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Forgive often. **Reject Racism.**
Fight for the powerless.
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Saint John's Journal

May 19, 2024

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



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Congratulations to All!

During our service this morning we will celebrate the baptisms of Eva Little, Calvin Little and Donnell Thomas.

We will also welcome our new member, Marcus Little, into the St. John's family.

Congratulations to the

following individuals on their confirmation this morning during our worship service. Owen Tiedt, Chloe Berg, Max DeWulf, Mason DeWulf, Donnell Thomas, Calvin Little and Eva Little. Join us in Fellowship Hall after the service to celebrate!

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 future 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 fre-

quently 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

Thank You!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Todd and his crew for all of their hard work on the Mother's Day brunch!

Sincerely,

The Members of St John's U.C.C.

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.—
Lecture and discussion "The Bible Tells Me So" featuring Peter Enns. Dr. Enns is a noted biblical scholar who con-

siders such questions as What kind of literature is the Bible? In what sense is it true? How is it supposed to work for us?

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



meeting
Council Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday Handbell Choir 6:30 p.m.

Lectionary Reading for Next Week May 26, 2024

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Rom 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



**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.

The office will be closed on Friday, March 24 in observance of Memorial Day.

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

Prayers

Prayers for Christine who is still recovering.
 Prayers of celebration for all mothers.
 Prayers of celebration for Keyana.

Prayers of joy for Brian's first great-grandchild.

Sincere Thanks



To all who stayed to enjoy the buffet, to all who helped with the shopping, helped with the prep and clean up— thank you from the Fellowship Team. Everyone had a part in making it a successful event.

Vacation Bible School Sign ups



Vacation Bible School at St. John's will be July 15-19 from 5:30—8:30 p.m. A free dinner is included each night. We will be talking about the Gifts of the Spirit this year and it's sure to be a blast. Anyone pre-school—6th grade is welcome to join us so please share with your family, neighbors, and friends and sign up at <https://stjohnsuccgr.org/vbs>.



Thank you to the members of St. John's for the lovely gift that I was given last Sunday! It is appreciated more than I can express.
 Diana DeKorte



The Girlfriends group will resume on Tuesday and will be reading the new book "Invisible Lines of Connection, Sacred Stories of the ordinary, by Lawrence Kushner. An interesting book of short stories, where sacred meets the ordinary and above all, where you will meet yourself and find the invisible connections in your own life. Let Diana DeKorte know if you need the Zoom information.

Mission

Outreach Touches

This Month:
2,291

Year to Date:
45,307

Since Inception
356,186

The Education Team is Looking for Help This Summer

We need your help! Members or visitors... experience with children or none, you can help out our education team this summer. We have 2 main volunteer opportunities we are looking for help.
 1. This summer all worship center children will be together in Fellowship Hall during Worship Center time learning about "Pieces of the Church". We are looking for volunteers interested in teaching the children about the different pieces of the church. For example the offering plate,

the communion table, the pride flag, etc. The children will then do a craft (if you are not crafty, the education team is happy to come up with a craft for that week). There will be other adults in Fellowship Hall to help. If you feel passionate about or have experience with any "pieces of the church", please reach out to the education team. You would only be committing to ONE day this summer.

2 Our theme for Vacation Bible School this year is "Gifts of the Spirit". We are looking for volunteers

to come one day during that week (July 15-19) to share their job and how they use their spiritual gifts in their every day life. We are looking for teachers, architects, nurses, retired folks, etc. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to the education team.

Also, we provide a free dinner at **Vacation Bible School** each night so we are looking for volunteers to provide **dinner** each night. We do have some

money in the budget for this purpose; you would just need to submit your receipts to be reimbursed.

Lastly, we can always use help with the **nursery** and **floater/assistants** to check in both for summer Sundays and for vbs.

If you are interested in helping out with any of the above opportunities, please reach out to the education team at education@stjohnsuccgr.org

Education Volunteer Schedule

	Nursery	Worship Center 1	Worship Center 2	Bridge	Floater	Choir
May 19 Pentecost Last Day of Class Confirmation Class Confirmed		Amanda	Susan	Makenzie	Teresa	



May 26 The Bergs
June 2 Open
June 9 Open
June 16 Open
June 23 Open
June 30 Open



May 26 Betsy McCoy
June 2 Open
June 9 Open
June 16 Open
June 23 Open
June 30 Open



May 26 Pat Partridge
June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30

Children's Worship Bulletin

The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

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HEAVEN	FIRE	TONGUES	LANGUAGE	OTHER
DAY	HOLY	SOUND	SPIRIT	SPEAK

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