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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!



JOIN US FOR STEP INTO THE STORY NEW TESTAMENT WITH WALK THRU THE BIBLE (WTB)!

We are living in stressful, unprecedented times. But it’s also an unprecedented time to draw closer to the Lord! In God’s Word, we can find the promises of God that give us hope and guidance and truth.

At Walk Thru the Bible, we’d love to invite you to our **Step Into the Story New Testament** live stream!

Step Into the Story NT is storying through the New Testament with teacher Phil Tuttle. Phil combines wit and wisdom as he walks you through the New Testament—the “silent years” between the Old and New Testaments; the birth of Jesus, His life, ministry, death, and resurrection; the birth of the church; Paul’s missionary journeys and the spread of the gospel, and so much more! The sessions will be interactive and engaging; you’ll be up on your feet and you’ll laugh. It’s perfect for all ages; great for families. Best of all, you will learn and experience the NT like never before!

It’s a new (*and fun!*) and **FREE** way that WTB can help you stay immersed in God’s Word...because the Bible changes everything!

Join us for the **Step Into the Story NT** live stream! It’s **FREE!**

What: Streaming on our YouTube channel and Facebook Live

When: July 27-31, with a new session every night

Time: 7:00-7:30 EST

How: Here are the ways you can watch—

- Watch on YouTube: youtube.com/walkthruthebiblusa
- Watch on Facebook Live: facebook.com/walkthruthebiblusa

Invite: your friends, your family, your church! Make a list of 5 people to watch it with you...with proper social distancing, of course! Other ways to spread the word: host a Facebook watch party; share our Facebook posts with your network; forward this email to your pastor, and more!

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*)
 Dan & Frankie Peifer
 Ron Stabler (*hospitalization/pneumonia*)
 Daniel David Williams

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
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
 143 Chota Center
 Loudin, TN 37774
 Rev. Ingrid Schalk

Travelers Rest Baptist Church

6823 Partlow Road
 Spotsylvania, VA 22551
 Pastor Scott Quinn

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.

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!

SERMON SERIES – “A REST THAT WORKS”

We are now in the midst of 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 remaining topics and dates:

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

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)

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

The plants on the altar today are given in loving memory of my father Gaetano Cutino by Fran Gull.



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!

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY – SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

On Saturday, August 29th, we will be offering a half day congregational retreat to dive deeper into the four core rhythms of “A Rest That Works” – Sabbath Rest, Sleep, Stillness, and Solitude. Our presenter will be Brenda Jank, founder of “Run Hard. Rest Well.” Gathering and check-in starts at 8:30 a.m., while the retreat itself will run 9:00 a.m. until noon. This is open to members of St. John and members of the community. Cost is only \$10—a small price to pay for your own physical and spiritual health. All participants will be given a book Brenda has written entitled, “Vantage Point.” You may sign up via the tear off portion of the Weekly if you are in public worship, or by mailing a check to the office made out to St. John.

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!

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 26 - August 2

SUN 26	8 th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am-3 pm 10 am 1 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Worship Service w/Holy Communion NA Mtg. (BH)
MON 27	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
TUE 28	7 am-3 pm 6 pm	West Central Coffee Hours WCC Board Mtg. (Remote)
WED 29	7 am-3 pm 6:20 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Casual Gathering (Remote)
THU 30	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
FRI 31	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
SAT 1	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
SUN 2	8 th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am-3 pm 10 am 1 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Worship Service w/Holy Communion NA Mtg. (BH)

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](https://www.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!