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We Hope You Are Hungry!

The children of St. John's will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner today during coffee hour as a thank you for the congregation's support throughout the year. We will have spaghetti (and some gluten free spaghetti), salad, and garlic bread. The children will do all of the preparing during Worship Center time, serve during coffee hour and clean up afterwards.

9 a.m. Pastor Class-Sunday Mornings

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at pastor@stjohnsuccgr.org

or texting him at

269.547.9622

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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-

Mother's Day Brunch

Fellowship has begun planning for the Mother's Day brunch buffet. We are in need of volunteers to help set up for the buffet on May 11 at 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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 Fellowship Hall will be all set in anticipation of the event—but we need some volunteers to help in the kitchen (getting the hot Fellowship Hall will be all set in anticipation of the core and vegetarian options available. Fellowship Hall will be all set in anticipation of the core and vegetarian options available. Fellowship Hall will be all set in anticipation of the core and vegetarian options available. Fellowship Hall will be all set in anticipation of 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.

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. Outstanding sacred music is included. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-Podcast and discussion of the story of Jonah from the Hebrew Bible featuring Marcus Little. We will listen to Marcus' podcast and then discuss the content. Both Wednesday evening opportunities use the same Zoom connection. For the link, see the weekly email to members or the calendar at the St. John's home page stjohnsuccgr.org.

> Lectionary Reading for Next Week April 21, 2024

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

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.

Prayers

Prayers for Christine and Richard as Christine is back in the hospital for more emergency surgery.

Prayers for Peter's friends Larry who has lived a life of hardship and is giving up.

Prayers of joy for the 106 households/324 individuals where were served 4,500 lbs. of food with 23 volunteers at the Mobile Food Pantry.

Prayers for strength and healing for Ashley's grandpa who is receiving from surgery.

Prayers of thanks for children and children on the way.

Prayers of Frank's brother, Bill, who is having another surgery this week.

Prayers for Ellen who is having mental health challenges.

Meetings....

Council Meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Team Leads Meeting, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom



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.



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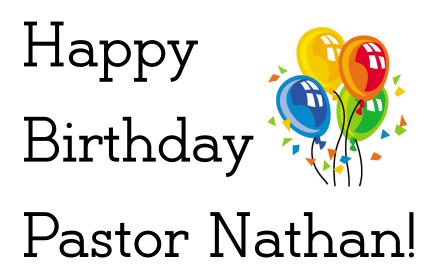
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Thursday Handbell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

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





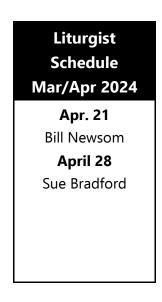
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April 21	Christine/ Richard	Amanda	Tarah	Becky	Jen	Practice
April 28	Heidi	Lisa	Tarah	Becky	Teresa	Practice



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Jesus Appears to the Disciples

Luke 24:36-48



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