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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!

WELCOME TO THE ST. JOHN CEMETERY!

We are glad to gather once again at our cemetery for an outdoor worship service. It’s been two years since we last gathered, after postponing last fall’s worship to June due to our strong participation in the West Central Home & Garden Tour, followed by this past June’s planned worship being postponed yet again, this time due to COVID-19.

NEW MEMBERS BEING RECEIVED TODAY!

We are happy to be receiving the following new members today! Please be sure to extend a warm, physically distanced welcome to welcome Alexis Ortega, Kristen Fisher McClam and Sara Zuber after worship (if physically present) or via the Facebook comments section!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

Christian sympathies to Bob Wilkins and family on the death of his brother John Wilkins who passed away on Sunday, September 13 May the sure and certain hope of resurrection and reunion with those who have died be a source of comfort to all who grieve.

WEEKLY NEWS DEADLINE

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



THANK YOU WANTED

We are looking to continue giving thanks to people in our monthly newsletter so if you have someone or a group of people you’d like to thank please use the tear off portion on the front of this weekly or send it into the church office!



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
Timothy Baker (healing)
The family of Clarence Bush
Billie Golden-Fowlkes (health)
Jeremy Gray
Linda Johnson (healing/Bev Murphy’s sister)
Tom Kierspe (health)
Leo
Jan Rodewald (health)
Carolyn Shelton (health)
The family of John Wilkins
Karen yaegel (health/Christene Heidegger’s sister)
CONTINUING CONCERNS:
Dave Burget
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
16035 Co Rd U
Napoleon, OH 43545
Rev. Stephen Niermann



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.

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!

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.

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)

NEW “LIVING LUTHERAN” MAGAZINE

Recent issues of Living Lutheran (our denomination’s magazine) can be found in the Narthex/lobby. Help yourself (while supplies last) and happy reading! If you enjoy what you read and would like to receive a free subscription mailed to you each month, write “Lutheran Mag” on the tear off portion of the Weekly and someone will contact you.

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!



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 27 - October 4

SUN 27	17th Sunday after Pentecost	7 am-3 pm West Central Coffee Hours 10 am Worship Service (Cemetery) 1 pm NA Mtg. (BH) Pie Pre-order Deadline
MON 28	7 am-3 pm	West Central Coffee Hours
TUE 29	7 am-3 pm 6 pm	West Central Coffee Hours WCC Board Mtg. (WCC)
WED 30	5:45-7:45 am 7 am-3 pm 6:20 pm	Breakfast Bible Study (WCC) West Central Coffee Hours Casual Gathering (Remote)
THU 1	7 am-3 pm 12 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Brown Bag Bible Study (Rm 105)
FRI 2	7 am-3 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7-9 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Wedding Rehearsal Rehearsal Meal (gym) Apple Pie Assembly
SAT 3	7 am-3 pm 9 am-9 pm 5:30 pm	West Central Coffee Hours Apple Pie Assembly Wedding (Robbin s/King)
SUN 4	18th Sunday after Pentecost	7 am-3 pm West Central Coffee Hours 10 am Worship Service 1 pm NA Mtg. (BH) 12-5 pm Apple Pie Assembly (kitchen)

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!

PRAYER REQUEST GUIDELINES

Immediate Concerns: A name will stay on for four weeks & will then be removed unless you advise us otherwise. You may also ask that we move a name to Continuing Concerns.

Continuing Concerns: Except for our home-bound members, a name will stay on for six months and then be removed unless you advise us otherwise.

Please keep the church office updated by calling us @ 260-426-5751 or email sjluth@stjohnluth.com so we can keep the congregation updated!

