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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!

NOISY OFFERINGS

August’s Noisy Offering will be collected for St. John Well-spring Children’s Outreach Ministry If you are worshipping remotely, you may mail a check to the office with “August Noisy Offering” in the memo line.

TRIADS BEGINNING THIS WEEK

Thank you to the 25+ people who have signed up to participate in a triad to continue reflecting on and implementing rhythms of rest in your lives! This is a loving reminder that you are to have your first meeting with your triad this coming week sometime, with each person coming to that gathering (in public or remotely, your choice) having read and reflected on the four devotions in Trek 1 (1.2, 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4) in the book, Vantage Point. If you’re one of those who have signed up or been placed in a triad, you should have also received an email from Pastor Paul this past Thursday with more details on how they work. For any of you still thinking about participating, time is running out to sign up! More details can be found in the August newsletter or by emailing pastorpaul@stjohnluth.com. May God bless our congregation’s journey deeper into these four key elements of rest, sleep, Sabbath keeping, stillness and solitude.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Those affected by the Coronavirus Lucy Green Brian Henninger (healing/Nancy’s son) Linda Johnson (healing/Bev Murphy’s sister) Jessica Marquart (health) Tim Murphy (healing) Jackson Reed (3 yr old w/lymphoma) Barb Page Sablic (healing) Shepherd, Shawn & Kayla (health) Andrew Snyder (health) Ron Stabler (health) Trish (health) Todd Walker (pancreatic cancer) 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 St Paul Episcopal Church 101 North Pine Street Wilkesboro, NC 28697 Rector Stephanie Parker & Deacon Susan Whittington



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.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY RESUMES THIS THURSDAY AT St. JOHN

After a summer break, the Thursday Brown Bag Bible Study is starting back up again on Thursday, August 27th at noon. Unlike the past 4-5 months, we will RETURN to meeting in person in room 105, while practicing physical distancing. As for topic, we will begin by reviewing the last of Brian McLaren’s We Make the Road by Walking weekly reflections since we last met (i.e, chapters 48-52), plus watching a video by Phil Vischer called, “Race in America.” Bring a lunch (optional) and read, study, reflect and act on God’s Word together in community!

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

The plants on the altar today are given in loving memory of our parents by Ken & Bonnie Shurboff.



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!

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.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Address _____ Best Contact Phone _____ Email _____ Service Attended _____

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!

LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES INDIANA KENTUCKY (LOMIK) FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

We have been challenged to raise \$50,000 for each of our two northern sites, Lutherwald and Lake Luther. The Lutheran Foundation will match dollar for dollar any contributions made now through the end of the year. For additional information please see our Summer Newsletter. We know that the ongoing pandemic has affected everyone. If you are able to make a financial contribution you can do so online or by mail.

The link to the online donation page is <https://lomik.campintouch.com/ui/forms/donor/Form> or you may send a check to LOMIK, 5215 N 450 W, Angola, IN 46703.



Thank you for being a part of the ministry!



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, now that 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

August 23 - August 30

SUN 23	12th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am-3 pm 10 am 1 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Worship Service w/Holy Communion NA Mtg. (BH)
MON 24	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
TUE 25	7 am-3 pm 6 pm	West Central Coffee Hours WCC Board Mtg. (WCC)
WED 26	7 am-3 pm 6:20 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Casual Gathering (Remote)
THU 27	7 am-3 pm 12 pm 6-8:30 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Brown Bag Bible Study Seeds - The Journey (WCC)
FRI 28	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
SAT 29	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
SUN 30	13th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am-3 pm 10 am 1 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Worship Service w/Holy Communion NA Mtg. (BH)

PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL BUILDING USAGE

As we continue to sort out our 'new normal' with regard to gathering in public, one additional consideration is the use of the school building side of our campus. As you might imagine, like all other schools that are resuming classes across the nation, our school, Smith Academy for Excellence, has very specific requirements they are implementing in order to take every precaution to keep the building virus-free for their students. One consequence for us as a congregation is we need to be very proactive about respecting the school's space. Practically speaking, this means (1) stay away from the school side of our campus outside of use of the hallways and/or room 105 for worship Sunday mornings or for other scheduled meetings; (2) if you do have an unscheduled need to be on that side of the building, please contact School Leader Corey Smith at 260-579-6939 prior to entering along with why you need to be there. These expectations are in place regardless of time of day. They will help us respect and demonstrate our love for our school neighbors. THANK YOU for your cooperation in this!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) NEWS

St. John has asked Emmanuel LC to help us this year with the LWR truck and their youth group has agreed to help! So we will still have the truck here at St. John on **Saturday, October 17th** from 8 am- 12 pm. Our WELCA group is not collecting physical items this year but will be collecting any monetary donations to send on behalf of St John. Please mark your donation for LWR if you decide to send anything in. Thanks and keep watching for more updates on this as we work through how this will all work and still keep everyone safe!

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO SERVE AT THE WEST CENTRAL HOME & GARDEN TOUR AND ARTSFEST SEPT 12/13

Once again we will be seeking sign ups to serve at the West Central Home and Garden Tour and Artsfest the first weekend after Labor Day. This year's goal is 20 sign ups. This is half of last year's goal, due to (1) the pandemic that has limited people's willingness and ability to get out and about, (2) a reduced number of volunteers needed due to the changes in how the Tour is operating this. Anyone who volunteered last year should be receiving an email soon from Dennis Robinson with more information on how to sign up. THANK YOU (in advance) for signing up to love and serve your West Central (and wider Fort Wayne) neighbors!