



# ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS: Week of April 25, 2010

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# Christ Is Risen!

## THIS WEEKEND: Discovering St. John's ("DSJ")

Sunday, 2:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

If you are interested in membership in this congregation, please join us today (April 25) and learn more about our congregation.

## THIS WEEK: Ladies' Spring Salad Supper Potluck

Thursday, April 29, 6:15 PM, Parish Life Center

Guest speaker: Alice Craig, "Artistic Memories by Alice." As the audience views her drawings, she candidly shares the stories that helped birth each of her illustrations and discloses what God has been and is teaching her through both the difficult times as well as the humorous times in her role as woman, wife, and mother.



*Please join us!* Bring your mother, aunt, daughter, grandma, sister, cousin, or friend. Enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share for the meal. Sign up at Welcome Centers so we can save a place for you, or call the church office.



## "Celebrating People in Action" Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Saturday, May 1 & Sunday, May 2

St. John's could not be the church it is without the support and help of the many volunteers we have in so many areas of ministry. In appreciation for all you do, please join us on Saturday, May 1 following the Saturday Evening Service in the Atrium, or on Sunday, May 2 from 9:00 AM - Noon on the Balcony and the Atrium.

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others ..."*  
1 Peter 4:10a

## Prayers & Blessings

*Submit prayer announcements to the church office, fill out a blue Prayer Request card located at Welcome Centers, or visit St. John's web site and click on "Need Prayer?"*

### Keep in prayer...

Sandy Roseman, Beth Henrichs, Janet Klinzing, Janet Erickson, Lanette Tommerdahl, Curt Fink, Muriel Heit, Bruce Bertsche, Cheryl Kelley, Lorene Anderson, Tim Reedy, Dev Gordon, Ernie Swartz

### Condolences to...

The family of Rodney Ummel following the death of his mother, Fern Smith.

### Births...

Preston Lee Hulsether to parents David and Rachel Hulsether and proud great grandparents Brian and Lee Hulsether.

### Baptized...

Ridley William James Nyman, son of Chris and Monica Nyman.

Clara Marie Waddell, daughter of Brian and Jill Waddell.

### Prayers for those in the Military:

Ben and Drew Mueller, Dave Lehr, Jeff Kaiser, Kelly Jacobs, Erik David Petersen, Andrew Roberts, Shawn Willis, Matthew Ormond, Caleb Ploense

### Altar Flowers Given...

In memory of my husband F. Lyle Niccum and parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gustafson, given by Irene Niccum.

## This Weekend

**Saturday Evening Fellowship Group** - Saturday, April 24, 6:15 PM, Kep's Country Kitchen. No reservations required.

**Discovering St. John's ("DSJ")** - Sunday, April 25, 2:00-5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. For anyone wanting to know more about St. John's. Contact info: Gudrun in the church office or [gudrun@stjohnsbloomington.org](mailto:gudrun@stjohnsbloomington.org).

## This Week

**St. John's Quilters** - Tuesday, April 27, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall. Come any time between 9:30 and 11:30 AM. If you can tie a knot or straight pin the edge of a quilt, we can use your help. Also needed are home sewers to zig zag the pinned edges of the quilts. Contact info: Florence Conway, 663-6058. Next Quilters date: May 4.

**Kaffehuset** - Wednesday, April 28, fellowship at 10:00 AM, program begins at 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall, "Past, Present and Future of Advocate BroMenn Medical Center" presented by Steve Holman, Vice President of Planning and Support.

**Men's Bible Study** - Friday mornings, 7:00 AM, Room 421. All men are welcome!

## Notice

Please note that Pastor Reent's office has moved to Room 435 (across from the Chapel).

## Looking Ahead

**Blood Pressure Screening** - Sunday, May 2 (every 1st Sunday of the month), 9:00 AM, Balcony. The next screening will be on Saturday, May 22 (every 4th Saturday of the month) at 4:30 PM in the Atrium, with screenings continuing after the Saturday Evening Service as needed.

**Lunch Bunch** - Please note change in date for first Sunday of the month: Sunday, May 2, 11:30 AM, Lucky Garden, 706 S. Eldorado Road, Bloomington (next to Red Lobster), Dutch treat lunch and fellowship. Lunch Bunch usually meets every second Sunday of the month and is for St. John's singles 60 and over who enjoy meeting new people, making new friends and dining out. *Reservations are due to Irene Niccum (888-4530) by Noon, Saturday, May 1.*

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**Abigail Circle** - Monday, May 3, 7:00 PM, Dining Room. Hostesses: Lynda Bogue and Debra Cruise. Leader: Anita Addicks, Lesson 5. Devotions: Lynda Bogue.

**Elizabeth Circle** - Tuesday, May 4, 1:00 PM. Hostess: Marge Mehlberg (Luther Oaks). Co-hostess: Sue Weller. Leader: Marie Hill, Lesson 3.

**Rachel Circle Salad Supper** - Tuesday, May 4, 6:00 PM. Please note change in usual time. Hostess: Cheryl Spaid, 14181 N. 2600 E. Road, Ellsworth. RSVP to Cheryl at (309) 725-3264. Please bring a salad to share. There will be no lesson.

**Sarah Circle** - Thursday, May 6, 1:00 PM, Dining Room. Hostesses: Bernice Gilchrist and Pat Pulokas. Leader: Marge Swanberg, Chapter 6, Mary and Martha.

## Servant Opportunities

**Coffee Help Is Needed** for May 16. Sunday morning coffee cannot be provided without the help of St. John's member volunteers. Contact info: Susan Mason, 662-3597.

**Saturday Evening Service Communion Assistants Needed** - Contact Julie Williams, 662-3305 to help

**Saturday Evening Service Lectors Needed** - Contact Jan Dosen, 662-0166 to help.

**Needed:** Gently used sheets (any size) for St. John's Quilters. Drop sheets off at the church office.

**Mission Ecuador 2010 "Buy a Brick"** - Provision of funds is needed through our "Buy a Brick, Build a Church" campaign to help purchase supplies for the building process. To date, \$2,279 has been received toward the goal of \$15,000 to build a church in Huigra, Ecuador. If you have put off making your donation, please consider doing it soon. Money that is collected is immediately sent to Ecuador to purchase materials so that volunteers there can begin construction. In July, the 19 members of Team Ecuador will go to Huigra to help complete the building, conduct Bible school, and provide medical assistance. Make checks out to St. John's Lutheran Church with the designation "Ecuador Buy a Brick" on the memo line.

### Ongoing Collections

- **Used Eyeglasses** - Drop off your old or unwanted readers, prescription glasses or sunglasses, or lenses to the church office. Broken frames are also welcome.
- **Used Cell Phones** - Drop off phones and accessories in any condition (working or not), to the church office. Proceeds support Open Door Mission projects.
- **Batteries** - Drop old batteries into the plastic jar on either Welcome Center.
- **Aluminum Cans** - Bring your cans in securely tied plastic bags, crushed if possible, and place them in the container next to the church garage. Or, take them directly to Morris Tick--you must mention that the cans are for the "St. John's Lutheran Church Open Door Missions account." Proceeds support Open Door Mission projects.

## Miscellaneous & Reminders

**Red Cross Blood Drive Update** - Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the April 17 Blood Drive. Goal: 54 units. Collected: 63 units!

**Friday Blessings** - If you do not receive the Friday Blessings email, please check your Junk E-mail folder, and make sure that no St. John's email addresses are blocked. If you continue to have problems and have not mistakenly blocked our church domain, then you will need to contact your email provider to see if they can discontinue blocking our messages. Friday Blessings can also be found online on the News page.

**"The Lutheran"**: For those with computer access, you may view it online at [www.thelutheran.org](http://www.thelutheran.org). Use the following to access our online membership. Login: stjohnsbloomington. Password: lutheran.

**Transportation** is provided to the 10:15 AM worship services every Sunday. Call the church office no later than Noon the preceding Friday.

**Home communion is available for shut-ins.** Contact Pastor Reents in the church office.

**Campbell's Soup Can Labels** - Thank you to everyone who collects and deposits these labels. However, the WHOLE label with the UPC number must be submitted to get credit.

Don't forget to **check the Community Bulletin Board** for full St. John's schedules such as Kaffehuset and DSJ, and community events and services such as Christian concerts, health screenings, seminars, and more.

## Community Events

**Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Safety Training** - St. John's Social Action Ministry Team is coordinating Saturday work days for the summer months (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month). Volunteers must attend the following safety meeting to help with this year's Habitat for Humanity projects:

- Thursday, April 29, 7:00 PM

Location: Second Presbyterian Church. Information will be given out regarding the lots, families, and safety policies on the job sites. For more information, see the May Eagle.

# Discipleship at St. John's--*Everyone Is Welcome!*

## Adult Discipleship on Sundays

### Adult Discipleship Rooms (364/365)

#### 9:15 AM

“Earthkeeping,” exploring the connection between our Christian faith and the environment. Is caring for the environment a Christian mandate? What's our relationship to the rest of the created world? What does the Bible have to say about the earth?

*Sunday, April 25* - Earthkeeping #3: Biblical foundations

*Sundays in May: No Adult Discipleship Forums*

*Sunday, May 16 - Special Forum:* Sunday Morning Scheduling. Come hear and respond to St. John's vision for worship, education and fellowship.

#### 10:15 AM

“**Missions Bible Study**” - Thru May 6. Led by Open Door Missions members, this Bible study focuses on mission, multi-culturalism, and God's compassion.

## Child & Youth Christian Education

### Children - Joy Zone Children's Ministries

9:00 and 10:15 AM sessions

Led by Joy Zone Team Leaders

*Early Childhood Program* (age 2 through Kindergarten)

*Bible Story:* Peter and Tabitha ( Acts 9: 36-43)

*Lesson Focus:* Jesus works through us

*Elementary Program* (1st through 5th grades)

Special Earth Day program - Large Group to small groups

**Jr. High: Genesis (6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade)NO**

**Genesis this Sunday due to the LOMC trip.** Join us next Sunday (May 2) at 10:15 AM in Room 200. Led by Rob Gieraltowski. *No registration needed--join us any time!*

**Sr. High: Extreme Faith Bible Study,** meets weekly, 9:15-10:00 AM, Chapel

## Thursdays, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

### Seniors' Bible Study

*Apr 29* - “A New Commandment” (John 13:31-35)



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