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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.



**TODAY IN WORSHIP . . .**

. . . we mark the 501<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Much good has come, by God's grace, through the movement Martin Luther started 501 years ago. Today we will give thanks and praise to God for the life and witness of brother Martin, as well as the good that has been accomplished in and through him.

**SPECIAL LITURGY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY**

For today's Reformation Sunday 9:00 a.m. worship, our organist, Martin Gigler, has selected several hymns and Reformation Era music that we have slotted into various parts of our sung liturgy (e.g., Hymn of Praise, Sanctus, Agnus Dei). In addition, we will be singing songs from that era as well. May they continue a Reformation theme of bringing the "music to the masses."

**REMEMBERING THE BLESSED DEAD**

All Saints Sunday is next Sunday. Before worship or during holy communion, you will once again have the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones who have died. In addition, we will have time during worship where we will remember those who have died within the previous year by reading each name and tolling the bell in remembrance. More details on this service can be found in your newsletter.

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!

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Lisa Boleyn (*health*)
- Family of Mae Conwell
- Alma Kable (*health*)
- Ed Koppelman (*health*)
- Jane McInnis (*cancer*)
- Rev. John Pannkuk (*health*)
- Sandy Polaski (*health*)
- Monty Reese
- Donna Jo Rogers (*health*)
- Nicholas Steed & Family
- Ruth Sible (*health*)
- Donna Weber (*healing*)
- Martha Weber (*health*)
- 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**
- Rev Joe McInnis;**
- 5592 Mehr Ave., Eugene, OR 97402
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**
- 255 Maxwell Rd., Eugene, OR 97404
- (Where Pastor Joe is attending)
- St John Lutheran Church**
- 1235 Wilmette Ave.
- Wilmette, IL 60091
- (Where Pastor Joe last served)



*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 memory of my parents Eugene & Sally Boerger by Steve Boerger.



**NOISY OFFERINGS**

The October Noisy Offering will be collected for Outward International Missions (Zambia School, Clyde & Jane VanWorth).

**REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

So make sure those clocks 'fall back' one hour before you go to bed that Saturday night, or you'll find yourself an hour early for worship Sunday morning! (Your phones should do this automatically.)

**A SPECIAL ST. JOHN WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING 4 NEW MEMBERS**

Chris and Michele Kausch, Stephanie Rhodes, and Scott Simpson, who are being received at St. John today during the 11:00 a.m. service. We're so glad you're here as fellow beloved disciples of Jesus—may you live as a neighbor: in West Central, the city of Fort Wayne, and all the world!

**OPTIONAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Service Attended \_\_\_\_\_

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN

October 28 through November 4

<b>SUN 28</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>	
	9 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	~9:15 am	Sunday School PreK-8 yrs.(Youth Room)
	10:15 am	Adult Forum (Gym)
	11:00 am	Non-Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11 am	New Members Received
<b>MON 29</b>	6:45 pm	Sanctuary Handbells (Sanctuary)
<b>TUE 30</b>	12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
<b>WED 31</b>	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)
<b>THU 1</b>	10 am	Quilters
	12 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study (Rm 105)
	12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
	6:30 pm	Fort Wayne Flutes (Room 105)
	7 pm	AA Mtg. (BH)
<b>FRI 2</b>	3:30 pm	Words & Wine Book Club (Rm 105)
	8:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
<b>SAT 3</b>	9 am	Gone Fishing Ministries (BH)
	7-8:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
<b>SUN 4</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>	
	9 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Free Blood Pressure Checks
	10:15 am	Adult Forum (Gym)
	11:00 am	Non-Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

### WELCA COOKIE WALK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

(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 5 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!



### THE NOMINATING TEAM IS ON THE MOVE

Over the next month or so, you may be hearing from someone on St. John's Nominating Team. This team is tasked with filling a slate of candidates for the annual congregational meeting, from which the congregation elects many important leadership positions at St. John, including those who serve on Council. This year the team will also be seeking a new treasurer, as current treasurer Ed Flaugh is resigning from the position at the end of this year after 2 ½ years of faithful service. So if someone contacts you, please give them a listening ear and an open heart to what they have to say. Thanks!

### NOVEMBER JUSTICE BREAD!

November's options are Wheat, Cinnamon Raisin, Pumpkin with orders due by November 4<sup>th</sup> and delivery on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Mike and Lisa Burris and Jane Porter-Gresham for providing this service!

**FUNDRAISER FOR MONTHLY WELLSRING KIDS' NIGHTS**  
Nelson's BBQ Chicken is coming to St. John's on Sunday, **November 4<sup>th</sup>**! This is a fundraiser to support St. John's monthly Wellspring events during which we serve supper to approximately 50 youngsters followed by a fun activity or presentation. Tickets for Nelson's delicious chicken and potatoes are available for purchase from the Wellspring committee. Chicken halves are \$6.50 and potatoes are \$3.50. Please purchase your chicken and potatoes and join us for lunch on that day following late service. If you cannot stay for lunch, your to-go order will be available for pickup 10:30 AM to 1 PM. Tickets will be available in the hallway between services, or you may order them from Cindy Witters (email: elbardcleric@aol.com).



### ALMOST TIME TO VOTE - KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

While Election Day (Tuesday, November 6) may seem a long way off, now is the time to prepare to cast your ballot. Besides voting in your precinct, did you know you can also vote by absentee ballot or at an early voting site? Information on both of these options can be found at the Welcome Center or on the community bulletin board (look for the stapled packets underneath the flyer that says "2018 Early Voting Hours & Sites"). Or call the Allen County Election Board at 260-449-7329 for more info. This announcement has been brought to you at the request of the League of Women Voters.

### WELLSRING FOOD BANK NEEDS

We so appreciate those who are consistent in bringing in food that we are able to donate to Wellspring Ministries. They have let us know of some specific needs, and appreciate it if you would consider bringing these the next time you can donate. Current items needed: **powdered milk in 1 quart packages, instant potatoes, cake mix and frosting, and family sized soups.** Of course any item is acceptable! Thanks for your continued support!

### 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 Saturday, 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*



### 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- or received care from - a Stephen Minister, talk to Tony Shelton.

