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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!

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!

GARAGE SALE HOURS

Friday, July 17th – 6 PM – 9 PM
Saturday, 18th – 9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, July 12th – 12 PM – 5 PM

Hope to see you there – from 6 feet away!



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

Christian sympathies to Marsha Roth and family on the death of her husband Tim on July 4th. Private family services were held this past week. Christian sympathies also to Julie Constant and Jamie Robbins at the loss of their father James Rodewald on May 29. A memorial service will take place at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Road on Saturday, July 18 at 11 am for Jim and for his wife Roberta who also passed May 30. May the sure and certain hope of resurrection and reunion with those who have died be a source of comfort to all who grieve.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

The plants on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Joseph & Stephanie Rhodes.



PRAYER CONCERNS



Those affected by the Coronavirus
Dan & Frankie Peifer
Linda Johnson (*healing/Bev Murphy’s sister*)
Sue Kienzle (*healing*)
The families of James & Roberta Rodewald
The family of Tim Roth
Ron Stabler (*hospitalization/pneumonia*)
The family of Martha Weber

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
St Vincent DePaul Catholic Church
1502 E Wallen Rd
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

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.

COMMUNION TO BE CELEBRATED IN (REMOTE AND PUBLIC) WORSHIP TODAY

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion today and every Sunday moving forward. Here is what you will need to do on your end:

If attending our public worship:

We will be offering communion in one part, that is, wafers but no wine/grape juice. Communicants will be directed by the ushers to come forward by side (left side from front to back, then right side), masked and maintaining physical distance from those outside of their family unit. After receiving the wafer from Pastor or the Assisting Minister (both of whom will be masked), you are asked to step to the side (on the ‘X’) before removing your mask to partake of communion. Then return, masked, to your seat. Hand sanitizers will be available on the tables by the side aisles.

If at home worshipping remotely:

1. Gather the elements you will need: bread, crackers or even a tortilla wrap, as well as wine or grape juice. If you’d like to make your own (unleavened, if you wish) bread, one was printed in the April newsletter or you can find several online.
2. Prepare a space for you to place the elements, either at a table or coffee table, perhaps with a tablecloth. Set the elements out for that point in our worship.
3. After the Words of Institution, you may then partake of the elements. If you are sheltering with others, share them with one another; if not, simply consume them yourself. In either case, speak the words, “The Body of Christ, given/broken for you/me . . . The Blood of Christ, shed for you/me,” to remind you of Christ’s presence “in, with, and under” (Luther’s words) the ordinary elements of bread and wine.

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

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?

In these days of increased physical isolation, 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!

LUTHERANS AND NETFLIX

The ELCA has found itself in the Netflix spotlight recently. The Netflix series *Sweet Magnolias*, written by ELCA member Sheryl Anderson, began streaming May 19 and features a fictional ELCA congregation. The main characters turn to their church for the community, grace and support that Lutherans can count on. Meanwhile, the Rev. Noah Hepler of Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement appeared on season 5 of *Queer Eye*, with his congregation and his mindset getting a makeover from the Fab Five. Give these great Lutheran-featuring shows a watch!

SERMON SERIES – “A REST THAT WORKS”

Beginning Sunday, July 19th, we will begin a five week sermon series on Sunday mornings entitled, “A Rest That Works.” This is meant to complement the short video reflections that will continue during the series. Here are the topics and dates:

- July 19 – Rhythm
- July 26 – Sabbath
- August 2 – Sleep
- August 9 – Stillness
- August 16 – Solitude



WEST CENTRAL COFFEE IS NOW OPEN!

We are open for business—and community! Indiana has moved to Stage 4.5 of re-opening. This means 75% capacity for dining areas as long as social distancing is observed, 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 are currently 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., 7 days per week. Jay Heare is the interim manager, while Bruce Robinson has shifted to a Creative Arts role for the coffee house.

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. **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 Walmart 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 search for the sign up sheet online at www.SignUpGenius.com and sign up for one or more two hour time slots.
3. **Fill our “Grace Jar” with wooden nickels!** Each “Grace Coin” 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)
4. **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!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN

July 12 - July 19

SUN 12	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	7 am-3 pm 10 am 12-5 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Worship Service w/Holy Communion Garage Sale (gym)
MON 13		7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
TUE 14		7 am-3 pm 6 pm	West Central Coffee Hours WCC Board Mtg. (Remote)
WED 15		7 am-3 pm 6:20 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Casual Gathering (Remote)
THU 16		7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
FRI 17		7 am-3 pm Church 6-9 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Office Closed Garage Sale (gym)
SAT 18		7 am-3 pm 9 am-5 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Garage Sale (gym)
SUN 19	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	7 am-3 pm 10 am	West Central Coffee Hours Worship Service w/Holy Communion

NOISY OFFERINGS

July's Noisy Offering will be collected for Lutheran World Relief. If you are worshipping remotely, you may mail a check to the office with “July Noisy Offering” in the memo line.

OUR DAILY BREAD

Free copies of the daily devotionals for June, July & August are now available at the Welcome Center, be sure to stop and pick up one today before they run out or if you would like one mailed to you, call the office and we can do that for you! (426-5751)

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

The Thursday Brown Bag Bible Study will be meeting through Thursday, July 16, then breaking for the summer. We will resume on **Thursday, August 27th**. See the August newsletter for more info, including whether or not it will be in person or via Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing Walter Brueggemann's *Virus as a Summons to Faith: Biblical Reflections in a Time of Loss, Grief and Uncertainty* and Brian McLaren's *We Make the Road by Walking*. Contact Pastor Paul (pastorpaul@stjohnluth.com / 260-348-6357 text/phone) for more details.

COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR ELCA CONGREGATIONS AND MEMBERS

With the outbreaks of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the United States and around the world, our church and its leaders continue to minister to its members, to those who are hurting and searching for peace, and to those in need. Resources are available to help congregations and members stay connected and resilient during this crisis. Visit ELCA.org/publichealth for online worship best practices, FAQs regarding government assistance programs, video messages from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and resources to help you practice your faith at home.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY – SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

Our summer of engagement with these rhythms of rest and work continue two more short videos on Sunday mornings after the sermon series end. Then, on Saturday, August 29th, we will be offering a half day congregational retreat (whether via Zoom or in person is yet to be determined) to dive deeper into the core rhythms of “A Rest That Works” – Sabbath Rest, Sleep, Stillness, and Solitude. More details on the retreat will be coming in the August newsletter.

We look forward to what God is going to do among us as we slow down together to reflect more fully on the importance of rest in our lives. May God's Spirit richly bless our time together!