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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

June 16, 2024

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



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Father's Day Celebration

Join us today after our outdoor service as we celebrate Father's Day with a potluck. Cold cuts, cheeses, and sandwich toppings will

be provided. Gluten free and vegetarian options will be provided along with beverages.

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. 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

Vacation Bible School

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 preschool—6th grade is welcome to join us so please share with your family, neighbors, and friends and sign up at <https://stjohnsuccgr.org/vbs>.



Wednesday Evening Prayer

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

sacred music is included.

For the Zoom link, see the weekly email to members or the church calendar on the St. John's home page stjohnsuccgr.org.

**Lectionary
Reading for Next Week
June 23, 2024**

1 Sam 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23)

Job 38:1-11

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

Mark 4:35-41



**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

Meetings

Council Meeting, Tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
Team Leads Meeting, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Prayers

Prayers for Bob and Mike who are both struggling with cancer.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the 27 volunteers who served 134 households / 434 individuals at the mobile food pantry.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Rene’s church family.

Prayers for Rene’s daughter and her husband who are going through some marital growing pains.

Prayers for Ellen’s dad who has an enlarged heart and thanksgiving for this recent weight loss.

Derek’s Place

Derek’s Place is raising money to get an inspection done of the church kitchen. They are selling homemade soaps for \$10.00.

Homemade lotion for \$5.00

Soap and lotion set \$12.00

We are also accepting donations of underwear, bras, socks, shoes, blankets, pillows and hygiene items.

If you are interested in purchasing or donating, please contact Theresa at 616-477-3919.



“Girlfriends”

The Girlfriends group meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and are reading the 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:
733

Year to Date:
46,071

Since Inception
356,950



Coffee Hour

June 16
Father's Day

June 23
Stacy and McKenzie

June 30
John and Jean Kritschgau



USHERS & GREETERS

June 16
Bill and Susan Newsom

June 23
Judy Merrills

June 30
Chris, Jenna, Violet and Rose Grooms



Liturgist Schedule

June 16
Becky Tiedt

June 23
Ellen Mott

June 30
Jen Berg



Summer Sundays at St. John's

Date	Nursery	Pieces of Church Teacher	Floater
June 16 Father's Day	Teresa Markoski	Kids in service Outside	Susan Newsom
June 23 Pride Sunday	Alicia Garrison	Tarah Tiedt—Pride	Ashley Womersley
June 30	Lindsey Kremer	Bill Newsom - Hymnal	Susan Newsom

David is Anointed King

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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

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