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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!

CONGREGATIONAL WEST CENTRAL COFFEE OPEN HOUSE TODAY!

Over 3 1/2 years of conversations, construction and coordination are coming to fruition with the opening of West Central Coffee, a St. John owned and operated coffee house for the West Central community Here’s the schedule for Sunday June 14th:

- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – St. John’s remote worship will be projected on the wall in the back room of the café.
• 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. – open house with free coffee and food samples from the menu will be provided. (specialty drinks will also be available for purchase from WCC staff)

We do ask that you wear a mask (except when eating or drinking, of course) and maintain as best as possible a six foot distance from those around you.

The Grand Opening is this coming Friday, June 19th, including a ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m. THANK YOU for all of your support and prayers as a congregation for this outreach. We look forward to seeing you – at a distance – and celebrating what God is doing through West Central Coffee!

DID YOU KNOW YOU COULD CONNECT TO ZOOM WITH JUST YOUR PHONE?

That’s right, there is a dial in option for folk who have a phone but no mobile device. This can be a mobile phone or even a good old fashioned landline. For our Fellowship Time after worship, simply dial 1-312-626-6799, then, when prompted to enter the meeting #, enter 878 097 321. The instead of entering a participant ID, just hit the # key. A voice should tell you you are now in the meeting, which is to say, you will be in St. John’s Fellowship Time—again, minus the donuts. Hope you can make it!

PRAYER CONCERNS



Those affected by the Coronavirus Diane Gebfert (health) Jane Lizotte (Ann Arnold’s sister working on the frontline) 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 Lord of the Harvest Christian Fellowship 21601 Schoenherr Rd Warren, MI 48089 Senior Pastor Mike Osminski

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.

WHEN WILL ST. JOHN RETURN TO PUBLIC WORSHIP? (A: HOPEFULLY SOON!)

We know this is a question on many of our minds within the St. John community. Unfortunately, we don’t have a definite answer we can provide at this time. Council has met and discussed the matter at various times but has not yet felt comfortable setting a definite ‘date’ when worship in our sanctuary will resume. However, there is a greater sense that June 21 or 28 may be a responsible target date. Notification by email along with a letter to those not on email (identical to how we now notify folk about congregational meetings) will precede any return. In addition, any return will involve a careful following of CDC guidelines for public gatherings, including social distancing and asking / expecting all participants to wear masks. It’s vitally important that we keep Jesus’ command to love our neighbor, in this case our more at risk neighbor (in age or health-wise), at the forefront of our thinking, even if it means setting aside our ‘right of assembly’ as a faith community. That in part explains the long absence from gathering together for public worship. But as Jesus tells his disciples then and now, “Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Indiana continues to move forward without delays in re-opening the state; by God’s grace and with the guidance of our local, state and national health and public officials, so will we. In the meantime, thank you for your patience! And please keep on – or start – checking in with your fellow members and your own neighbors, especially those more at risk for whatever reason, to see how they’re doing and how you can help. It really makes a big difference! May God’s grace and peace go with us all!

NOISY OFFERINGS

June’s Noisy Offering will be collected for LMOIK Camp Ministry. You may mail a check to the office with “June Noisy Offering” in the memo line.

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.

WANNA TALK?

Pastor Paul is willing to connect with anyone who wishes, on any topic, either related to COVID-19, the George Floyd protests, or whatever. He can talk on the phone, in person while socially distancing, or via Zoom or FaceTime (yes he's an iPhone user). And he's ALWAYS willing to pray with you! Just drop him an email (pastorpaul@stjohnluth.com), text or call (260-348-6357) to set something up!

REMOTE FELLOWSHIP TIME CHANGING

In addition to utilizing Facebook for our remote worship, there will be an opportunity for remote fellowship shortly after our 10 am service time. 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!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN

June 14 - June 21

SUN 14	2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Shortly after Worship 11am-1 pm	Worship Service of the Word (Remote) Remote Fellowship Time West Central Coffee Open House
TUE 16	7 am-3 pm 6 pm	West Central Coffee Soft Opening WCC Board Mtg. (Remote)
WED 17	7 am-3 pm 6:20 pm	West Central Coffee Soft Opening Casual Gathering (Remote)
THU 18	7 am-3 pm 7 pm	West Central Coffee Soft Opening Congregational Council Mtg. (Remote)
FRI 19	7 am-3 pm 10 am	West Central Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting for West Central Coffee
SAT 20	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Soft Opening
SUN 21	3rd Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day 7 am-3 pm 10 am Shortly after Worship	West Central Coffee Hours Worship Service of the Word (Remote) Remote Fellowship Time

IT'S STARTED!

Although it's just less than a month 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

WEST CENTRAL COFFEE GRAND OPENING FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH!

We are excited to announce the Grand Opening of West Central Coffee on Friday, June 19th! Indiana has moved to Stage 4 of re-opening. This means 75% capacity for dining areas, wearing of face coverings recommended, and social distancing for all Hoosiers 65 and older or who are considered high risk are still in place. The coffee house will follow and comply with these and all CDC guidelines for restaurants.

The hours of operation will be 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., 7 days per week. Bruce Robinson, Dennis Robinson's brother, is the manager. There is an open house for the congregation TODAY (June 14th) from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

There will be a "Soft Opening" Tuesday through Thursday that week (June 16-18), as well as an after hours open house Thursday, June 18th, 5-8 pm, for neighbors and friends in the West Central neighborhood.

So what can YOU do, as a member or friend of St. John, to help West Central Coffee succeed? Here are some suggestions:

- 1. Pray!** Ask God's Holy Spirit to flow through the staff and facility, creating a welcoming space for ALL people. Pray for wisdom and perseverance for the West Central Coffee Advisory Board. Pray for a successful shop, so we can welcome and love our neighbors through it for years to come!
- 2. Come to the open house!** There is the Congregational one TODAY (11-1). Just be sure to wear a mask and keep you distance.
- 3. Join our Hospitality Team!** We are assembling a team of folk who will offer hospitality and the love of Jesus to WCC guests and encourage the WCC staff—think of those friendly, welcoming and helpful Wal-Mart greeters and you've got a good picture of what we're seeking to accomplish. They will also wipe down tables, pick up trash, sweep, etc. to help keep the coffee shop tidy. Email wcchospitality@stjohnluth.com to let us know of your interest OR click [HERE](#) to go directly to Sign Up Genius and sign up for one or more two hour time slots.
- 4. Fill our "Grace Jar" with wooden nickels!** Each nickel costs \$2 and is good for a free 12 oz. cup of coffee to be given to someone who can't afford a cup of their own. Even a simple \$20 donation will add 10 wooden nickels. Be sure to indicate "Grace Jar" on any donations you wish to be used for this purpose. And may grace abound! (. . . *but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.* + Romans 5:20)
- 5. Come buy our coffee!** Seriously, once we are open, stop by often to enjoy our coffee, supplied by Utopian Coffee, or one of our many specialty drinks, from espresso to a wide variety of other choices. Thanks!

