



# ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS: Week of August 1, 2010

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## New Worship Schedule Begins September 4/5!

**Saturday Evening Service, 5:00 PM, Parish Life Center (no change)**

**Traditional Worship Service, 8:00 and 9:15 AM, Sanctuary**

**Community of Joy Worship Service, 9:15 and 10:30 AM, Parish Life Center**

### *Surprised by Hope*

St. John's will be preaching and teaching on the book *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* by Anglican theologian, N.T. Wright, for five weeks, starting at Festival of Faith on August 29. We also recommend it as the corresponding small group curriculum.

What is the book about? Simply put, it's about the resurrection, and the hope that we as Christians, have because of it. Wright argues with both passion and erudition that the resurrection does NOT simply mean 'going to heaven when you die.' Rather, Christ's resurrection is a sign that God wants to renew and save this world. Resurrection isn't about escaping this world, but being part of God's grand plan to make it what he intended all along. It's a thought-provoking, fascinating, occasionally challenging book, filled with humor and wit--highly recommended!

Hardback copies are on sale at the church office for \$15 (a substantial discount off the cover price). In addition, small groups can buy a DVD and study guides to help with discussion--for \$15 (DVD) and \$5 (study guide).

Join us this fall, as we're *Surprised by Hope*!

## Meet the Church Council Candidates

Please join us as we meet our candidates on August 15 at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary: Brent Anderson, Aaron Ching, Ray Dostal, Bob Fisher, Bob Hinshaw, Lori Laughlin, Susan Temple, and Randy Tomic. A brief Congregation Meeting to elect new Council members will immediately follow the Festival of Faith Worship Service on August 29 at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts (BCPA).

### Receipts Update

Week	Week Beginning	2010	YTD 2010	2009	YTD 2009	2010 vs 2009
29	7/18/2010	\$49,300	\$940,500	\$19,600	\$948,100	(\$7,600)
30	7/25/10	\$17,700	\$958,200	\$14,300	\$962,400	(\$4,200)

## 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?"

### Prayer request options at St. John's

- Prayer Chain: shared only with St. John's Prayer Chain and our pastors
- Pastors: shared only with the pastors
- Public Prayers: shared with the pastors, Prayer Chain and Caregivers, verbal mention in worship, listed in the Weekly News and Eagle, and printed on the Prayer Focus flier posted at Welcome Center each week

### Keep in prayer...

George Stuart, Janet Klinzing, Janet Erickson, Lanette Tommerdahl, Curt Fink, Muriel Heit, Bruce Bertsche, Cheryl Kelley, Tim Reedy, Carmen Caster, Dawn Nicol

### Condolences to...

Jeannine Fischer and family following the death of husband, father and grandfather, John Fischer.

Dave Perry and family following the death of his wife, Margaret.

Chris Craft following the death of his mother, Delouris.

### Congratulations to:

Justin Bellas and Cassie Colclasure on their recent exchange of marriage vows.

Scott and Heather Fahsbender on the birth of their son, Hunter Fahsbender.

### 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, Chris Busch

### Altar Flowers...

In loving memory of Ashley Nelson's birthday, given by Norm, Dagney and Pam Nelson.

In loving memory of husband and father, Gerhard Schulz, given by his family, Henny Schulz, Karin Schulz, Jim and Monika Cavanagh, Kiki, Nastya, Nadia, and Luda.

## This Weekend

**Saturday Evening Fellowship Group** - Saturday, July 31, 6:15 PM, Times Past Inn. No registration required.

**Blood Pressure Screening** - Sunday, August 1 (every 1st Sunday of the month), 9:00 AM, Balcony.

## This Week

**St. John's Quilters** - Tuesday, August 3, 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: Tuesday, August 10.

**Men's Bible Study** - Friday mornings, 7:00 AM, Room 421. All men are welcome--bring a neighbor and join us!

**Abigial Circle Trip to La Ti Da Tea Room in Clinton, IL** - Saturday, August 7, board the bus in St. John's west parking lot at 10:45 AM for 11:00 AM departure, return approx. 3:00 PM. Cost: \$3/person due at boarding. Lunch is on your own. Sign up *by Tuesday, August 3* by calling Linda Click, 663-2536.

## Looking Ahead

**Lunch Bunch** - Sunday, August 8, 11:30 AM, Thai House of Bloomington, 805 Morrissey Drive, 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, August 7.*

**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. Bus will drop off at the air conditioned Senior building on the Fairgrounds. See the Trip Flyer on the Community Bulletin Board by the church office for a listing of activities in the Senior Building. Seating is available. Shuttles will be available to transport fairgoers anywhere on the fairgrounds and will pick up and drop off at the Senior Building. Cost: \$4/person for gas; admission is free; lunch is on your own. Sign up with Gudrun in the church office *by Friday, August 6* (the deadline has been extended!). No cancellations or refunds. If the trip fills up, a waiting list will be started.

**Primetimers** - Saturday, August 21, 6:00 PM, The Corn Crib. Cost: \$24/person for an all-you-can-eat "Barnyard BBQ" and a reserved box seat game ticket OR \$9/person for just the game. Buffet begins at 6:00 PM; game begins at 7:00 PM. Sign up and pay *by Wednesday, August 11* by emailing [rlfisher@ilstu.edu](mailto:rlfisher@ilstu.edu) or call at 830-3099. Make checks payable to Bob Fisher. To get this discounted rate no payments are allowed the evening of the event.

## Servant Opportunities

**Greeter Coordinator Needed** to schedule greeters for the 9:15 Traditional Worship Service beginning September 5. A list of active greeters is available. Contact Gudrun Dunt in the church office to help.

**Ongoing Collections:** used prescription eyeglasses and 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. *Glasses Update: Thank you to St. John's members, who have contributed 661 glasses/lenses to this ministry since October 2009!*

**Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Health and School Kits** - Supplies for the Lutheran World Relief School and Health kits continue to come in. What a blessing to see how St. John's members are helping throughout the world. School supplies continue to be on sale. We are most in need of spiral notebooks, scissors, crayons and pencil sharpeners. Our biggest need for health kits right now is toothbrushes. Thank you to all who are helping with this project! - Laurie Dennis and Doris Robertson (451-3541, [dorobertson@verizon.net](mailto:dorobertson@verizon.net))

**Habitat for Humanity - Volunteers Needed:** 15 people are needed for each of St. John's build dates: 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](mailto: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. **Orientation Sessions:** Thursday, August 19, 6:30-8:30 PM and Saturday, August 21, 10:00 AM-Noon. Purpose: to explain Habitat's application process for homeownership and answer any questions regarding the program. Interested applicants must contact the Habitat office at 827-3931 to RSVP for a session date

so they can receive required paperwork and location information in advance.

## Reminders

**Transportation** is provided to the 10:15 AM worship services every Sunday. Call the church office no later than Noon the preceding Friday.

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

**Cushions** are available for use during the Traditional Worship Services for adults in need. Ask an usher for one before the start of service.

**Home communion is available for shut-ins.** Contact Pastor Reents in the church office.

**Has your phone number, address or email changed?** Don't forget to let the church office know. We have a number of members whose home phone number is no longer in service. Contact Gudrun in the church office or email her at [gudrun@stjohnsbloomington.org](mailto:gudrun@stjohnsbloomington.org).

**Friday Blessings** - If you do not receive the Friday Blessings email, please check your Junk E-mail folder, and make sure that no St. John's email addresses are blocked. If you continue to have problems and have not mistakenly blocked our church domain, then you will need to contact your email provider to see if they can discontinue blocking our messages. Friday Blessings can also be found online on the News page.

**"The Lutheran":** For those with computer access, you may view it online at [www.thelutheran.org](http://www.thelutheran.org). Use the following to access our online membership. Login: stjohnsbloomington. Password: lutheran.

## Community Events

**Bloomington-Normal Cursillo Ultreya** - Saturday, August 14, 7:00 PM, St. John's Lutheran Church, Parish Life Center. The service will start at 7:00 PM with a social and refreshments immediately following. Contact info: Julie Plattner, 664-6812.

**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](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org).

## Thursday Chapel

Thursdays, 9:00 AM, Chapel

## Seniors' Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Aug 5 - Luke 12:32-40, "Watchful Slaves"

Aug 12 - Luke 12:49-56, "Jesus Causes Division"

Aug 19 - Luke 13:10-17, "Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman"

Aug 26 - Luke 14:1, 7-14, "Humility and Hospitality"

## 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.

**Aug 1** How does Jesus' relationship with his disciples continue? (John 20:11-31)



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## Rally Day

Fall programming for children  
and youth begins on Rally Day

(September 12)

## Children & Youth

**Joy Zone** registrations have been mailed. Please return your completed registration form to the church office by *Monday, August 9*. If you need a form for your child to register for our fall Sunday programming, contact the church office.

## Sr. High

*Sr. High contact info: Steve in the church office or [steve@stjohnsbloomington.org](mailto: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, 7:00-10:00 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.

**NO L.I.G.H.T. Worship Service in August.** Instead, join us for L.I.G.H.T. Fellowship on Sunday, August 8 at 6:00 PM in the Sr. High Room (Room 174). Join us for pizza, song and Bible study with Pastor Elyse. Includes relevant discussion on the Covenant agreement between us and God.

**Normal Cornbelters Game** - Friday, August 20 7:00 PM. All Senior High youth and their families are invited to attend. Thank you to the parishioner who gave us 60 tickets for this game! We will all be sitting together in section 116. There will be fireworks following the game. Contact Steve in the church office to reserve your tickets.

**Work Camp 2011** is the week of July 10-16, 2011 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We will be taking 55 youth and 12 adults again this year. Look for the sign up sheets the first week of August.