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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.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED**

A very big THANK YOU goes out to all St. John members and friends who participated in the last weekend's ELCA's nationwide "God's Work, Our Hands" by serving as volunteers throughout the weekend at our neighborhood's biggest annual event: The West Central Home & Garden Tour and Artsfest. Very big THANK YOUs go out as well to those who helped with the various aspects of serving a free breakfast to worshippers and our West Central neighbors. What a great opportunity to connect with our West Central neighbors!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF TODAY**

Sunday School for children aged toddler through lower elementary kicks 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. The kids will then head down to the youth room with their teachers for their first Sunday School of the year. Afterwards, they will return to the sanctuary to share briefly what they learned. Thank you and God bless our teachers and helpers for the year, Charity Wolff, Stephanie Rhodes and various parents / grandparents of the children who stop by to help periodically. May God bless our children with a deep and abiding faith in Jesus!

**CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL SUNDAY TODAY**

All prospective Confirmands and at least one parent are asked and expected to attend a rehearsal today at 12:15 .m. in the sanctuary. We will discuss and walk through the service and cover any final details prior to your Confirmation on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 9:00 a.m. service. Anticipated Confirmands are Will Butler, Lily Hagen and Hannah Offhaus.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**



Jonathan Dean  
Jemarcus Jones (*heath*)  
Lucy (*cancer*)  
Sue Kienzle (*healing*)  
Martha Weber (*healing*)  
Debbie Wilson (*cancer*)  
**CONTINUING CONCERNS:**  
Clarence Bush (*health/Vickie Brown's father*)  
David Drake  
Jeremy Gray  
Esther Helmke  
Alma Kable (*health*)  
Mel Lawler (*health*)  
Rose Ellen Marquart  
Linda McGahey (*health*)  
Laura Stegall (*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*)  
Scott Garman (*Iraq/ Murphy's great nephew*)  
Cody Gull (*Army/Fort Benning, GA*)  
Lucas Kirkwood (*Hawaii/Mike & Sherry Mommer's grandson*)  
Matt McGahey (*Scott Air Force Base, IL*)  
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**  
**Lost Sheep Outreach Ministry**  
805 E Davie Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
  
**The Lost Coin Church**  
112 N Market Street  
Trenton, NC 28585

*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 plants on the altar today are given in honor of our 65th Wedding Anniversary (9/11) by Brad & Julie Hollis.



**QUARTERLY AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

On September 29th during worship we will be celebrating all those who are remembering their baptisms during the third quarter (July-August-September) of 2019. We do this with an Affirmation of Baptism service after the sermon at 9 and after the service at 11. If that includes you or someone in your family, please plan on coming forward when invited to join in the celebration of God's gift of Holy Baptism, through which faith, the Holy Spirit and so many other gifts are given! Thanks to Susie Manier, Bev Murphy, Linda McGahey and Cindy Witters for coordinating this quarterly opportunity!

**ONE WORSHIP, ONE PICNIC AT THE CEMETERY DATE ANNOUNCEMENT**

As you may recall, we conducted a survey a few weeks back seeking input on whether or not folk would make a concerted effort to attend a worship and picnic down at the cemetery, should we schedule one for later this fall or next spring/summer. Cemetery board co-chairs Brett Fisher and Chris Walda and Pastor Paul appreciate all those who provided input. Together, we decided to host a worship and picnic on the cemetery grounds on **Sunday, June 14, 2020**. This will actually be the **SECOND** One Worship, One Meal of 2020, as the Women of St. John are holding a "Bold Women Sunday" event on **Sunday, February 23, 2020**, followed by a brunch in the gym. Mark your calendars now for both events.

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 15 through September 22**

<b>SUN 15</b>	<b>14th Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday School Kick Off</b>	9 am ~9:15 am 1 pm 10:15 am 11:00 am 12:15-1:15	Worship Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School Pre-K-lower elementary (youth room) NA Mtg. (BH) Adult Forum (Rm 101) Non-Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Confirmation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>MON 16</b>		11:30 am 7 pm	Executive Board Mtg. (youth room) WELCA Board Mtg. (Rm 105)
<b>TUE 17</b>		10:30 am 12-1:30 pm 6:45 pm	Super Seniors (Rm 105) NA Mtg. (BH) Bible Study @ The Walda's Home
<b>WED 18</b>		7 am 12-1:30 pm 5:15 pm 5:35 pm 6:15 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Prayer Breakfast Group (Room 105) NA Mtg. (BH) Sharing the Joy Meal (kitchen/gym) Word on Wednesdays W.O.W. (gym) Bible Study on Revelation (Narthex) Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Rm 105) Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>THU 19</b>		10-11 am 10:30 am-3 pm 12 pm 12-1:30 pm 5:30-6:30 pm 7 pm 7-9 pm 7 pm	Quilters (Quilt Room) So Much More Ministries Prep (kitchen) Brown Bag Bible Study (Rm 105) NA Mtg. (BH) So Much More Ministries Clean Up (kitchen) Congregation Council Mtg. (Rm 101) Fort Wayne Flute Rehearsal (Sanctuary) AA Mtg. (BH)
<b>FRI 20</b>		8:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
<b>SAT 21</b>		10 am-6 pm	Johnny Appleseed Festival
<b>SUN 22</b>	<b>15th Sunday after Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday</b>	9 am ~9:15 am 10 am-5 pm 10:15 am 11:00 am 1 pm	Worship Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School Pre-K-lower elementary (youth room) Johnny Appleseed Festival Adult Forum (Rm 101) Non-Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion NA Mtg. (BH)

**LWR SCHOOL KITS**

The last Sunday to collect for School Kit items is Sunday September 22nd. We still need Notebooks to make it to 125 bags-Thanks.

**NOISY OFFERINGS**

The September Noisy Offering will be collected for the Indiana/Kentucky Synod College Campus Ministries.

**WELCA BOARD MTG.**

The WELCA Board will be meeting on Monday, September 16th at 7 pm in the Coffee Room.

**COME STUDY THE BOOK OF REVELATION ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

Pastor Paul is leading a 12 week Bible Study on the Book of Revelation on Wednesdays, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (There won't be worship at 6:20 p.m. after Labor Day so there will be no conflict there.) No book purchase necessary as we are using handouts. This is application focused, so expect to consider what God may speaking to you through the Book of Revelation that will help you follow Jesus more closely in the week ahead. If you're interested, let him know, by writing "Wednesday B.S." on the tear off portion of the Weekly and placing it in the offering plate or Joy Box. Or you may contact the office (426-5751) or him directly (pastorpaul@stjohnluth.com / 260-348-6357).

**ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE CHANGE: WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP SHIFTS BACK TO "W.O.W." IN GYM**

St. John has moved back from the sanctuary to the gym, from an informal worship to sharing a "Word on Wednesday" (aka W.O.W.) with the guests gathered there for *Sharing the Joy*, our free weekly meal. See the newsletter for more details.

**PIE TIME IS HERE!!**

The Johnny Appleseed is next weekend (September 21 & 22)!! Some donations have been received but more are needed. Funds will be used to purchase the ingredients for the pies which will reduce the cost of making them and increase our profits. We are planning to make 700 pies. At \$10 each, the potential gross income is \$7,000. The projected cost of the ingredients is \$2,293.22 so every dollar you donate toward this project becomes \$3 for the church!

Now is also the time when we need "man or woman power." The dry ingredients have been measured so now the pie crusts will be made. After that the apples will be peeled and cut and the pies will be put together and baked. WHEW!! Yes, it sounds like a lot to do, but working together makes it easy and even fun. Please contact Pete Newcomb at 219-204-1863 to volunteer.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The Hope Lutheran Women of the ELCA would like to invite you to join them for their 2019 Retreat, *Our Daily Bread*, on Friday evening and Saturday September 27 and 28 at the Kempiski Retreat Center, Camp Lutherwald, Howe Indiana.

Please join us for a time of reflection, renewal, fellowship and study of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer led by Kim Converse.

We will meet Friday evening at 5:30pm. Dinner will be a potato bar, followed by our first session and plenty of time for fellowship. Saturday morning will begin with breakfast in the main lounge. We will then have time for a morning session and personal reflection and renewal time before lunch. After lunch, we will have another session, pack up, and head for home about 3:30pm. Your cost to attend is only \$10.

Questions: Please contact Linda McGahey for additional information about Hope Lutheran.

Please contact Darlene Bockelman at [darlene@bockelman.com](mailto:darlene@bockelman.com) or Lois at [lois.noel@hotmail.com](mailto:lois.noel@hotmail.com) for reservations. Hope you can come join us. We always have a great time!

**THE JOURNEY'S NEW PROGRAM**

Roots: Let's grow together!

Come join for support, mentoring & friendship for hands on learning experiences, and opportunities to give back to the community through volunteering. Come hang out twice a month and start discovering your purpose. This is geared for girls aged 16-26 on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month**. This started in September and will be held from 6-8 pm at the Waynedale Library at 2200 Lower Huntington Road, any questions contact facilitator Windy Cobb-Johnson @ 260.750.2800.

**BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY DIGGING DEEPER ON THURSDAYS**

The Brown Bag Bible Study group has charted a course for much of the next twelve months. For our primary text over that time, we will be reading *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian McLaren. It's subtitle is both instructive and indicative of the journey laid out before us: "A Year-Long Quest for SPIRITUAL FORMATION, REORIENTATION, and ACTIVATION." Almost every Thursday during the upcoming year, we will gather to discuss and reflect upon our 3-4 page reading, including three assigned accompanying Bible passages. Each reading also has a half dozen or so questions to help us engage the readings and texts more fully together in community. Called "As startling as it is beautiful" (Phyllis Tickle) and "A clear and compelling guide to walking the Jesus path together" (Rob Bell), *We Make the Road by Walking* promises to be a compelling and hopefully life-transforming opportunity. We just started only this past Thursday, so it's not too late. Don't miss out—contact Pastor Paul today (pastorpaul@stjohnluth.com) to reserve a book copy and start the journey! Meets Thursdays at noon.