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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!

PERSONAL INVENTORY – “A REST THAT WORKS”

With your bulletin, whether you are worshipping in person or remotely, you will find a personal inventory we are asking you to complete and return to St. John. It is intended to give both you and us a base level indication of where you are as an individual and where we are as a congregation with respect to our views, understandings and practice of rest in its various forms. Forms may be mailed to the office, emailed to sjluth@stjohnluth.com or faxed to 260-420-9158. **Thank you** in advance for making time for this inventory!

BAPTISM

Baptized today is Montgomery “Monte” Fritz Biggs, son of JT & Brittany who was born on June 3, 2020. His sponsors are Andrew Weidemeier, Cassie Flippin, and Brittany Peavler. Welcome to the family of God, Monte!

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
 Britney (*healing/car accident*)
 Suzie (Boerger) James (*health/Steve’s sister*)
 Linda Johnson (*healing/Bev Murphy’s sister*)
 Sue Kienzle (*healing*)
 Susan Modezjewski (*health/Ann Arnold’s sister*)
 The families of James & Roberta Rodewald
 Dan & Frankie Peifer
 The family of Tim Roth
 Ron Stabler (*hospitalization/pneumonia*)
 The family of Martha Weber
CONTINUING CONCERNS:
 Dave Burget
 Clarence Bush (*health/Vickie Brown’s father*)
 David Drake
 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
Come2Go Ministries
 323 W Baker Street
 Fort Wayne, IN 46802
 Pastor Brian Spahr



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.

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!

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

THANK YOUS 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!



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!

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY ON SUMMER BREAK

The Thursday Brown Bag Bible Study is now on break 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. During the break members are encouraged to continue reading Brian McLaren's weekly chapters in *We Make the Road by Walking*. Here's that schedule: ch 47, 7/16; ch 48, 7/23; ch 49, 7/30; ch 50, 8/6; ch 51, 8/13; ch 52, 8/20.

Contact Pastor Paul (pastorpaul@stjohnluth.com / 260-348-6357 text/phone) for more details.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN

July 19 - July 26

SUN 19	7 th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am-3 pm 10 am	West Central Coffee Hours Worship Service w/Holy Communion
MON 20	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
TUE 21	7 am-3 pm 6 pm	West Central Coffee Hours WCC Board Mtg. (Remote)
WED 22	7 am-3 pm 6:20 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Casual Gathering (Remote)
THU 23	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
FRI 24	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
SAT 25	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
SUN 26	8 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.

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.



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 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 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!