



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS: Week of August 8, 2010

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Invite a Neighbor or friend, and join us for St. John's annual

FESTIVAL OF FAITH

Sunday, August 29 10:00 AM

BCPA (Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts)

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.

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).

Receipts Update

Week	Week Beginning	2010	YTD 2010	2009	YTD 2009	2010 vs 2009
30	7/25/10	\$17,700	\$958,200	\$14,300	\$962,400	(\$4,200)
31	8/1/10	\$42,900	\$1,016,900	\$52,700	\$1,015,000	(\$1,900)

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...

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

Condolences to...

Chuck and Sue Hurliman following the death of Sue's father George Richmond.

Prayers for those in the Military...

Ben and Drew Mueller, Jeff Kaiser, Kelly Jacobs, Erik David Petersen, Andrew Roberts, Shawn Willis, Matthew Ormond, Caleb Ploense, Andrew Black, Chris Busch

Altar Flowers...

In memory of Barbara Dunbar, given by her husband Bill Dunbar.

This Weekend

Saturday Evening Fellowship Group - Saturday, August 7, 6:15 PM, Times Past Inn. No registration required.

This Week

St. John's Quilters - Tuesday, August 10, 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 24 (no Quilters on Aug 17).

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

Looking Ahead

Senior Day at Illinois State Fair - Monday, August 16. It's not too late to sign up! To go, call Linda Click at 663-2536. Cost: \$4 to ride the bus, collected at boarding, west parking lot, 8:15 AM, departure time 8:30 AM (a change from previous announcements), return approx. 3:00 PM. Shuttles (small fee charged) will be available to transport people around the fairgrounds. See the Trip Flyer on the Community Bulletin Board by the church office for a listing of activates in the Senior Building.

Blood Pressure Screening - Saturday, August 21--please note the change in date from the 4th Saturday of the month due to Festival of Faith, 4:30 PM, Atrium. Screenings will continue after the SES service as needed. The next screening will be on Sunday, September 5 (every 1st Sunday of the month) at 9:00 AM on the Balcony.

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 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

Volunteers Are Still Needed for Community of Joy Slide Creation - Volunteers are needed for approx. 5-8 hours/week, one week per month, to create slides for the COJ worship services. Requirements include: basic computer and PowerPoint skills, and access to email. Basic, introductory training is available. Contact info: Tim Kelly, 454-5677, rtimkelly@comcast.net.

Organizing Help Needed - We know there are people at St. John's who love to organize, sort, and design ways to better accommodate "stuff." We need your help to systematize all of the gear and seasonal resources that we use at St. John's throughout the year. With three groups (SES, COJ and LIGHT) all sharing space in the Parish

Life Center, we are bursting at the seams in that closet. We need one or two inspired leaders to re-envision and arrange our “stuff” in a better way, and we need helpers who can move, sort, clean and carry out the new plan!

Staff will help with some of this work, especially with deciding what to keep or throw out, and deciding what belongs to which group. For now the commitment would be for only this one storage area, but if the team is interested, we have shared space with other ministries elsewhere in the church, so this might be just the beginning! To get your questions answered or to sign up to lead or help, contact Gudrun in the church office or email her at gudrun@stjohnsbloomington.org.

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 - This weekend and next (August 7-15), are tax-free shopping days for buying school supplies in Illinois (no state tax at participating stores). This is a good opportunity to pick up some extra crayons, scissors, pencil sharpeners or notebooks for the LWR School Kits. Please stop at our display tables to see samples of the items still needed.

Lutheran World Relief supplies Health Kits to people in crisis throughout the world--a caring sign of God’s love being shared in time of need. Here at St. John’s we put together both Health and School kits all year long. These are sent to LWR headquarters in Minneapolis in October and then sent to wherever the need is great.

Thank you to St. Johns members for your continued support!

- Laurie Dennis and Doris Robertson (451-3541, 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 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.

Attention Members!

Email Changes! Many Verizon email addresses are being converted to frontier.net extensions. If you are one of these people, please let Gudrun in the church office know so that the information in the church database can be corrected.

Community Events

OSF St. Joseph Medical Center Annual Shoe Drive - August 9-13. To benefit Home Sweet Home Ministries. The sponsors are asking the B/N community to donate new or gently used men’s, women’s and children’s shoes at four locations during the week, or to participate in the drive thru drop-off held from 4:30 to 6:30 PM Monday through Friday in the parking lot of OSF St. Joseph Medical Center. For further details including drop-off locations, see the flyer on the Community Bulletin Board by the church office.

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.

Sexuality, Homosexuality and Leadership: Discerning and Following God’s Way Through Challenging Times - Saturday, August 28, 9:30 AM - Noon, Advent Lutheran Church, Family Life Center, 1211 S. Main Street, Morton. Speaker: Rev. Herbert Chilstrom, former Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. No charge, but donations will be accepted. For complete details including content and topics, see the flyer on the Community Bulletin Board by the church office or for a copy of the flyer see Tanja in the church office.

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.

Thursday Chapel

Thursdays, 9:00 AM, Chapel

Seniors' Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

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"

Rally Day

Fall programming begins on Rally Day (September 12)

Joy Zone (St. John's Sunday Church School for children) - Meets weekly, 9:15 & 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

iWORD (Jr. High) - Meets the 1st and 2nd Sunday/month, 9:15 AM, Jr. High Room (173)

Extreme Faith Bible Study (Sr. High) - Meets weekly, 9:15 AM, Sr. High Room (174)

Adult Forum - Meets weekly, 9:15 & 10:30 AM, Adult Discipleship Rooms (364 & 365)

Genesis (Jr. High) - Meets weekly, 10:30 AM, Jr. High Room (173)

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.

Check out the new and improved Sr. High web site at www.stjohnsbloomington.org/srhigh!

Clinton Lake Outing - Wednesday, August 11. Meet at the church at 3:30 PM, return by 8:00 PM. Come prepared: along with a cookout we will be swimming. Cost: \$3/person. A permission slip is required!

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. The last summer CHAOS date will be August 18.

Special CHAOS on Wednesday, August 25 in the SHYR (Senior High Youth Room) from 6:45-8:30 PM. Regular CHAOS will resume in the Fellowship Hall on September 1.

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. August 12 will be our last session.

NO LIGHT Worship Service in August. Instead, join us for LIGHT 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 Bruner. 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. There are still 10 tickets available!

Save the Date - Work Camp Sponsor Appreciation Dinner: Sunday, September 12, 6:00 PM. We want to thank all of our many sponsors with worship and then a nice dinner. Stay tuned for more details.

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.