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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.

NOISY OFFERINGS

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

QUARTERLY AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM TODAY!

Today 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!

"ORGAN SUNDAY" AT 11 AM NEXT SUNDAY

With Jay out next Sunday, we will be bringing the organ—and organist Martin Gigler—to the 11 am service, with more organ focused songs/hymns rather than our usual piano focused ones. We hope you appreciate the variety!

SERMON SERIES ON COMMUNITY

St. John is in the midst of a sermon series entitled, "Christ and Community." Here are the individual topics and related Scriptures, all of which are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for that particular Sunday:

- 9/29 – Community of the Stranger (Luke 16:19-31)
• 10/6 – Community of the Family (2 Tim 1:1-14)
• 10/13 – Community of the Marginalized (Luke 17:11-19)

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

- Michael Cardwell
John Core (health)
Jonathan Dean
Lucy (cancer)
Sue Kienzle (healing)
Anita McConn (health)
The family of Robert Ostman
Dale Rhoades (health)
Donna Jo Rogers (cancer)
Martha Weber (healing)
Debbie Wilson (cancer)
Chip Woods (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)
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. Bragg, NC/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
St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Church
4575 Outer Drive
Detroit, MI 48234



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 loving memory of Melvin Reisenbichler by Jane Porter Gresham.



ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still a lot of open dates coming up for altar flowers or plants. Stop by Rm 105 to sign up and pay! \$30 for both or \$15 for one side.

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!



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. (Small containers are now available on the shelf behind it for small hands to be able to hold their treats!) In addition to a tasty snack, all profits go toward the Fund. It's a win-win!

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN

September 29 through October 6

SUN 29	16th Sunday after Pentecost	
	9 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Adult Forum (Rm 101)
	11:00 am	Non-Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	1 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
TUE 1	12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
WED 2	7 am	Prayer Breakfast Group (Room 105)
	12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
	5:15 pm	Sharing the Joy Meal (kitchen/gym)
	5:35 pm	Word on Wednesdays W.O.W. (gym)
	6:15 pm	Bible Study on Revelation (Narthex)
	6:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Rm 105)
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THU 3	10-11 am	Quilters (Quilt Room)
	10:30 am-3 pm	So Much More Ministries Prep (kitchen)
	12 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study (Rm 105)
	12-1:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
	5:30-6:30 pm	So Much More Ministries Clean Up (kitchen)
	7-9 pm	Fort Wayne Flute Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7 pm	AA Mtg. (BH)
FRI 4	3:30 pm	Words & Wine Book Club (Rm 105)
	5-7 pm	CityScapes Ice Cream & Pie Event
	8:30 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)
SUN 6	17th Sunday after Pentecost/Worldwide Communion	
	9 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	~9:15 am	Sunday School Pre-K-lower elementary
	10:15 am	Adult Forum (Rm 101)
	11:00 am	Non-Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	1 pm	NA Mtg. (BH)

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.

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.

PRAYER REQUEST GUIDELINES

Immediate Concerns: A name will stay on for four 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 six 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 so we can keep the congregation updated!



SOMETHING BOLD IS COMING

There are a lot of changes at St. John's this fall, including Thankoffering Sunday. For many years the women of the church have run a Thankoffering Sunday in November. This year we will not have Thankoffering Sunday in November. Keep watching the newsletter for what the women are up to -- it's BOLD!

THE BAROQUE, JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH AND THE PIPE ORGAN

On Thursday, October 10 from 12-1:45 pm a lecture and demonstration will take place at St John by Martin Gigler which is a featured part of the Music Appreciation course he teaches at Indiana Institute of Technology. This is open to the public if you would like to attend.

LLV FALL CARD & GAME PARTY

The Lutheran Life Villages Auxiliary will sponsor a "Spring Fling Card & Game Party" on Wednesday, October 2 at 1:30 pm in the Game Room in Assisting Living Basement located at the Anthony Blvd. location. Tickets are just \$5 which includes refreshments and drawings for door prizes. Tickets are available from your Congregational Representative or you can buy it at the party. This is a great time for fun and fellowship as we support this very worthwhile organization.

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 **2nd and 4th 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.

HELP NEEDED

St. John is scheduled to assist residents in wheelchairs at LLV to church on Sunday, October 6th. Whomever would like to help, please call Martha Lawler 432-4919 or Nancy Henninger 484-2894.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING OPPORTUNITIES

Our youth have been invited to participate with Messiah Lutheran Church youth in their "Pulse" programming, which takes place at Messiah's Youth House, located behind (i.e. north of) the main church building at the corner of Stellhorn and Lahmeyer Roads out northeast. Evan and Lauren Walda have been frequent attenders thus far. Abigail Offhaus has attended a few times, too. Interested youth might consider asking Evan, Lauren or Abigail to tell you more about what you might expect should you attend. Pulse happens on Sunday nights, 6-8 pm. Each person is asked to bring \$2 to help with food (a light dinner is served so no need to eat beforehand). Upcoming dates are Sept 29, Oct 6, Oct 13 ("Pulse Unplugged"), and Oct 20 (Haunted House). There is no Pulse October 27. Instead, youth are invited to help out with Messiah's Trunk or Treating event from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. In addition, some St. John adults may be there as well, serving as youth advisors. If you DO plan on attending any of these events, please drop Pastor Paul a text to let him know. Thank you.

CITYSCAPES PIE AND ICE CREAM EVENT

Volunteers are needed on Friday, October 4th to meet and greet residents at CityScapes with warm apple pies and also to help set up tables. Set up starts at 4:30 with the event going from 5-7 pm. If you are able to help or want more information, please call or email Dennis Robinson at dennis.m.robinson@gmail.com or 260-437-2513. Of course, you are also able to just come and socialize with our neighbors at CityScapes!