



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS: Week of June 20, 2010

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Vacation Bible School Crew Leaders **NEEDED!**

Don't miss this opportunity to shepherd a group of 5-6 children during VBS.

No preparation is required. Join us for the High Seas Expedition July 12-16 from 9:00 AM - Noon. Yes, that tugging on your heartstrings is the Holy Spirit calling you into service! Contact Mary Wiese, VBS Director Extraordinaire, at 663-1078 or email wiesegreeley@aol.com.



LAST CHANCE to help with the “High Seas” Vacation Bible School Donation Trees

This is your last chance to take a tag from the Donation Trees in the Atrium and Narthex. *Items must be returned by Sunday, June 27.* Every year St. John's members generously contribute many of the supplies and food that we use during Vacation Bible School to serve the 160 children and volunteers that participate during the week-long immersion experience. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

LAST CHANCE to fill out the worship survey

Worship surveys are available through the “Friday Blessings” weekly email and at Welcome Centers until Monday, June 21. 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, Ethan Miatke, Wilber Ludeman, Janet Klinzing, Janet Erickson, Lanette Tommerdahl, Curt Fink, Muriel Heit, Bruce Bertsche, Cheryl Kelley, Lorene Anderson, Tim Reedy, Dev Gordon, Joan Higgins, Amber Geiser

Condolences to...

Bob and Elayne Rexroat following the death of Bob's brother, Gordon Rexroat.

Steve and Terri Harris following the death of Terri's sister, Laura Kaufman.

Al and Mary Lou Hedstrom following the death of Al's brother, Richard Hedstrom.

Rejoice with...

Clayton and Amber Geiser on the birth of their baby girl.

Baptized...

Rylan Micah Calderin, son of Eddie and Lora Calderin.

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

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 Grove, North Carolina. If you would like to send an email of encouragement to the youth or adults, visit www.groupworkcamps.com/Workcamps/Pages/default.aspx and click on "email a camper."

Cave Camp (June 20-25) journeys to the Missouri Ozarks! Please pray for the group as Mr. Rob and Kristen Lowe lead a group of 6 youth to Meramec State Park this week for a trip of faith-filled adventure: Jason Lenz, Matt Martell, Janelle Martin, Brendan Pendleton, Sam Shaffer and Kyle Therman.

Altar Flowers...

In loving memory of our fathers Hal Moll and Mel Urban, given by Connie and Dennis Moll.

This Weekend

Saturday Evening Fellowship Group - Saturday, June 19, 6:15 PM, Times Past Inn. Please note the change in location until further notice. No registration required.

This Week

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.

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

Looking Ahead

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.

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

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.

Catch the Vision – Ecuador 2010

Total received to date: \$12,025 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

Community Events

NEXT Weekend: 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.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend - September 17-19, Peoria, IL. Registration deadline is August 17. Contact Dan and Charlotte Ricks at (309) 682-7273 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

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

LAST Session: "Missions Bible Study" - Thru June 20, 10:15 AM, ADRs. Led by Open Door Missions members, this Bible study focuses on mission, multiculturalism, and God's compassion.

Children & Youth

Creation Station - Sundays, 9:00-10:00 AM, Room 378. For all 3 year olds thru Kindergarten. Led by Wendy Iverson, Director of Noah's Ark Preschool. No registration is necessary, so please join us!

The new infant/toddler nurseries are now open. A Nursing Mothers Room is also available on the upper level of the new addition.

Sr. High

Sr. High contact info: Steve in the church office or steve@stjohnsbloomington.org.

Summer CHAOS - Wednesdays, 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 - Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 PM, Sr. High Room (Room 174). Bring your favorite Wii game, movie or board game and join other St. John's college kids in fellowship.

L.I.G.H.T. Fellowship - Tuesday, July 13, 6:00 PM, Sr. High Room (Room 174). Join us for pizza, song and Bible study with a pastor. Discussion includes relevant discussions on the Covenant agreement between us and God and what that means to us in our lives today.



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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 24 Luke 15

Please Note: Seniors' Bible Study will not meet on July 1 and July 8. On July 15, Seniors' Bible Study will meet in the Chapel.

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 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)