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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 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).

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

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



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

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 Matthew’s Lutheran Church
 2305 Goshen Road
 Fort Wayne, IN 46808
 Pastor Dale Henderson



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 _____

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 and copy 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

September 6 - September 13

SUN 6	14th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am-3 pm 10 am 1 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Worship Service w/Holy Communion NA Mtg. (BH)
MON 7	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
TUE 8	7 am-3 pm 6 pm	West Central Coffee Hours WCC Board Mtg. (WCC)
WED 9	7 am-3 pm 6:20 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Casual Gathering (Remote)
THU 10	7 am-3 pm 12 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Brown Bag Bible Study (Rm 105)
FRI 11	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
SAT 12	7 am-3 pm 8 -11 am	West Central Coffee Hours West Central Home & Garden Walking Tour
SUN 13	15th Sunday after Pentecost 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)

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) 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!

APPLE PIES. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, AND FALL: THE TRADITION CONTINUES!

We will be making and selling apple pies again this year through the Church and West Central Coffee. This is a big job with big rewards! Please look for information in next week's weekly for ways you can help and enjoy this delicious St. John tradition!

"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 23rd, 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 19th or 20th!

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.