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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!

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

St. John’s next New Member Orientation will be held today 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 see pastor immediately following worship.

IS TELECARE CALLING YOU TO MINISTRY?

On Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 PM we will be meeting in room 105 or (remotely for those who prefer.) As in our past calling nights, our mission will be to work as a team to contact EVERY member home, all in one night! We know, based on our previous call nights that with 12-15 callers, we can do this in a bit over an hour. Our purpose in making these calls is to express St. John’s care for their members and to ask them if there’s anything we can do for them, and of course any prayers we might offer. Please consider joining us. for a great time of fellowship and ministry. Please call Jamie at the church office 260-426-5751 or Tony at 260-385-5244 to volunteer. But if you forget, please join us on Tuesday night at 6:30 PM!

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Those affected by the Coronavirus Jeremy Gray 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’s Ev. Crossroads Lutheran Church P O Box 394 Batesville, IN 47006 Pastor Creighton Leptak, Jr.



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.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

ONE WORSHIP as ONE CHURCH at 10:00 a.m.

followed by

ONE SCAVENGER HUNT!

(no picnic this year due to food handling concerns related to the pandemic)

All of this will take place once again on the restful, beautiful grounds of our cemetery, located along Engle Road west of Bluffton Road. St. John will provide a tent and chairs, as well as the Scavenger Hunt that will give us an opportunity to scatter about our beautiful cemetery (physical distancing!) after worship looking for loved ones and learning our history.

By the way, this is also a GREAT opportunity to invite a family member or friend, or even a fellow St. John member who hasn’t been to worship for a while, to come with you.

(Mask wearing, washing of hands and watching your distance – the 3 Ws – will be observed. The service will ALSO be live streamed on Facebook as usual. Thanks, Pete Newcomb and Lori Paul for covering the logistics to make the live stream happen!)

See you at the cemetery September 27th!

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Name Address Best Contact Phone Email Service Attended

**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!

**APPLE PIES, ANYONE?**

Our popular Johnny Applesseed apple pies will still be available by pre-ordering (through September 20) at West Central Coffee or online through St. John's Facebook page. Cost is \$10 per pie - available frozen or pre-baked. The majority of the pies will be available for pick up the weekend of Oct 3-4.

In addition, many hands are needed to make this happen. If you'd like to volunteer, call the church office and leave a message or send an email to [pies@stjohnluth.com](mailto:pies@stjohnluth.com). Assembly dates start Friday, September 11 and run three successive weekends. Assembly times are Fridays, 7 – 9 pm, Saturdays, 9 am – 6 pm, and Sundays, noon – 3 pm. When signing up, please indicate which times/dates you will be coming to help. Monetary donations will also be accepted to buy ingredients, make sure to mark it for apple pies! THANKS, EVERYONE! #ItTakesAVillage

**OUR DAILY BREAD**

Free copies of the daily devotionals for September, October & November 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)

**NAOMI RUTH CIRCLE**

Yes, we are still around!! We will meet starting on Thursday, September 24th at the home of Barb Callender. This is a Bible Study open for all ladies at St. John, whether a member or not. We'd love to see you.

**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 young adults have 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**

**September 13 - September 20**

<b>SUN 13</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	7 am-3 pm 8 -11 am  10 am 1 pm	West Central Coffee Hours West Central Home & Garden Walking Tour Worship Service w/Holy Communion NA Mtg. (BH)
<b>MON 14</b>		7 am-3 pm 11:30 am	West Central Coffee Hours Executive Board Mtg. (Youth Room)
<b>TUE 15</b>		7 am-3 pm 6 pm	West Central Coffee Hours WCC Board Mtg. (WCC)
<b>WED 16</b>		5:45-7:45 am 7 am-3 pm 6:20 pm	Breakfast Bible Study (WCC) West Central Coffee Hours Casual Gathering (Remote)
<b>THU 17</b>		7 am-3 pm 12 pm 7 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Brown Bag Bible Study (Rm 105) Congregation Council Mtg.
<b>FRI 18</b>		7 am-3 pm 7-9 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Apple Pie Assembly
<b>SAT 19</b>		7 am-3 pm 9 am-6 pm 3-5 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Apple Pie Assembly Come Together (WCC)
<b>SUN 20</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	7 am-3 pm 10 am 1 pm 12-3 pm 3-5 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Worship Service w/Holy Communion NA Mtg. (BH) Apple Pie Assembly (kitchen) Come Together (WCC)

**WEST CENTRAL COFFEE NEWS**

The St. John meeting room is now ready for use! How do you schedule it (or any other space), you ask? It's as easy as a phone call (260.249.8229) or e-mail ([gm@westcentralcoffee.com](mailto:gm@westcentralcoffee.com)) to Jay Heare to get your meeting on the calendar. Whether you're meeting during regular business hours (7 AM – 3 PM) or before or after those hours, ALL meetings at West Central Coffee need to be scheduled if you want to guarantee a specific space to meet. If you are just meeting during business hours and don't care what space you meet in, it's not necessary to schedule anything. But any request for a specific space that needs to be closed off to other customers or any meeting that begins or ends outside of regular business hours needs to be scheduled. Thanks!

**"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**

September's Noisy Offering will be collected for IN/KY Synod College Campus Ministries. If you are worshipping remotely, you may mail a check to the office with "September Noisy Offering" in the memo line.