

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
Forgive often. **Reject Racism.**
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.



Saint John's Journal

April 7, 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

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.



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....

Membership Meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Education Meeting, Thursday at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom



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Church Chat
Today at 11:00 a.m.

Lectionary
Reading for Next
Week
April 14, 2024

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48



Deep roots.
Open arms.



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

Hosting Coffee Hour

Hosting Coffee Hour in 5 easy steps:

- 1) Pick a date and if you want pick a co-host to help with the fun.
 - 2) Set up before church service. Fellowship tries to have the coffee urn filled and on place. You will also find coffee cups, etc., place and ready to serve. Make certain to plug the coffee urn in before going up for the service. There is drink mix in the kitchen for those who prefer something cold. Usually two pitchers is a good amount.
 - 3) Coffee hour doesn't require any baking on your part as there is an abundance of cookies in the kitchen freezer. The freezer door holds gluten free treats. Serving options: chips and salsa, chips and hummus. Fruit, crackers and cheese, etc.
 - 4) You can monitor the supplies set out or sit down and enjoy some conversation with friends.
 - 5) Clean up: Most people place their dirty cups, etc. in the bus tub located at the kitchen door. Empty the coffee urn of leftover coffee and dump or compost the coffee grounds. You can recruit volunteers to bus the tables as people finish. Load the dishwasher—and start them before you leave.
- Any questions, contact Todd Krupp



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."



St. John's WiFi

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

Education Volunteer Schedule

	Nursery	Worship Center 1	Worship Center 2	Bridge	Floater	Choir
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



Apr 14
Open
Apr. 21
Open
Apr. 28
Open



Apr. 14
Open
Apr 21
Open
Apr 28
Open

Liturgist Schedule Mar/Apr 2024

Apr. 7
Pam Maniscalco
Apr. 14
Dorothy Kuperus
Apr. 21
Bill Newsom
April 28
Sue Bradford



Mission Outreach Touches

This Month:
1,481
Year to Date:
42,440
Since Inception
353,319

Believe It or Not!

John 20:19-31

Word Search Puzzle

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C X I T A T F M L H O Y W A X
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THOMAS

DOUBTING
SHOWED
HANDS
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RECORDED
BELIEVED
DISCIPLES
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Neither do we.**

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