



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS: Week of May 16, 2010

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THIS WEEKEND

Special Ministry Planning Event: Looking to the Future

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

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? All ministry team members and leaders, Congregation Council, Program Staff and pastors. 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!*

Worship and Education as Discipleship

Two forums will take place in the Sanctuary to share a vision for Sunday morning worship and to receive feedback from congregational members. Two new schedules, designed for the sake of unity, excellence, growth and mission, will be presented. Hard copies of forum materials will also be available at Welcome Centers for those unable to attend these forums.

Beginning May 21st, an online congregational survey will be made available via "Friday Blessings." Hard copies of the survey will also be available at Welcome Centers.

Forum Schedule: Sunday, May 16, 9:00 AM, Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

Thank You to everyone who helped make the Homeless Night for Habitat for Humanity such a wonderful success. We raised \$862 for the local Habitat for Humanity as 37 youth and 5 adults braved the cold to sleep out all night to help provide adequate housing for people of McLean County.

Thank you especially to Steve and Ruthanne Aves for coordinating this event.

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...

Evelyn Thedens, Susie Conlon, Terry Dennis, Sandy Irwin, Janet Klinzing, Janet Erickson, Lanette Tommerdahl, Curt Fink, Muriel Heit, Bruce Bertsche, Cheryl Kelley, Lorene Anderson, Tim Reedy, Dev Gordon, Ernie Swartz, Beth Henrichs, Amy Aldeman

Condolences to...

Glen and Mary Bowlin following the death of Glenn's sister, Helen Erickson.
Aaron and Genevieve Ching following the death of Aaron's father, Robert Ching.

Baptized...

Ty Robert Harris, son of David and Sandie Harris.
Blaine Emanuel Steidinger, son of Wes Steidinger and Jenny Maurer.

Married...

Joe Locsin to Cindy Smith on May 15.

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

En Route...

College students doing mission work in the Appalachian Hills of West Virginia this week at Nazareth Farm: Melissa Wise, Dan Janes, Emily Stevens and Ellyn Polley as they serve through prayer, home repair, and living simply for a week.

Altar Flowers Given...

In honor of what He has done for us, given by Daryl and Sandy Ginther.
In honor of our 55th wedding anniversary on May 12, given by Charlie and Mary Young.
In honor of Dale Butz, given by the Thursday Night Gift Group.
In memory of Ron Arnold's birthday on May 20, given by his wife and family.

This Weekend

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

This Week

St. John's Women Board - Monday, May 17, 6:30 PM, Room 421. All current and new officers and board members are requested to attend this meeting.

St. John's Quilters - No Quilters on May 18. Next date: Tuesday, May 25, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall.

Kaffehuset - Last program of the season: Wednesday, May 19, fellowship at 10:00 AM, program begins at 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall, "Ministry Mentors" presented by Pastor Don Fagerberg. Pastor Fagerberg was an associate Pastor at St. John's in the early 1970s.

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

Looking Ahead

Blood Pressure Screening - Saturday, May 22 (every 4th Saturday of the month), 4:30 PM, Atrium. Screenings will continue after the SES service as needed. The next screening will be on Sunday, June 6 (every 1st Sunday of the month) at 9:00 AM on the Balcony.

The offices of St. John's will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

Don't forget to wear RED next Sunday to usher in the Day of Pentecost!

Sr. High

No CHAOS on Wednesday, May 19. Summer CHAOS begins at Underwood Park on May 26, 6:30-8:00 PM. All 8th graders are invited to join us!

Note Change! Senior/Graduate Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday, June 6, has been changed to 9:00 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. All graduates of high school, college and graduate schools are invited to attend the 10:15 Traditional Worship Service for a special blessing. 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.

Servant Opportunities

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

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

Ongoing Collections: used eyeglasses/lenses, used cell phones (any condition), batteries, aluminum cans, Campbell's soup can labels and Box Tops for Education. Drop off items to the church office; drop off cans by the church garage.

Mission Ecuador 2010 "Buy a Brick" - Mission Ecuador 2010 "Buy a Brick" - Goal: \$15,000. Total raised to date: \$4,085.75. On July 10, St. John's 18-member Team Ecuador will travel to Huigra to help finish building the church, lead a Bible School and provide medical assistance. To help, make your check out to St. John's Lutheran Church with the designation "Ecuador Buy a Brick" on the memo line, or, donate any of the following items to the Ecuador collection boxes located in the Narthex and Atrium.

- Volleyball net and ball
- Soccer balls
- Children's t-shirts, sweatshirts and sweaters
- Children's long pants
- Boys and girls tennis or closed shoes
- Children's vitamins (a great need)
- Acetaminophen Suspension for children
- Generic Visine-type eye drops
- Lip balm
- Adhesive bandages
- Generic anti-acid pills like Tums
- Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Motrin, Aleve
- Soft toothbrushes and small size toothpaste
- Hotel size hand lotion, soap and shampoo
- Crayons 24 ct.
- Spiral Notebooks
- Pencils with erasers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Spanish children's books and Bibles

Congregational Council Notes

April 26, 2010

Skylight - The Council approved the replacement of the leaking skylight in the Sanctuary on a bid from JMC Glass & Mirror of Bloomington for \$44,400. The Congregation previously authorized a budget line item funding such facility repairs as needed.

Worship Schedule - Forums discussing Sunday morning worship and education schedules will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 16, at 9:00 AM and Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 PM. Potential goals will be to determine a service time that would enable traditional worship to achieve "critical mass," a schedule that would allow full service participation by the preaching pastor, and a schedule that would encourage families to worship together. These forums will provide an opportunity for members to discuss these proposals and provide feedback. The Congregation will also be asked to make input to this discussion by participating in an online survey via the "Friday Blessings" beginning on Friday, May 21. The results and recommendations of the Leadership Team will be presented to the Congregation Council at its June meeting. Any changes made will begin after Labor Day.

Looking to the Future - Pastor Knight Wells will lead a Ministry Team Planning Meeting, "Looking to the Future," on Sunday, May 16, from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, to develop a shared vision and plan for the future across the wide spectrum of St. John's activities. A light lunch will be served. Council members, Ministry Team leaders and members, staff, and anyone interested in the ministries at St. John's should attend.

Ministry Teams - The Council approved Sue Stombaugh to be a new member of the Parish Life Ministry Team and Jill Schultz to be a new member of the Social Action Team of the Global and Local Missions Ministry Team.

Community Event

Six Flags Discounted Tickets are available thru Thrivent sponsorship. See the Community Bulletin Board for details.

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

“Missions Bible Study” - Thru June 20 (no class on May 30), 10:15 AM, ADRs. Led by Open Door Missions members, this Bible study focuses on mission, multi-culturalism, and God's compassion.

Needed: Part-time

employee to help in the Nursery. We have been blessed with the help of Jeana Owens over the last few months. She will be leaving us this August to attend college. We are looking for an individual who loves children and is available Sundays during the 9:00 and 10:15 AM services. This person will play with the children, help out the parents and volunteers, assist in cleaning toys, and enjoy many hugs and giggles! If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested in this position, Jane Phillips, Nursery Director, at jane@stjohnsbloomington.org.

Invitation to Members – Potential Council Nominees

The Nominating Committee has started soliciting names for nominees for the Congregation Council. Members interested in being nominated or making a nomination of another member for St. John's Congregation Council should fill out the Recommendation for Consideration Form [Form 1] (available online) and return it to the church office *by June 15, 2010*. There will be a brief Congregation election meeting on Sunday, August 29, immediately following the Festival of Faith Service at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts for the sole purpose of voting on candidates for the Congregation Council. Packets that include the forms are available at Welcome Centers and the church office.

Next Weekend

St. John's Storybook Prison Ministry

1 Book + 1 Tape = Keeping One Family Connected

(Next Bundle Days: May 22 & 23)

Numerous studies show that family contact is the only factor that has a strong, positive impact on parole success when the parent is released from prison. The storybook program helps keep a connection in between visits.

The parent in prison reads the book, the book is recorded onto a tape and sent, along with the book, to the child. The book and tape is for the child to keep and listen to whenever they wish. Many times, this is the only contact the child has with the parent. St. John's Storybook Prison Ministry volunteers go into the prisons to help with the book selections and recordings.

Laura Veal is the St. John's church member who coordinates all Storybook Prison Ministry activities in our church.

Types of books needed include Dr. Seuss, sports, pop-up books, religious books, Bible stories and Curious George. Paperbacks are preferred since they take up less storage space, are easier to transport to the prisons, and are more easily checked in at the prisons. Shrink-wrapped tapes are always welcome. Thank you for supporting this ministry. For more information, or to help, please contact Laura Veal, 661-7802.

