:45 pm	Sanctuary Handbells (Sanctuary)
TUE 13	12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Introduction Mtg. Rm 105
WED 14	6:45 am	Breakfast Bible Study (Room 105)
	12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
	5:15 pm	Sharing the Joy (kitchen/gym)
	6:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir (Room 105)
THU 15	10 am	Quilters
	12 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study (Rm 105)
	12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
	5-7pm	Heare Adoption Celebration (gym/Rm 105)
	6:30 pm	Fort Wayne Flutes (Room 105)
	7 pm 7 pm	Congregation Council Mtg. (Rm 101) AA Mtg. (BH)
FRI 16	8:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
SAT 17	9 am	Gone Fishing Ministries (BH)
	All Day	NA Thanksgiving Meal (gym/kitchen)
	5:30-8:30 pm	Kids' Night (youth room)
SUN 18	26th Sunday after Pentecost/Thankoffering Service	
	9 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Adult Forum (Gym)
	11:00 am	Non-Traditional Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	12:30 -2 pm 2 pm	AYM Youth Event @ Faith LC Joe Manier Celebration of Life

WELCA COOKIE WALK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND (between church services)

Ladies, please bring your baked goodies to the kitchen before the 9 am service. If you are available to set up on Saturday, December 1st, at 4 pm or are interested in helping out on Sunday morning about 8 am, please give Bev Murphy a reindeer jingle at 418-3177.

REMINDER: WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP FORMAT HAS CHANGED

St. John is currently NOT offering our casual Wednesday evening worship in the sanctuary. Instead, WOW (Word on Wednesdays) is happening in the gym during the meal (~5:35-5:55 p.m.). Twenty minutes focused on a single Bible verse—with a song or singing, followed by optional discussion around your tables. However, during certain times on the church calendar, namely Advent and Lent, as well as the warmer summer months, we will continue to hold worship in the sanctuary at 6:20 PM. The advantages of doing so were apparent our first Wednesday in the gym, where, rather than 5-10 people in the sanctuary, we had about 45 in the gym. May God use these times to inspire, encourage and challenge folk in their faith and life!



FORT WAYNE CITY OF CHURCHES TOUR DEC 7TH

Make this free event a new holiday tradition with your family, either on the visiting end or on the volunteer end. Twenty-one locations, mostly churches—including St. John—will open their spaces for you to explore their architecture, and history. Feel free to take photos of the beautiful Christmas decorations. Food and beverages will be available at selected locations. Find, like, and share us on Facebook at Fort Wayne City of Churches Tour. That date is:

Friday December 7th 2018, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

As mentioned, St. John will need volunteers to serve as hospitality and guides that evening. If you are interested, contact John Platt at 260-749-4932 or Jamie in the office at 260-426-5751 to let us know. Thanks!

DECEMBER JUSTICE BREAD!

December's options are Wheat, Cranberry, and Pumpkin with orders due by December 9 with delivery on December 16th. You can buy them wrapped and tagged for gift giving for \$4 or unwrapped at the normal price of \$3.50. Thanks to Mike and Lisa Burris and Jane Porter-Gresham for providing this service!

TO ALL MY FELLOW CHURCH FAMILY

[DATE CHANGED]

A celebration for the life of Joe Manier will be held at St. John's gymnasium on Sunday, November 18th at 2 pm. We will have a video of moments in Joe's life - some sharing time of our memories and light refreshments, you are all invited. *With love, Susie Manier*

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed November 22, 2018 (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. It will be open again the following Monday.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

As Finals Week rapidly approaches, we would like to let our college students know that we are thinking of them and support them in their studies. Throughout the month of November we will be collecting items for care packages to be sent to them. Here are some of the items that every college student might need or enjoy.

Food: microwavable mac and cheese or soup, granola bars
Snacks: microwave popcorn, gum, candy, Rice Krispy treats
Drinks: hot cocoa mix, tea, water flavors
Food Cards: McDonald's, Burger King, Subway, etc.
Other: pens, pencils, gas cards, snacks, chips

Keep in mind we have about a half dozen college students when donating and **bring donations to church by November 19th** and place them in the noted receptacle in the narthex. Thanks!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Matt & Sydney Witters on the birth of their son Lennox Milo who was born on November 6 weighing 8lbs 12 oz. Lennox's proud grandparents are Cindy & Eric Witters.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Come, be our guest and bring a friend for Christmas in the Park at Franke Park on November 24-25 from 10 am-5 pm for live animals, horse drawn wagon rides, kids' crafts, live nativity and biblical village, live entertainment, balloon sculpting and festival booths, fun for all ages.

JUST DINNER WITH JUST NEIGHBORS FUNDRAISER

Just Dinner is an annual fundraiser for Just Neighbors, being held this year on Saturday, November 17th, 6-8 pm at the Parkview Mirro Center. Tickets are \$50 each and available either by searching for 'Just Dinner' at www.eventbrite.com or by sending a check to 2925 East State Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Mayor Tom Henry has recognized November 17th as Just Neighbors Day. Special thanks to the University of St Francis for once again making bowls for our dinner.

STEPHEN MINISTERS CARE!

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. To learn how to become a Stephen Minister or attend the following meeting, talk to Tony Shelton.

