



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS: Week of May 2, 2010

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Christ Is Risen!

THIS WEEKEND

“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.

NEXT WEEKEND

Special Family Service Led by the Crusader and Chimes Choirs

Sunday, May 9 at the 10:15 Traditional Worship Service

Please join the children of the Crusader and Chimes Choirs in a special worship service to honor families. Bring your family and come worship with us!

SPECIAL MINISTRY PLANNING EVENT: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Sunday, May 16, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM, Fellowship Hall beginning with lunch

R.S.V.P. to Sandy Stewart in the church office by Thursday, May 13

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? All ministry team members and leaders, Congregation Council, Program Staff, pastors and other interested St. John's members. If you are interested in ministry at St. John's, please join us!

PURPOSE:

- To share our ministry vision together for the next several years (2010-2012)
- To develop a common focus and goals for our future ministry plans together.
- To discover ways to work together as ministry teams, council and staff in planning and looking to the future.

Pastor Wells and pastoral staff will provide the keynote overview for the event. *Plan on attending and encourage others to do the same!*

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...

MargeAnn Ahnquist, Shannon Whitlock, Janet Klinzing, Janet Erickson, Lanette Tommerdahl, Curt Fink, Muriel Heit, Bruce Bertsche, Cheryl Kelley, Lorene Anderson, Tim Reedy, Dev Gordon, Ernie Swartz, Beth Henrichs, Christine Bathe, Anna Wollenschlager, Kim Ekhooff

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

Births...

Heidi Wiechman, born April 3, 2010 to proud parents Joshua and Susan Wiechman.

Altar Flowers Given...

In honor of St. John's many volunteers.
In memory of Francis Buchholz, given by his family.

This Weekend

Saturday Evening Fellowship Group - Saturday, May 1, 6:15 PM, Kep's Country Kitchen. No reservations required.

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.

This Week

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

St. John's Quilters - Tuesday, May 4, 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 11.

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

Kaffehuset - Wednesday, May 5, fellowship at 10:00 AM, program begins at 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall, "Duties of the Office" presented by Beth Kimmerling, McLean County Coroner.

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

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

Looking Ahead

Telecare - Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 PM (First Team), 7:30 PM (Second Team), Room 421, Linda Patterson, Coordinator.

Scandinavian Cultural Group Potluck Supper - Thursday, May 13, 5:30-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. *Everyone is welcome!* Bring a neighbor or friend. Program will include short language lessons and songs. Please bring your own table service, cups and dishes, and a dish to pass. Feel free to bring a table decoration or display. If you wish to participate in the Scandinavian cultural program, please contact Tom Clemmens at diannetom@verizon.net or 287-1547.

Friday Evening Faith Club for Women - Friday, May 14, 6:30-8:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to join us as we enjoy sisterhood and great conversation at the end of a busy week. May topic: Mary, mother of Jesus, in scripture, history, and legend. Facilitated by Pastor Elyse Nelson Winger.

Servant Opportunities

Faith In Action Training - Thursday, May 13, 9:30 AM, Faith in Action office, 410 N. Prairie Street, Bloomington. Faith in Action consists of volunteers who help our senior citizens maintain their independence by providing non-medical support such as simple home repair and transportation to appointments to seniors over 60 years of age. Training lasts approximately 2 hours.

For more info or to register call 827-7780. The St. John's liaison is Tim Terry, (309) 530-7297, kterry@hughes.net. Next training date: Tuesday, June 15, 5:30 PM.

One-Day Local Mission Trip Opportunity - Friday, May 14, van trip to Love Packages (www.lovepackages.org) in Butler, IL to help sort and pack Christian materials. Meet in St. John's south parking lot at 7:00 AM, return by approx. 5:30 PM. No cost, but be sure to bring a sack lunch. Sign up with Tanja in the church office (tanja@stjohnsbloomington.org) by *Wednesday, May 12*. See the full 2010 schedule at www.stjohnsbloomington.org/schedules/LovePackages2010.pdf. You can also help by donating Christian materials: gather up old devotionals, Bibles and other Christian materials and deposit them any time in the designated red-bowed "garbage cans" at Welcome Centers.

Coffee Help Is Needed for Sunday morning, May 16. 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, \$3,441.009 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.

Updates & Reminders

Gluten-Free communion wafers are available at SES and COJ.

"The Lutheran": For those with computer access, you may view it online at 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.

Has your phone number, address or email changed? Don't forget to let the church office know. Contact Gudrun in the church office or email her at gudrun@stjohnsbloomington.org.

Looking for a way to get involved with the church but don't know what's available or what you want to do? Call Gudrun in the church office to discover a ministry that's right for you!

SPECIAL FORUMS IN THE SANCTUARY

Adult Forum: Scheduling

* **Sunday, May 16, 9:05 AM**

* **Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 PM**

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP AT ST. JOHN'S EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

“**Missions Bible Study**” - Thru June 20, no class on May 9 or May 30. Led by Open Door Missions members, this Bible study focuses on mission, multi-culturalism, and God's compassion.

NEXT WEEKEND

Sr. High Homeless Overnight

**Saturday/Sunday, May 8-9
7:00 PM Saturday - Noon on Sunday**

Please support St. John's Sr. High to raise money for Habitat for Humanity and to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless in our community. All senior high students are invited to participate. A permission slip is required and is available at the church office and online.

Child & Youth & Sr. High Christian Education and Events

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 Dream (Acts 11:1-18)

Lesson Focus: We are God's family

Elementary Program (1st through 5th grades)
Small Group only--Celebration Sunday!

Jr. High: **Genesis (6th through 8th grade)**, meets weekly, 10:15 AM, 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

Save the Date! Senior/Graduate Appreciation Breakfast - Sunday, June 6, after the 10:15 Community of Joy worship service. All graduates of high school, college and graduate schools are invited to this celebration and blessing of our graduates. Please provide all information including school graduating from and future plans (next school and subject or study or job plans) including a photo as soon as possible. Contact info: Steve Terry at the church office or email steve@stjohnsbloomington.org.



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