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REMOTE WORSHIP – CONNECTING

Today we are continuing to worship remotely via the church’s Facebook page. Direct your web browser to www.facebook.com/stjohnluthfw/ at 10:00 a.m. Then look for a notice indicating that we are Livestreaming. Click on that notice and you should be able to watch—and worship—together. You can even click ‘likes’ and add comments that others will see. God bless and keep us all in this “new normal” in which we find ourselves!

REMOTE FELLOWSHIP TIME

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 878 097 321. Go to the website or open the app and look for a link called, “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!

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP UPDATE

The May newsletter indicated the possibility that we might be worshipping on Wednesdays in the sanctuary beginning Wednesday, May 27. Due to the ongoing concerns from COVID-19, it is now clear we will be unable to do so at that time. We will keep you updated in the Weekly as to when that will happen. We look forward to gathering again, but want to do so when it is safer for all who come. Thank you for your patience and prayers!

#TIREDOFLEADINGWORSHIPINANEMPTYCHURCH

So how do we get around it? With a sense of humor, of course! You probably don’t realize that you’re attending church even as you read this. As can be seen in the May newsletter, we have placed pictures of a bunch of the ‘regulars’ in their ‘usual’ pews around the sanctuary to add some life to our worship space. It’s so nice to see your bright and shining faces while we’re leading worship and until you can be here for real, this will have to do! When we can come back together for worship, your picture will be waiting for you to remind you where “your” seat is – just in case you forget in the meantime!

PRAYER CONCERNS



Milt Brown (healing) Dan Combs Those affected by the Coronavirus Diane Gebfert (health) Nancy Gebfert (healing) Heidi (healing) Jane Lizotte (Ann Arnold’s sister working on the frontline) Olivia Jane McCanless Ruth Miers (health) Karen Yaegler (ER Nurse/Sister of Chris Heidegger)

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) 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 Mars Hill Bible Church 3501 Fairlanes Ave SW Grandville, MI 49418

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 memory of our son, Rory C Murphy by Tim & Bev Murphy.

MEET ME ON THE ELEVENS

Have you been missing human contact? Are you looking for a chance to connect with folk, check in on life during COVID-19 and maybe even find some encouragement to help you through the day or week? Is there some loss you’re grieving or something you have missed during these times? Then perhaps “Meet Me on the Elevens” is for you. This is an opportunity this coming week on Monday and Thursday to gather on a Zoom call with some of your brothers and sisters in Christ at St. John, as well as Pastor Paul, at precisely 11:11 a.m. Pastor will share a word from Scripture and offer a brief devotion. Then folk will be invited to check in with one another, including time to share anything that’s been weighing on you. We will close with prayer—for ourselves and our world. These Zoom calls will run until 12:00 - high noon. Then it’s back to the rest of our days—hopefully renewed for this brief time of gathering for what Martin Luther called “the mutual care and consolation of believers.” Log in to Zoom (go to zoom.us or call Pastor Paul for more details) by 11:11 and use meeting ID # 260 348 6357.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! [SHARE RED!]

Celebrate the birthday of the Church—more commonly known as Pentecost—on Sunday, May 31st. In past years, all were invited to wear red to church to remind us of the tongues of FIRE that descended on the apostles with the Spirit’s coming. We now know we will be worshipping REMOTELY that Sunday, so rather than wearing red in public worship, we are inviting folk to wear red in your homes and send us pictures! If posting on Facebook or other social media, include #WearRED in the post so we can find it and share with the congregation afterwards. “See” you May 31st!

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.

NOISY OFFERINGS

May's Noisy Offering will be collected for The Journey. You may mail a check to the office with "May Noisy Offering" in the memo line.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

St. John would like to honor any high school and college graduates during worship on **Sunday, June 7th** (whether we are back in public gatherings or still worshipping remotely). This is even more important for our 2020 grads who have lost so much of their school year and end of year activities due to the spread of COVID-19. If you are or have such a graduate, **please contact the office by Monday, May 18th** (426-5751) and let Jamie know. We would also like several pictures and a description of your graduate (accomplishments, future plans) that we can share during worship June 7th. Let's celebrate AND pray for all of our 2020 graduates!



OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN

May 17 - May 24

SUN 17	Sixth Sunday of Easter	10 am	Worship Service of the Word (Remote)
MON 18		11:11 am	Meet Me At the Elevens (Remote)
		11:30 am	Executive Board Mtg. (Remote)
		12:15 pm	Staff Lunch Mtg. (Remote)
		3 pm	June Newsletter Deadline
TUE 19		6 pm	WCC Board Mtg. (Remote)
WED 20		6:20 pm	Casual Gathering (Remote)
THU 21		11:11 am	Meet Me At the Elevens (Remote)
		1 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study (Zoom/Remote)
		7 pm	Congregation Council Mtg. (Remote)
SUN 24	Sixth Sunday of Easter	10 am	Worship Service of the Word (Remote)

WEST CENTRAL COFFEE OPENING IN JUNE

The West Central Coffee (WCC) Advisory Board and others continue to work hard behind the scenes to put the final pieces together for our opening, approximately one month from now. Right now one of our biggest needs is recruiting applicants to work as our WCC baristas! If you know of someone who may be interested, email info@westcentralcoffee.com for an application. This is also a good email to use if you'd like to help in some way. And as always, please keep this ministry in your prayers. Ask God to use WCC—and us—to love and minister to our West Central neighbors when it opens. Pray for those working hard on the opening. And finally, pray for a successful shop—so we can minister through it for years to come! Thank you!



IT'S STARTING!

Although it's three months away, garage sale prep and collection has begun! With school not returning for session this year, we've been able to set up early and have started collecting donations already. Bored from sitting around your house during this isolation period? It might be a perfect time to clean out that closet, spare room, basement, or attic and get things ready to drop off for the garage sale. We ARE taking donations. Just call or e-mail Jay Heare (260.249.8229 / jay.heare@stjohnluth.com) to arrange a time. To protect our sorting/pricing team, we'll be letting all donations sit for 5 days before we open any boxes or bags and do any sorting and pricing. Any pre-sorting you can do would be extremely helpful, i.e. kitchen items in one box, dishes in a separate box, Christmas items in a separate box, etc. If you can't do separate boxes, even separate bags in a box would be helpful. Even more help would be donating your clothing on the hangers! If you haven't already received a phone call or had a conversation about how you can help during the garage sale, say "Yes!" when you do. Or contact Jay Heare or one of the following people about how you can help:

- Windy Cobb-Johnson – Kids' Room
- Susan Steele/Hannah Starrick – Book/Media Room
- Susan Benesh – Holiday Pricing/Cashiers
- Jane Porter Gresham – Adult Clothing
- Wade & Pauline Prentice – Antiques/Collectibles
- Cheryl Kienzle – Concessions
- Chris & Julie Walda – Tools/Sporting Goods/Garden/Medical Supplies/Pet Supplies
- Sam Starrick – Electronics