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COMMUNION TO BE CELEBRATED IN (REMOTE) WORSHIP TODAY

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion today as it is the first Sunday of the month. Here is what you will need to do on your end:

- 1) Gather the elements you will need: bread, crackers or even a tortilla wrap, as well as wine or grape juice.
2) Prepare a space for you to place the elements, either at a table or coffee table, perhaps with a tablecloth.
3) After the Words of Institution, you may then partake of the elements.

As in previous instances of remote communion, we honor and respect you, whether you choose to partake or not to partake. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. + Ephesians 4:4

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.

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.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Milt Brown (knee surgery 5/4)
Dan Combs
Those affected by the Coronavirus
Richard Flaugh (healing)
Nancy Gebfert (surgery 5/5)
Danielle Geels (healing)
Heidi (healing)
The family of Charlotte Laisure
Olivia Jane McCanless
Ruth Miers (health)
Christy Miller
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



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.

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
New Life Lutheran Church
2424 Coliseum Blvd S
Fort Wayne, IN 46803
Pr Jim Keller

MOTHER'S DAY HASHTAG SHOUT OUTS - #SJMOMSFW

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Since we can't give out carnations to our moms like we usually do, we've come up with another way to honor all the moms out there, including adopted or honorary moms, including moms both among the living and those who have passed on.

#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.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_
Best Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_
Email \_\_\_\_\_
Service Attended \_\_\_\_\_



### 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.

### A MIGHTY HOST . . . OF HOSPITALITY!

How can West Central Coffee be a warm and welcoming place for all who enter its doors when it opens after the COVID-19 “All Clear” is sounded? And what can YOU do to be a part of it? So glad you asked! We want to form a Hospitality Team of St. John members and West Central neighbors who will function a little like the friendly Wal-Mart greeter we’ve all encountered when we enter that store: friendly, welcoming and helpful. For at least the first month we are open, and hopefully beyond, we want to schedule folk in shifts of whatever hours they want to serve. We will be setting up an online sign up forum using Sign Up Genius, the same forum we used last August to sign up for slots in the West Central Home and Garden Tour and Artsfest. In the meantime, if you’re interested in joining the team, email [wcchospitality@stjohnluth.com](mailto:wcchospitality@stjohnluth.com) and we will get back to you within the next few weeks with more information. Thanks!

### 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.



### 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 [srieck0520@gmail.com](mailto:srieck0520@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.



### OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN

May 3 - May 10

SUN	3	Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday	10 am	Worship Service of the Word (Remote)
TUE	5		6 pm	WCC Board Mtg. (Remote)
WED	6		6:20 pm	Casual Gathering (Remote)
THU	7		1 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study (Zoom/Remote)
SUN	10	Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother’s Day	10 am	Worship Service of the Word (Remote)

### 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*

### 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](mailto: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