



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS: Week of June 6, 2010

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THIS WEEKEND: *A Church Alive!* Grand Opening

Saturday, June 5, following the 5:00 PM Saturday Evening Service

Sunday, June 6, 8:30 AM - Noon

All St. John's families and friends are invited to come see the fruition of our *A Church Alive!* building project. Please make a point to join us for the Grand Opening of our new addition. We will recognize the new space with a blessing and dedication at all weekend services, and celebrate with an Open House to allow everyone to leisurely walk through the new addition and view the beautiful results. Thank you to all who have contributed to *A Church Alive!* and those who continue to support these efforts!

Mission Support Opportunity: "Ecuador Grab & Go Lunch"

Pick up lunch after worship services on *June 12 and 13* and help build a church in Ecuador! Cost: \$5 for sub sandwich, chips and cookie. Beverages will be available. Please sign up at Welcome Centers. Proceeds will go to the Buy-A-Brick for Ecuador campaign.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed

15 people are needed for each of St. John's build dates:

Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sep 11, and Oct 9

We need volunteers to be part of the construction crew, photograph our volunteers in action, and bring snacks and beverages for our volunteers. See the June Eagle for more information. Email raschml@yahoo.com or call (309) 585-0930 with the dates that you can help from the above listed dates, and how you plan to help.

Worship Survey Available

Worship surveys are available through the "Friday Blessings" weekly email and at Welcome Centers. Please take this opportunity to participate in the brief survey as we continue to gather feedback from members of St. John's on renewing and growing our participation in worship. This survey is designed for responses from all confirmed members, so please share your thoughts with us. Continue to pray for our congregation and our ministry together as we move through this time of discernment and decision.

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...

Ray Meyer, Janet Klinzing, Janet Erickson, Lanette Tommerdahl, Curt Fink, Muriel Heit, Bruce Bertsche, Cheryl Kelley, Lorene Anderson, Tim Reedy, Dev Gordon, Ernie Swartz, Beth Henrichs, Charlie Backoff, Si Simundson

Condolences to...

Shirley Moriarity and her family following the death of her husband, John.

Tom and Debbie Cowdery following the death of Tom's mother, Gloria Cowdery.

Baptized...

Finnegan Viktor Bufka, son of Anthony and Emily Bufka.

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, Andrew Black

Special Prayer Request...

Please continue praying that a definitive resolution will be found for the political conflict in Madagascar. Pray also for St. John's missionary to Madagascar Patricia Bentsen's safety as she travels throughout the country doing her missionary work.

Altar Flowers...

To the glory of God and in honor of our 59th wedding anniversary, given by Harold and Lois Skillrud.

This Weekend

Saturday Evening Fellowship Group - Saturday, June 5, 6:15 PM, Times Past Inn. Please note the change in location until further notice. No registration required.

Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, June 6 (every 1st Sunday of the month), 9:00 AM, Balcony. The next screening will be on Saturday, June 26 (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 Salad Supper - Monday, June 7, 6:15 PM, Dining Room. Hostesses: Arlene and Lois Brucker and Alice McAuley. Devotions: Margene Taylor. No lesson.

St. John's Quilters - Tuesday, June 8, 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: June 22 (no meeting on June 15).

Telecare - Tuesday, June 8, 6:30 PM (First Team), 7:30 PM (Second Team), Room 421, Linda Patterson, Coordinator.

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

Looking Ahead

Lunch Bunch - Sunday, June 13, 11:30 AM, Michael's Restaurant, 110 W. Washington Street, Bloomington. Dutch treat lunch and fellowship. Lunch Bunch 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, June 12.*

Bill Strickland Dinner - Monday, June 21, doors open at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM, 2nd Presbyterian Church, Normal. Speaker: Bill Strickland on his successful programs of career and job placement for at-risk high school students and the unemployed. A community-wide movement to bring a similar program to Bloomington-Normal is under way. St. John's Social Action Ministry Team is sponsoring a table at this dinner. Tickets: \$50/person, \$400/table of 8. RSVP to St. John's church office as soon as possible to reserve your seat.

Servant Opportunities

Green Thumb Needed - If you have a green thumb or just enjoy working outdoors, we would love to have your help maintaining the garden spaces around St. John's property. If you are interested in helping for an hour, a

day or on an ongoing basis, contact Terry Stombaugh in the church office or email terry@stjohnsbloomington.org.

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

Ongoing Collections: used prescription 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.

Catch the Vision – Ecuador 2010

Time is running out! If you have put off making your donation to the Buy-a-Brick fund, please prayerfully consider doing so soon. The Ecuador team is leaving for Huigra, Ecuador next month and we are short on our funds to build a new church. We have sent money ahead so that volunteer laborers can begin the work, but as additional gifts are received, steel for the roof will be purchased as well as the doors and windows. If the \$15,000 goal is reached, electricity for lighting and two restrooms with flush toilets can be installed. Checks should be made out to St. John's Lutheran Church designated to "Buy a Brick, Build a Church".

Ecuador Supplies - A generous gift from you can dress a child, provide over-the-counter medicine to ease the pain of arthritis for an older person, or provide supplies to allow a child to go to school. You will find a full list of needed items in the June Eagle, but this week we are featuring medicines and school supplies:

- children's vitamins
- crayons 24 ct.
- liquid acetaminophen for children
- glue sticks
- generic eyedrops
- spiral notebooks
- generic antacids
- wall-mount pencil sharpener
- acetaminophen and ibuprofen
- lip balm

Sr. High

THIS WEEKEND: Senior/Graduate Appreciation Breakfast - Sunday, June 6, 9:00 AM, Fellowship Hall. All graduates of high school, college and graduate schools are invited to attend the 10:15 Community of Joy worship service for a special recognition blessing.

Community Events

Faith In Action's "Five Wishes" Program - Tuesday, June 8, St. Luke Union Church, 2101 E. Washington Street, Bloomington. Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM. Program: 9:00-10:30 AM. Presented by Bobbi Hynes, Director, Faith in Action. This Five Wishes program can help your family make important decisions when you can't. Five Wishes guides loved ones to handle possible medical emergencies and future treatments. Questions that will be answered include:

1. Whom do I wish to make my health care decisions if I am not able?
2. What kind of medical treatment do I wish to have or not have?
3. How comfortable do I wish to be and when is hospice appropriate?
4. What do I wish my loved ones to know?
5. What do I wish my memorial or funeral to be like?

Call 827-7780 to register.

Faith In Action Training - Tuesday, June 15, 5:30 PM, 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. The only requirements for using Faith In Action services are being at least 60 years of age, living in Bloomington-Normal, and having registered in advance with the Faith In Action office. 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: Thursday, July 22, 5:30 PM.

ONE Singles Event - Friday, June 18, 6:30 PM, Wild Berries Restaurant. Dutch dinner and fellowship for all 40+ year olds. RSVP to Brian and Amy at 309-807-0477 or email one_ministry@mchsi.com by Monday, June 14.

Adult Discipleship at St. John's

Everyone Is Welcome!

“**Missions Bible Study**” - Thru June 20, 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 begun to receive 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.

Study the Gospel of John With Us This Summer!

Sundays, 9:00 AM
Adult Discipleship Rooms (364/365)

The reformer, Martin Luther, once said, “...Should a tyrant succeed in destroying the Holy Scriptures and only a single copy of ... the Gospel according to John escape him, Christianity would be saved....”

Come find out what Luther was talking about! The pastors of St. John's invite you to join us for an in-depth study of the gospel of John this June and July. Using the Book of Faith Bible study series, we'll be taking an in-depth look at eight different passages from this well-loved book of the Bible.

Jun 6 What is Jesus' Relationship with God? (John 1.1-18)

Jun 13 How is it possible for us to be in relationship with God? (John 3.1-21)

Jun 20 What does it mean that Jesus is 'the bread of life'? (John 6.25-39)

Jun 27 Who can see Jesus? (John 9.1-41)

Jul 4 no class due to holiday

Jul 11 What does it mean that Jesus is 'the resurrection and the life'? (John 11.1-44)

Jul 18 What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? (John 13.1-35)

Jul 25 How does Jesus want his disciples to relate to the world? (John 17.1-26)

Aug 1 How does Jesus' relationship with his disciples continue? (John 20.11-31)

Hope you can join us!