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HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

Whether long-time member, first-time visitor or somewhere in between, thank you for worshipping remotely at St. John on this glorious Easter Sunday. Today we celebrate and proclaim the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, wherein God showed the world that Death no longer has the final word . . . Jesus does. God’s new creation has indeed begun, fully on display in Jesus Christ, crucified and resurrected for the life of the world, but ALSO to be put on display and lived out in and through us, his disciples and part of his Body, the Church—only now remotely and with social distancing! Thanks be to God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—who makes this so!

REMOTE WORSHIP CONTINUES

This past week a combined Zoom meeting of Council and staff decided to continue meeting remotely for worship – as well as for any other church functions or meetings normally on our campus – until at least through the month of April. While this unfortunately includes today’s Easter Sunday worship, we fully intend to have a ‘moveable feast’ to celebrate Easter Sunday AGAIN shortly after we are able to meet in public again. Please spread the word, especially about our remote worship gatherings. See you in church – remotely!

REMOTE GIVING

Since we are no longer ‘passing the plate’ when we gather for worship remotely, please remember that the church is still doing ministry and mission, just in new and various ways—mostly remotely. We realize many of our members may be facing financial hardships as a result of COVID-19, hardships that will likely get worse before they get better. If that’s you, please let us know how we might support you in these difficult times. Please let us pray for you. And to all, please, as you are able, continue to support your St. John congregation in the work of ministry and mission through your regular giving. You can do this in two ways. First, you can mail your tithe or offering to the church office. Second, you can go to our website, www.stjohnluth.com, scroll to the bottom of the page, then click on the ‘Donate’ link. This will take you to a place where you can sign up or sign in to establish one-time or regular giving to the church. THANK YOU for remembering St. John in this way at this time!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dan Combs
Those affected by the Coronavirus
Richard Flaugh (*healing*)
Nancy Gebfert (*health*)
Danielle Geels (*healing*)
Ruth Miers (*health*)
Christy Miller
Dick Offhaus (*health*)
The Welch Family
CONTINUING CONCERNS:
Clarence Bush (*health/Vickie Brown’s father*)
David Drake
Lucy Graham
Jeremy Gray
Esther Helmke
Alma Kable (*health*)
Rose Ellen Marquart
Jermarcus Jones
THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Aaron (*relative of the Cobb/Johnson family*)
Anthony Cutino (*Fort Stewart-Hunter*)

Army Airfield, GA/nephew of Fran Gull)
Nicolas 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*)
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
Risen Savior Lutheran Church
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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.

NOISY OFFERINGS

April’s Noisy Offering will be collected for Necessities, Inc./ Hope in a Handbag. You may mail a check to the office with “April Noisy Offering” in the memo line.

EASTER FLOWERS

We have ordered a few lilies for Facebook Easter Sunday worship. If you’d like to purchase one of those, call the church office (260.426.5751) and leave Jamie a message. She’ll get back to you with what’s available and the price. Other flowers (daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, and hydrangeas) will be ordered when we are able to worship in-person again. Should those flowers NOT be available, we’ll either refund your money or (with your permission) order some other flowers to add to our in-person Easter Sunday worship.

COMMUNION TODAY, THEN THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

We celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion on both Maundy Thursday and will do so again today on Easter Sunday. Moving forward, we will next celebrate it every first Sunday of the month as long as we are still gathering remotely. Please see your April newsletter, which went out on Friday via email, for more details on how to prepare on your end.

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!

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 by emailing the church at sjluth@stjohnluth.com or calling 426-5751 and leaving a voicemail.

HELP WANTED

West Central Coffee is now accepting applications for part time barista positions. Submit a resume to "management@stJohnluth.com" or complete an application online. We can email you an application just contact the office. Training will be provided. Opening day is pending at this time.

THANK YOU'S WANTED

We are looking to continue giving thanks to people in our monthly newsletter so if you have someone or a group of people you'd like to thank please use the tear off portion on the front of this weekly or send it into the church office!



REMOTE FELLOWSHIP

In addition to utilizing Facebook for our remote worship, there will be an opportunity for remote fellowship before and after our 10 am service time, starting at 9:15 am and ending at 11:45 am. This opportunity will be offered through Zoom, a remote meeting app you can download in your smartphone's App Store or at the Zoom website (Zoom.us) for your computer. All you will need is the app, an internet connection and the meeting number, which is **801 548 044**. Go to the website or open the app and look for a link called, "Join a Meeting." The following screen should appear:

Join a Meeting

Enter the meeting # and click 'Join.' It should take you right to the "St. John Sunday morning FELLOWSHIP" meeting where other St. John members will be joining remotely. You can now say hi to folk as we gather prior to or after worship similarly to how many of us usually gather. The only major drawback? No donuts!



COFFEE HOUSE UPDATE
As you can imagine, COVID-19 has thrown a huge wrench in our plans to open West Central Coffee on April 17. Just like a full celebration of Easter as a publicly gathered community, our Grand Opening has also been postponed "until a later date." This doesn't mean nothing is happening. The

WCC Advisory Board continues to meet remotely every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. to make all the necessary preparations for an opening that we hope will come within a couple weeks of the "All Clear" – whenever that turns out to be. Until then, read on for one way you can do your part to make West Central Coffee a warm and welcoming place for our West Central neighbors when it DOES open . . . eventually.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN

April 12 through April 19

SUN	12	Resurrection of our Lord/Easter Day	10 am	Worship Service of the Word (Remote)
TUE	14		6 pm	WCC Board Mtg. (Remote)
WED	15		6:20 pm	Casual Gathering (Remote)
THU	16		1 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study (Zoom/Remote)
SUN	19	Second Sunday of Easter	10 am	Worship Service of the Word (Remote)

ONE WAY TO SET UP ELECTRONIC GIVING TO ST. JOHN

See elsewhere in the Weekly for information on "Remote Giving," if you haven't already. In addition to that information, should you want to take advantage of St. John's "Simply Giving" electronic giving program, you may email our Financial Secretary, Steve Rieck, at slriec0520@gmail.com, and request he email you a PDF form you can then print, complete and either mail to the church (Attn: Steve Rieck) or email back to Steve. The form grants permission to set up your Simply Giving account, from which you can make weekly, monthly, etc. deposits to St. John. Email Steve with any questions.

LOOKING FOR HELP ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS (WHEN WE START BACK UP)

"Sharing the Joy," our free meal ministry on Wednesday nights from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., is looking for 'fresh faces' to add to our ranks of servants. Tasks include food prep, food service and clean up following. We are hoping to have enough folk so we can multiple our current group into two teams, enabling our servants to serve every other month rather than all the time. A 'try out month' would precede any longer commitment, so for now we are asking you to consider just one month, with the possibility of an ongoing commitment afterwards, depending on how you feel about your experience. Interested in learning more? Contact Pastor Paul through the office at 426-5751, extension 101. Thanks!

PAY IT FORWARD . . . ONE CUP OF COFFEE AT A TIME

So what if someone comes into West Central Coffee and can't afford even a basic Cup o' Joe? *There's grace for that.* Specifically, we are collecting donations specifically towards growing a 'Grace Jar' of sorts to provide a small 'token' of kindness toward anyone in exactly such a situation. Every \$2 that you donate will purchase a WCC 'wooden nickel' (see picture below) that will go in our Grace Jar.



Instead of turning someone away, staff will transfer one of these tokens from the Grace Jar into the cash register as payment for a 12 oz. cup of coffee. How's THAT for hospitality?

Be sure to indicate "Grace Jar" on any donations you wish to be used for this purpose. May grace abound! (Romans 5:20)

. . . but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more