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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!

TRIADS HAVE STARTED

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 if you did NOT have your first meeting with your triad this past week, you are now a week behind. If you have any questions or need any resources or other help, please reach out to Pastor Paul at 260-348-6357 or pastorpaul@stjohnluth.com. May God bless our congregation’s journey deeper into these four key elements of rest, sleep, Sabbath keeping, stillness and solitude.

THINKING OF JOINING ST. JOHN’S COMMUNITY OF BELOVED DISCIPLES?

St. John’s next New Member Orientation will be held on Sunday, September 13th, in two sessions: #1 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. (before worship), #2 from ~11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (after worship). We will meet in Room 105. We will feed you lunch. The orientation is intended for anyone who wants to grow in their understanding and practice of the Christian faith in general, and as a follower of Jesus at and around St. John in particular.

Those non-members attending the orientation will be invited to join St. John on Sunday, September 27th during the worship at the cemetery. If you’re interested in attending this orientation, please register your interest with Jamie Robbins in the church office (426-5751).

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 John Lutheran Church 24955 Riley Road North Liberty, IN 46554 Pastor Cassandra Lamb



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 HAS RESUMED - MEETING IN PERSON

After a summer break, the Thursday Brown Bag Bible Study started back up at noon this past Thursday, meeting in public with masks (except when eating) and with physical spacing of about two feet between participants. We will continue this Thursday by finishing a video by Phil Vischer called, “Race in America” and discussing ways we can come together and act in life-giving ways in response to the inordinate and tragic deaths of African-Americans in our country. Bring a lunch (optional) as we gather together in community!

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of our 61st Wedding Anniversary (8/29) by Barb & Steve Callender



“SHARING THE JOY” TEAM MEETING SEPT 2 TO DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS

On Wednesday, September 2nd, at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, anyone who is interested is invited to meet in person (with masks and physical distancing) to consider when and under what conditions we might resume our Wednesday evening free meal ministry to the community, Sharing the Joy. Please come with ideas, an open mind . . . and (of course) a mask. See you then!

WEEKLY NEWS DEADLINE

If you have information to be put into the Weekly please make sure it isZ turned in to the church office each week by Tuesday noon. Thanks!



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.

**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!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ANNUAL WEST CENTRAL HOME AND GARDEN WALKING TOUR!**

When: Saturday 9/12 or Sunday 9/13; 8 - 11 am (those who wish to attend our 10 am in public worship may leave in time to do so)  
Where: Meet at 1025 Garden St. by the Swinney Park tennis courts.

Volunteers will cover various set up needs. Putting up signs, helping with parking and general traffic flow needs.

We are also looking for **tech savvy folk** to sign up for any two hour shift to help folk navigate downloading the app they are using for the walking tour.

**Email Greg Brandt**

at [gbrandt1025@gmail.com](mailto:gbrandt1025@gmail.com) and copy [pastorpaul@stjohnluth.com](mailto:pastorpaul@stjohnluth.com) to sign up. (If you don't have email, call the office at 260-426-5751.) Be sure to include:

1. Which day/shift you are signing up for
2. Your name
3. Your email
4. Your cellphone #

That's it! Easy peasy, lemon squeezy!

By the way, our GOAL this year is **10-15 volunteers**, which, while nowhere near last year's volunteer numbers, would still give us a significantly higher percentage of the overall volunteers this year than last year's awe-inspiring 27%!

THANK YOU, one and all, for helping out again this year with the Tour!

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS**

COVID-19 has changed many things about our daily lives. We work from home, we shop even more on-line, we hug our family & friends through Zoom calls. But some things haven't changed; our kids still need to go to school, we still need to prepare meals, and we especially need to stay clean and healthy. Unfortunately this current reality is even harder for some. So, even though we cannot collect physical items to create school and health kits we are going to collect them virtually. Here's how this works:

One school kit costs about \$7.00  
Our goal this year is 75 kits = \$525

One health kit costs about \$12.00  
Our goal this year is 40 kits = \$480

We are asking you to please send money this year. Lutheran World Relief will get 100% of the funds we collect and they will be able to use those dollars toward their greatest needs. Whether you mail your donation or drop it off at church, please clearly mark the envelope LWR. Thank you for continuing to support families in need.

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 LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN**

**August 30 - September 6**

<b>SUN 30</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 7 am-3 pm West Central Coffee Hours 10 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 1 pm NA Mtg. (BH)
<b>MON 31</b>	7 am-3 pm West Central Coffee Hours
<b>TUE 1</b>	7 am-3 pm West Central Coffee Hours 6 pm WCC Board Mtg. (WCC)
<b>WED 2</b>	7 am-3 pm West Central Coffee Hours 6:20 pm Casual Gathering (Remote)
<b>THU 3</b>	7 am-3 pm West Central Coffee Hours 12 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (Rm 105)
<b>FRI 4</b>	7 am-3 pm West Central Coffee Hours
<b>SAT 5</b>	7 am-3 pm West Central Coffee Hours
<b>SUN 6</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 7 am-3 pm West Central Coffee Hours 10 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 1 pm 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!

**"COME TOGETHER" AND TALK ABOUT RACE**

On Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. each day, West Central Coffee will be hosting two identical gatherings to talk about race. In light of George Floyd's death back on Memorial Day and, most recently, the shooting of Jacob Blake by police on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the need to talk is perhaps greater than ever. A team of individuals has been busy planning this event, which we hope will be attended by any and all in our community who want to learn and grow in this area. Here is our Guiding Purpose:

Our time together will raise awareness of racial and social equities and inequities through sharing our stories that in turn will generate positive change in our lives.

Mr. Thomas Smith, former principal of South Side and Wayne High Schools and current teacher at our own Smith Academy, will serve as our emcee and primary presenter. In-person participants will receive a free beverage and pastry. Mask wearing and physical distancing will be in place. We will also offer remote participation via Zoom. Sign up will take place through Eventbrite. Look for more information on our St. John Facebook page and via email. See you on the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>!

**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.