



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS: Week of August 29, 2010

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New Worship Schedule Begins on 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

Regular Church Programming Begins on Rally Day, September 12

--see the back page of this News for details

Surprised by Hope

St. John's pastors 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 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 following worship today or 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).

Rally Day Weekend (September 11/12): Grab & Go for Zambia

Mark your calendars for another Grab & Go fundraiser next weekend (September 11 & 12). Sack lunches consisting of a sub sandwich, chips and a homemade chocolate chip cookie will be available after all services for \$5 each. Reserve your lunch in the BCPA lobby today! Proceeds will be used for gifts for the New Horizons Orphanage and the pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia when Pastor Elyse, Jan Pritts and Laurie Helms visit there next month. For more information on Zambia 2010, see the back page of this edition of the Weekly News.

Receipts Update

Week	Week Beginning	YTD 2010	YTD 2009	2010 vs 2009
33	8/15/10	\$1,065,133	\$1,100,050	(\$34,900)
34	8/22/10	\$1,081,118	\$1,127,707	(\$46,589)
Full Year Receipts Budget:		\$1,730,000		

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?"

Hospitalized this week...

Michael Johnson, Jake Husarik, Marvin Weisert, Fred Peterson, Larry Sohn

Keep in prayer...

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

Condolences to...

Barbara Stuart, Carol Johnson and Chantel Carmean following the death of George Stuart, beloved husband, cousin and uncle.

Celebrating her 95th birthday...

Gertrude Modahl

Rejoice with...

Scott and Melissa Schoeling following the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie Lynn Schoeling.

Prayers for those in the Military...

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

Altar Flowers...

In memory of Carl and Emma Louise Junker, given by Laurie, Larry, Jaime and Stacey Turilli.

This Week

St. John's Quilters - Tuesday, August 31, 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, September 14.

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

Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, September 5 (every 1st Sunday of the month), 9:00 AM, Balcony. The next screening will be on Saturday, September 25 (every 4th Saturday of the month) at 4:30 PM in the Atrium, with screenings continuing after the Saturday Evening Service as needed.

Sarah Circle - Thursday, September 2, 1:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, assemble LWR kits. Hostesses: Ruth Gordon and Jeanne Strand.

Elizabeth Circle - Tuesday, September 7, 1:00 PM, Luther Oaks. Hostesses: Joan Gentes and Jay Oberman. Lesson: Bible Study in Lutheran Woman Today's September issue. Leader:

Rachel Circle - Tuesday, September 7, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, assemble LWR kits. Hostesses: Cheryl Moore and Linda Patterson.

Abigail Circle - Monday, September 13, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, assemble LWR kits. Devotions by Doris Robertson. Send regrets to hostesses Vicky Kramer (452-7022) or Doris Robertson (451-3541).

Looking Ahead

Pontiac Tour & Lunch - Thursday, September 9, St. John's bus leaves west parking lot at 10:45 AM (immediately after Seniors' Bible Study) for tour of Route 66 Museum in Pontiac, IL, return by approx. 3:00 PM. Cost: \$3/person for the bus ride; lunch on your own at Bernardis Restaurant and a trolley tour of painted murals on city buildings. Sign up and pay by Tuesday, September 7 with Gudrun in the church office.

Lunch Bunch - Sunday, September 12, 11:30 AM, CJ's Restaurant, 2901 E. Empire, 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, September 4.*

Telecare - Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 PM (First Team), 7:30 PM (Second Team), Room 421, Linda Patterson, Coordinator.

Kaffehuset begins its new season on Wednesday, September 15 in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship at 10:00 AM; program begins at 10:30 AM. Program to be announced.

Attention Members

St. John's Financial Update - In early July we mailed a letter to St. John's members informing them that our receipts for the first 6-months of 2010 were \$30,000 below the same period for 2009. Thank you to everyone who has answered that call to get current with your giving. Thru July 31, 2010 we had a net LOSS of \$26,000. As of August 22, 2010, year-to-date receipts were \$1,081,000. This is \$47,000 LESS than receipts of \$1,127,000 for the same period last year. Your financial contributions and support are still needed. You may remember that our 2010 Budget was a net loss of \$35,000. To eliminate this loss, or keep it at a manageable level that will not impact the 2011 Ministry Budgets, we need your continued strong financial support. Thank you again to those who have improved your financial stewardship. Please continue to keep financial stewardship in your thoughts and prayers as we head into the final months of 2010.

If your Verizon email addresses has changed, please notify Gudrun in the church office or email gudrun@stjohnsbloomington.org so that the information in the church database can be corrected.

Men's Small Group - We are looking for a few men that would be interested in meeting at most 2 times a month on a Wednesday or Thursday evening at 5:00 or 5:30 PM and whose wish is to focus on spiritual development and grow stronger in faith. To join, please contact Tim Terry via phone at 309-530-7297 or email him at kterry@Hughes.net.

Servant Opportunities

Volunteers Are Needed for Community of Joy Slide Creation! Several 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 Lee Hulsether in the church office or email lee@stjohnsbloomington.org.

Organizing Help Needed - We have found a wonderful leader for this project! But, we still need helpers to systematize, rearrange and sort our gear

and seasonal resources in the PLC area. With three worship groups (SES, COJ and LIGHT) all sharing space, we need workable solutions. To help, contact Gudrun in the church office or email her at gudrun@stjohnsbloomington.org.

Driver(s) Needed for ISU Students - Here's a great opportunity to reach out to college students! Help us bring a couple of ISU students to 10:30 AM worship this fall! We have two students (who have connections to LOMC) who would love to come to St. John's but lack transportation--can you help? Contact Rob in the church office or email him at rob@stjohnsbloomington.org and help us reach out to our young adults!

Lutheran World Relief School/Health Kits Update: Thank you St. John's members for your continued support and generosity! As September kit preparation nears, we continue to need a few items. For the school kits: pencil sharpeners and blunt children's scissors; for health kits: towels and washcloths. Please drop off items into the special bins in the coat area by the church office.

Ongoing Collections at St. John's: 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.

Habitat for Humanity - Volunteers Needed: 15 people are needed for each of St. John's build dates: 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. 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.

Community Event

Save the Date: Faith in Action Ice Cream Social - September 19, Grace Hall, Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington. Faith in Action is celebrating 5 years of service in the community. Stay tuned for more information

Moms' Bible Study

Beginning September 9

Thursdays, 9:00 AM, Adult Discipleship Room 364

Mom's Bible Study would like to invite you to join us for fellowship and study on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 AM beginning September 9. We will be starting a Beth Moore video series study on Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy. Childcare is available. Contact Debi Petrillo 661-3252 with questions.

Thursday Chapel

Thursdays, 9:00 AM, Chapel

Seniors' Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

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

Rally Day

Fall programming begins on Rally Day
(September 12)

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

Jr. High: (for more information on all Jr. High Sunday morning opportunities, please visit www.stjohnsjrhigh.org.)

Genesis - Meets weekly, 10:30 AM, Jr. High Room (173); **iWORD** - Meets the 1st and 2nd Sunday/month, 9:15 AM, Jr. High Room (173)

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

Adults: Adult Forum - Meets weekly, 9:15 & 10:30 AM, Adult Discipleship Room 365

Rally Day Special Event: Zambia 2010

Vision Zambia 2010 Informational Opportunities

On Rally Day, September 12, at 9:15 and 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall, Laurie Helms will speak to the Joy Zone parents about her upcoming trip to Zambia, with special emphasis on the New Horizons Orphanage, which has been her passion for the last several years and a special project of the Joy Zone kids. At the 9:15 AM Adult Forum in the Adult Discipleship Room, Pastor Elyse, Laurie Helms and Jan Pritts will share their plans and hopes for their trip to Zambia in September.

Sr. High

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

CHAOS resumes on Wednesday, September 1 from 6:45-8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Extreme Faith Bible Study resumes on Sunday, September 12 at 9:15 AM in the SHYR (Senior High Youth Room, 174). We will be using the FUEL Bible series.

Save the Date - Work Camp Sponsor Appreciation Dinner: Sunday, September 12, 6:00 PM. We want to thank all of our many sponsors! All youth need to invite their sponsors.

Work Camp 2011 is the week of July 10-16, 2011 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We will be taking 55 youth and 12 adults. Sign up sheets are available in the Atrium.



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