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St. John Journey

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Pastor Scott's Corner

As I write this article, St. John has been back "in person" worship for almost a month and things have been going very well. We are continuing and will continue to livestream worship each Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. The new livestream/sound system is working well. We are learning each week and hopefully it will continue to improve. A thank you to all who have made this system possible. We had gifts given to the Music Fund totaling \$6700.00 and the Council designated \$4700.00 from the Capital Improvement Refinance to cover some of the \$15,200.00 total cost. With the coordination of Thrivent Action teams by Sue Croghan another \$1000.00 was used. If you would like to give a special donation to help defray the cost of this system, please do

so by marking your gift to the "Music Fund"

Pentecost Sunday, May 23 is going to be a special day at St. John. We will have worship at 10:00 AM and following worship we will have "dinner on the grounds". The lunch will be brought in and there will be a suggested donation amount to cover the cost. We will observe all Health Department, State, and Synod Covid Guidelines. Make your plans now to attend this day of celebration as we continue to get back into "in person" Worship. You will need to RSVP to:

stjohnlutheran@stjohnabingdon.comcastbiz.net or call 276-628-6215. We will need an exact or close to exact number by Sunday, May 16.

Friday and Saturday, June 18-19, there will be a gathering at Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center. If you have a camper/RV etc. please feel free to come spend the night. We will gather on Friday afternoon and enjoy a meal together, then fellowship around the campfire and have some Holy Conversation led by Pastor Scott. We will have a community Breakfast on Saturday morning and folks are welcome to spend the day at Hungry Mother. More info as we get closer.

Thank you all for your continued financial support of the ministries of St. John. We continue to provide food for the Minnick School, thank you Tammie/Jim, Sharon/Jim for your continued work bagging and delivering the bags. We continue to support Faith in Action. These have been and continue to be trying times and please know your Prayers and thoughts help to get through these Covid times.

Because of my work as a volunteer Chaplain, I was able to get the Covid Vaccine, in January. I know there are concerns that people have, but I think it is better to err on the side of health. So I encourage all of you to get the Vaccine and get it as soon as you can. The more folks who are vaccinated the safer and quicker we can gather and begin to enjoy fellowship with each other. Thank you to all who have already had the vaccine.

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Prayer Chain

Prayers for Cindy Honeycutt, wife of Frank Honeycutt, former Pastor of St. John. Cindy suffered a Stroke.

Prayers for little Gideon Farmer, grandson of Tracy and Brad Farmer. He was born prematurely and is in the NICU. Brad is the director of Faith in Action.

Linda Flynn recuperating from knee replacement.

Robin Homesley

Jerry French

Debbie Whitner

Debbie Long, sister of Tammie Kroll, recuperating from a severe burn.

Sharon Meacham, recuperating from Shoulder Surgery

Christopher King, Nancy King's son.

John Carlisle, Nancy King's grandson.

We pray for all on the front lines: doctors, nurses, medical personnel. We especially pray for:

Kelly Read, who is with Mt. Rogers District Health Department;

Beth Roberts, at BRMC;

Alex Depew, who works at a hospital in Richmond;

Kayla Nobles Abrego, Sue Croghan's granddaughter, who is a nurse in Littleton, Colorado.

Continuing prayers for:

Homebound: Marty Dunn, Vickianne Dotten, Ann Godsey, Barbara Wright, Nancy King

If you have names to add (or ones to be taken off) the prayer chain, please email Joan at the church office.

Social Justice Study Group on Zoom--

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00PM. We will be discussing Social Justice issues and starting the process of deciding how St. John is going to promote Social Justice. It is our fervent wish that you will consider this invitation as a journey to greater understanding of social justice and racial equality.

Zoom link for all meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091172037?pwd=TIFXRVNkU3ZTQWlQb2twY1lNcUNFZz09>
Meeting ID: 870 9117 2037 Passcode: 965418

REMINDER: Saturday MAY 1ST--8AM-Noon CHURCH WORK DAY

Sunday Afternoon Book Group

The Ladies' Sunday Book Group will meet on Zoom Sunday, June 13th, at 3PM--We are reading **The Book of Longings**, by Sue Monk Kidd. A Zoom link will be sent out in the June Newsletter.

Quilters

I am planning on the quilters meeting every Tuesday for the next several weeks in the fellowship hall. I appreciated anyone who comes, but only come if you are comfortable doing so and feel well. Until we jointly decide otherwise, we will mask and bring our own snacks and drinks. We'll gather from 9:30 to 12:00 noon on Tuesdays and assemble as many quilts as we can for Lutheran World Relief and baby quilts for Johnston Memorial Hospital for needy families. Thanks to the congregation for supporting us through this COVID pandemic.
Edie

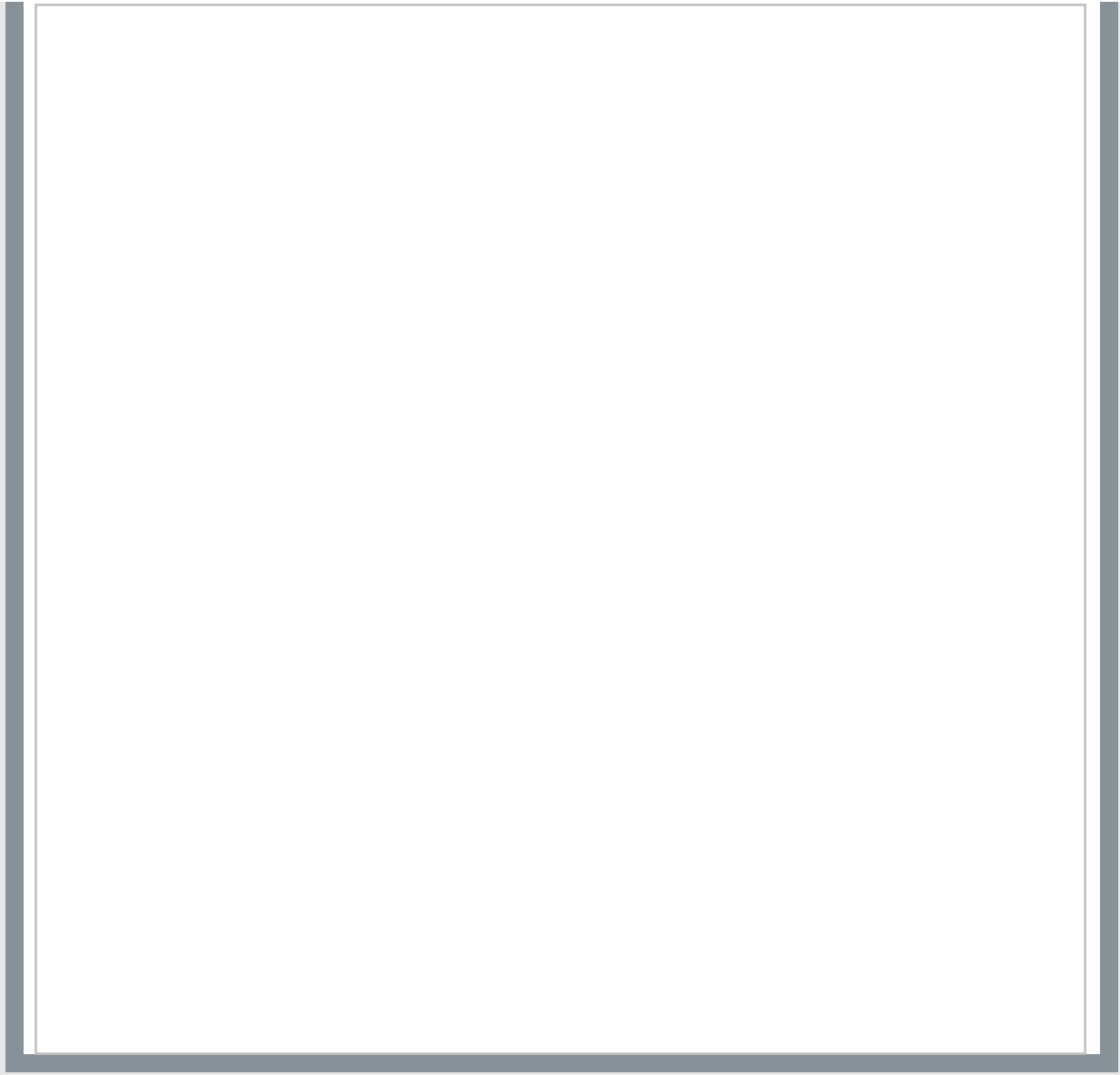
May Birthdays

May 4--Christine Fields
May 8--Chris Meacham
May 12--Ray Whitner
May 20--Josh Wellenhoffer
May 24--Sam Davis
May 30--Riley Sheppard

If we missed your May birthday, please let the church office know.

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