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Fight for the powerless.
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Saint John's Journal

March 24, 2024

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!



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9 a.m. Pastor Class—Sunday Mornings

Join Rev. Dannison for a time of spirit-filled (and spirited) conversation on Sunday mornings before worship. Each Sunday we will gather in the conference room (just behind the sanctuary) for a brief presentation and conversation about some of the more challenging aspects of our faith, traditions, and history. Bring your doubts and challenges! Join a lecture/discussion series on pressing social issues and the history and fu-

ture of Christian thought. 30 minute lecture followed by a brief discussion. Choir members will be dismissed on time for worship.

This class is open to *everybody*. You are not required to attend every session - come as frequently or infrequently as you're able. Simple breakfast snacks and food provided.

Feel free to recommend a discussion topic to Nathan by emailing him at pastor@stjohnsuccgr.org or texting him at 269.547.9622

Our Easter Garden

Again this year everyone is invited to help create an Easter garden by bringing in potted spring flowers to place on and around the altar Easter morning.

We are just asking that you loan your tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, lilies, or other beauties to the church for the length of our Easter service, after which you are encouraged to take them home to enjoy.

Help us create a beautiful resurrection garden to celebrate this most joyous day!

Wednesday Evening Prayer/Discussion Offered

Join us for our Evening Prayer Service on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. It's an opportunity to share joys and concerns, pray together and catch up with each other in the middle of the week.

8:00-9:00pm – Lecture and discussion of The Apostolic Fathers featuring Dr. Bart Ehrman. At each evening session we will listen to a video lecture by Prof. Ehrman and then discuss the content. There is no cost and no book is

required. Both Wednesday evening opportunities use the same Zoom connection. For the link, see the weekly email to members, or the calendar on the St. John's home page stjohnsuccgr.org.

Easter Egg Hunt



Join us next Sunday for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the service. We will scatter/hide the Eggs for the kiddos to find. They can turn the eggs in for small gifts/prizes to adults that morning. We would like your help with this project.

1. We need volunteers to help scatter/hide the

2. We need volunteers to help award the finders of the eggs.
 3. We need gifts/prizes for the finders.
- We are looking for small items. They do not have to fit into an egg. The adults will have a selection of items for the kiddos to hopefully choose from. We are thinking: Pencils, erasers, stickers, some candy, small stuffed

animals, washable tattoo's small cars, bubble wands, puzzles, chips, crackers, pretzels, and books. Tarah has a basket in Fellowship Hall ready to receive your generous donations. Any questions, please contact Tarah or Diana. The education and membership teams greatly thank and appreciate you for your help with this project.



Tuesday 8:00—1:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 8:00—2:00 p.m.
 Thursday 8:00—2:00 p.m.
 Friday 8:00—2:00 p.m.

You may email Sally at:
 office@stjohnsuccgr.org
 or call 453-2497.

Pastoral Care

If you would like to speak with the Pastor or there is a pastoral emergency, feel free to reach out to Pastor Nathan Dannison at his email, pastor@stjohnsuccgr.org or by phone at 1-269-547-9622

Thursday Handbell Choir
 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir
 7:30 p.m.

Prayers

Prayers for those who are ill with the latest wave of Covid. Prayers for those affected, their doctors and nurses.

Prayers for the people of Haiti.

Continued prayers for Ellen’s sister Eve.

Continued prayers for Jacob and Christina who were in a car accident a week ago and are facing surgeries and several months of recoveries.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Becky’s daughter-in-law and son for their support.

Prayers for Bostwick Lake UCC and the installation a new pastor.

Prayers for Christine who was in the hospital this weekend and should be released today.

Prayers for those affected by the recent measles outbreak and prayers for the safety of adults and children and prayers for hospital staff.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the healing of the young man that Betsy asked for prayers for a few weeks ago.

Prayers for Betsy’s friend Marion who is in the hospital after a few serious falls and does not have close family to help with her recovery.

Annual Congregants Survey

Our annual survey has been available for some time now. We have collected many! Surveys are still coming in—and the FINAL DEADLINE for submitted surveys is April 1, 2024. You may com-

plete the survey online or give a completed survey to Sally at the Church Office (or hand a completed survey to any member of Council, if you wish, on a Sunday). Thank you for your feedback!



“Girlfriends”

Girlfriends discussion group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. We are reading “The Four Agreements”, A Toltec Wisdom Book by Don Miguel Ruiz. The cover calls the book, “A practical guide to personal freedom.



Fellowship has begun planning for the Mother’s Day brunch buffet. There will be gluten free and vegetarian options available. Fellowship Hall will be all set in anticipation of the event—but we need some volunteers to help in the kitchen (getting the hot entrees ready and then getting the food onto the buffet table when the brunch begins. No special kitchen skill is required.

We also need some help cleaning up, bussing tables, cleaning dishes, and loading the dishwasher. Again, no special skill is required and a hardy apron will be supplied. Any questions, please see Dave B. or Todd Krupp.

Meetings....

Team Leads Meeting,
 tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.
 via Zoom

Worship Team Meeting
 April 1 at
 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Lectionary Reading for Next Week
 March 31, 2024

Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
 Mark 11:1-11
 John 12:12-16

Education Volunteer Schedule

	Nursery	Worship Center 1	Worship Center 2	Bridge	Floater	Choir
March 31 Children Participate In Service						
April 7	Jen	Amanda	Tarah	Becky	Casey	
April 14	Heather D.	Lisa	Tarah	Becky	Christine/ Richard	
April 21	Christine/ Richard	Amanda	Tarah	Becky	Jen	Practice
April 28	Heidi	Lisa	Tarah	Becky	Teresa	Practice



March 31
Easter
Apr 7
The Dannisons
Apr 14
Open
Apr. 21
Open
Apr. 28
Open



March 31
Open
Apr 7
Open
Apr. 14
Open
Apr 21
Open
Apr 28
Open

Liturgist Schedule Mar/Apr 2024

March 31
Pam Maniscalco
Apr. 7
Todd Krupp
Apr. 14
Dorothy Kuperus
Apr. 21
Bill Newsom
April 28
Sue Bradford



Mission Outreach Touches

This Month:
1,154
Year to Date:
42,113
Since Inception
352,992

Children's Worship Bulletin

The Triumphal Entry

Word Search Puzzle

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HEAVEN	CLOAKS	NAME	ROAD	COLT

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**Jesus didn't reject people.
Neither do we.**

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