



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS: Week of June 13, 2010

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THIS WEEKEND: 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.

Even if you have not signed up for a lunch, we have extras! Proceeds support the Buy-A-Brick for Ecuador campaign.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed

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

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.

Camp45

Camp45 (June 11-13): Please pray for the safe return of our 29 children and adults from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL. Camp45 is held annually and invites incoming 4th and 5th graders to enjoy a weekend camp experience at LOMC. Hiking, swimming, God's Word, great food and super friends are all a part of the weekend.

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...

Si Simundson, Sid Pedersen, Janet Klinzing, Janet Erickson, Lanette Tommerdahl, Curt Fink, Muriel Heit, Bruce Bertsche, Cheryl Kelley, Lorene Anderson, Tim Reedy, Dev Gordon, Ernie Swartz, Beth Henrichs, Ethan Miatke, Melissa Ash

Condolences to...

Tim and Joelyn Kelly following the death of Tim's mother, Betty Kelly. Rachel and Bob Hinshaw and family and for Sarah and Jason Alexander and family following the death of their grandmother, Betty Kelly. LeRoy and Jean Heck following the death of LeRoy's brother.

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.

En route on mission...

Work Camp 2010 (June 19-26): Please keep our 55 youth and 12 adults in your prayers as we go off to serve God and others in China Grover North Carolina.

Altar Flowers...

In memory of Ed's brother, Randolph G. Lundeen, given by Ed and Ginna Lundeen.

In honor of my grandson, Graysen Sturdy, given by Karen Timmerman.

This Weekend

Special Milestone 95th Birthday Celebrations for Elsa Laesch and Faulena Shuman on June 12 & 13.

Saturday Evening Fellowship Group - Saturday, June 12, 6:15 PM, Times Past Inn. Please note the change in location until further notice. No registration required.

This Week

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

Looking Ahead

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.

St. John's Quilters - Tuesday, June 22, 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 29.

Save the Date: Senior Day at Illinois State Fair - Monday, August 16, leave St. John's west parking lot at 9:00 AM, return approx. 3:00 PM. For all seniors aged 60 and older. Cost: \$4/person for gas; admission is free; lunch is on your own. Sign up with Gudrun in the church office *by Sunday, August 1.* No cancellations or refunds. If the trip sells out, a waiting list will be started.

Community Events

THIS Week: 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. For more info or to register call 827-7780. The St. John's liason is Tim Terry, (309) 530-7297, kterry@hughes.net. Next training date: Thursday, July 22, 5:30 PM.

THIS Week: 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.

P2D2 Prescription Drug Disposal Program - Saturday, June 26, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, OSF Medical Center. OSF St. Joseph Medical Center is sponsoring their annual P2D2 annual "drive-thru drop off" medication collection on the grounds of the medical center. This P2D2 collection will accept prescription, over the counter, and veterinary medications, inhalers, and mercury filled thermometers. No needles or syringes please. Residents should bring their medications in the original packaging or prescription bottles with their name and address marked out or removed. The name of the medication should remain on the package. For more information call (309) 665-5749.

Servant Opportunities

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.

Lutheran World Relief Health and School Kits - Thank you for continued donations of supplies for the LWR health kits. We have a good start for items needed for the health kits. Please keep watching for sales especially for hand towels, toothbrushes and wide toothed combs. We should also begin seeing store sales for supplies for school kits, but we could already use help now with sewing the school bags. Supplies for sewing the bags are available in the container by the coat rack by the church office. Our thanks to those who continue to donate fabrics, to David and Karen Gates who cut out the bags and sew the handles, and to the volunteers who sew the bags. We have 275 bags ready to be filled--a good start toward our goal of 500 bags.

- Laurie Dennis and Doris Robertson

Catch the Vision – Ecuador 2010

Total received to date: \$11,010 of the \$15,000 goal. 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, and clothing for children ages 2-12:

- 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
- long-sleeved shirts, sweaters and sweatshirts
- long pants
- athletic or other closed-toed shoes

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.

Children & Youth

THIS Weekend: This is opening weekend for the new nurseries and Creation Station. Creation Station is for 3 year olds - Kindergarten, meeting from 9:00-10:00 AM each Sunday in the new addition.

LOMC Seeks Nurses For Summer Camp - LOMC in Oregon, IL is seeking volunteer nurses to help during one week of summer camp. Contact info: Amy Hoening, (815) 732-2220.

Sr. High

THIS Sunday: L.I.G.H.T. Worship, June 13, 6:00 PM, Parish Life Center. This is our last Youth Worship before Work Camp. Come and prepare yourself for our special mission in worship and prayer.

Summer CHAOS - Each Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM, Underwood Park. All high school youth and alumni are invited to come for games, fellowship and refreshments.

College Night Fellowship - Each Thursday, 7:00-9:00 PM, Room 174. Bring your favorite Wii game, movie, or board game and come join other St. John's college kids in fellowship.

The Gospel of Luke

Seniors' Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

This is the year of the Gospel of Luke. We'll consider passages from Luke following a DVD series by Dr. David L. Tiede entitled "Learning Luke, the Apostolic Gospel." This is part of the "Book of Faith" series. We'll relate these lessons to our Sunday morning Gospels also from Luke. Led by Pastor Reents.

Jun 10 Luke 4:14-30

Jun 17 Luke 7:1-18

Jun 24 Luke 15

The Gospel of John

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 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)