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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.

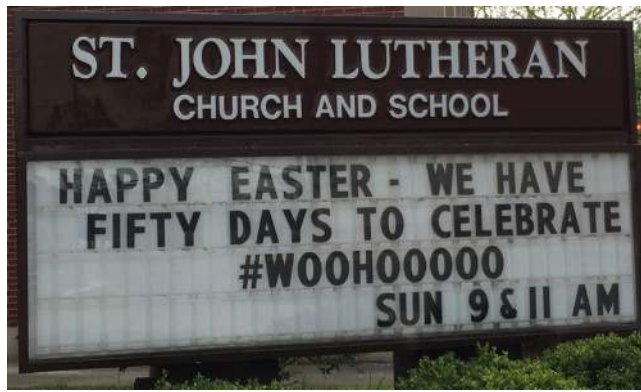


WEEKLY NEWS DEADLINE

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!

NOISY OFFERINGS

The May Noisy Offering will be collected for St John Camperships.



LEARN MORE ABOUT – AND LIVE OUT – GOD’S LOVINGKINDNESS FOR YOU



On Thursdays at noon, the Brown Bag Bible Study is starting a new book study on Inexpressible: HESD and the Mystery of God's Lovingkindness, by Michael Card. More info can be found in the May newsletter, at the Welcome Center and on flyers posted around the church. Call the office (426-5751) or write "Book Study" on the tear off portion of your Weekly to sign up.

PRAYER CONCERNS



The Bates Family Barb Braun (health) Shelley Becker (strength/healing) The family of Mary Kierspe Billie Golden-Fowlkes (health) Tracy Golden The family of Gaetano S. Cutino (Fran Gull's father) The family of Matthew Owen Heare (Jay's grandson) Amanda Osborne Hopkins David Johnson (healing) Ruth Miers (health) The family of Rev. John Pannkuk Amera Platt (healing) The family of Nancy Rhodes Scanlin The family of Ruth Sible Laura Stegall (health) Michael Stockelman (health/cousin of Jane Porter Gresham and Lois Sharp) Art Ullom (healing) CONTINUING CONCERNS: Sarah Braun Clarence Bush (health/Vickie Brown's father) David Drake Jeremy Gray Darold Heare Esther Helmke The Journey Alma Kable (health) Gene Knoch (healing/strength to serve) Dori Knoch (strength to cope) Danielle Koppelman (health/Brandon's

wife) Mel Lawler (health) Rose Ellen Marquart Abigail Offhaus (healing) Richard Trautman (health) Sharon Wild (healing) 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 Gone Fishing Ministries c/o Jim & Beth Koch 13015 Emanuel Road Hoagland, IN 46745 (Today's Gospel is Peter and the other disciples going fishing! This is the ministry that meets in the Broadway House every Saturday morning during the cold months)

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 honor of our 32nd Wedding Anniversary (5/2) by Milt & Vickie Brown.



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

Christian sympathies to the family of Rev. John Pannkuk who died on Sunday, April 28. His service took place yesterday at Messiah Lutheran Church with burial in St John Cemetery.

Christian Sympathies also to Fran Gull and family on the death of her father Gaetano Cutino who died on Friday, April 26 in Monterey CA. May the sure and certain hope of resurrection and reunion with those who have died be a source of comfort to all who grieve.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS TODAY!

St. John is pleased to announce that St. John will be offering FREE blood pressure checks between services, just down the ramp from the narthex. THANK YOU to Elsie Brumagin and Susan Benesh, our parish nurses, and all who have agreed to take a shift checking folks' blood pressure! This ministry is offered every first Sunday of the month, in case you'd like to mark your calendar.

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

May 5 through May 12

<b>SUN 5</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
		~9:15 am	Sunday School PreK-8 yrs. (Youth Rm)
		10:15 am	Free Blood Pressure Checks (hallway)
		10:15 am	Adult Forum (gym)
		11:00 am	Non-Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
		1 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
<b>MON 6</b>		7:30 pm	Words & Wine Book Club (Rm 105)
<b>TUE 7</b>		12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
<b>WED 8</b>		7 am	Prayer Breakfast Group (Room 105)
		12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
		1 pm	Mary Martha Circle-S. Wild Hostess (Rm 105)
		5:15 pm	Sharing the Joy Meal (kitchen/gym)
		5:35 pm	W.O.W. on Wednesdays (gym)
<b>THU 9</b>		10 am	Quilters
		12 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study (Rm 105)
		12 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
		7 pm	Fort Wayne Flute Rehearsal (Rm 105)
		7 pm	AA Mtg. (BH)
<b>FRI 10</b>		3:30 pm	Words & Wine Book Club (Rm 105)
		7 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
<b>SAT 11</b>		7 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
<b>SUN 12</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
		10:15 am	Adult Forum (gym)
		11:00 am	Non-Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
		1 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)



### M & M'S OPPORTUNITY FUND

During both worship services last month we heard Martha Weber and Mike Mommer introduce M & M's Opportunity Fund. A brochure with more information is at the Welcome

Center. Consecration Sunday was Sunday, April 7th. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card detailing your commitment to give to the Fund, please get that into the office, to the attention of Financial Secretary Steve Rieck, ASAP. Thank you!

### FLOWERS FOR MOM

After worship at both services on Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. See you moms there!

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

It is that time of year that we need to think about LWR truck arriving in October. Please bring items for health kits and leave in hamper in narthex. Any questions, call 260 410 9632, Carol McLaughlin. Thank you.

### M & M'S IN THE NARTHEX?

That's right, we now – and for the foreseeable future – have an M&M candy dispenser set up in the narthex, thanks to the generosity of one of our members. It's there to remind us of M&M's Opportunity Fund and our challenge – issued by our own M&M's, Martha and Mike – to make extra, early principal payments on our loan in order to reduce our interest payments and free up more money for M&M: Ministry and Mission. A quarter gets you a handful. In addition to a tasty snack, all profits go toward the Fund. It's a win-win!



### 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!



### OUR DAILY BREAD

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

### MAY JUSTICE BREAD!

May's options are Wheat, Breadsticks, and Garlic Bites with orders due by May 5<sup>th</sup> and delivery on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Price is \$3.50 each. Thanks to Mike and Lisa Burris and Jane Porter-Gresham for providing this service!

### MOTHER'S DAY DOWNTOWN

Downtown Fort Wayne is pleased to announce the return of its spring event for families of all ages to celebrate Mother's Day Downtown on Sunday, May 12 from 11:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. Free trolleys and event guides will connect you to great retail locations, restaurants, and Mother's Day themed activities around Downtown.

To download the guide or for more information visit [MothersDayDowntown.com](http://MothersDayDowntown.com).

### MAY IS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

One in five people lives with mental illness. That includes people in church. One reason for acknowledging mental health awareness month is to encourage more people to share their stories of living with mental illness. It's important to know there is help and hope for recovery and healing. If you or someone you love is looking for support, information or resources, go to [www.lookupindiana.org](http://www.lookupindiana.org), inspired by The Lutheran Foundation.

### PRAYER REQUEST GUIDELINES

**Immediate Concerns:** A name will stay on for 4 weeks & will then be removed unless you advise us otherwise. You may also ask that we move a name to Continuing Concerns.



**Continuing Concerns:** Except for our homebound members, a name will stay on for 6 months and then be removed unless you advise us otherwise.

Please keep the church office updated by calling us @ 260-426-5751 or email [sjluth@stjohnluth.com](mailto:sjluth@stjohnluth.com) so we can keep the congregation updated!



The doors into the Opportunity Building have been placed . . . one more sign that we're getting closer still to opening a coffee shop for the West Central community. Please, at this important time, to borrow from the Apostle Paul, "pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word" (Colossians 4:3) to speak freely in and through this new ministry as it unfolds. Thank you!