

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

June 23, 2024

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



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Welcome New Members



Today we welcome the following individuals to the St. John's family: Judy Merrills, Chris Grooms and

Jenna Grooms. Join us after worship in Fellowship Hall to celebrate with the newest members of St. John's.

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

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.

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 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>.

Lectionary Reading for Next Week
June 30, 2024

2 Sam 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 30
2 Cor 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43



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.

Mobile Food Pantry



Our Mobile Food Pantry will be held on Wednesday, July 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sudanese Grace Episcopal Church, 1550 Oswego N.W.
 Volunteers are always welcome!

Meetings

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



“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.

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

Mission

Outreach Touches

This Month:
 733
Year to Date:
 46,071
Since Inception
 356,950

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 for \$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.



Coffee Hour

June 23
Stacy and McKenzie

June 30
John and Jean Kritschgau



USHERS & GREETERS

June 23
Judy Merrills

June 30
Chris, Jenna, Violet
and Rose Grooms



Liturgist Schedule

June 23
Ellen Mott

June 30
Peter Huschilt



Summer Sundays at St. John's

Date	Nursery	Pieces of Church Teacher	Floater
June 23 Pride Sunday	Alicia Garrison	Tarah Tiedt— Pride	Ashley Womersley
June 30	Lindsey Kremer	Bill Newsom - Hymnal	Susan Newsom



David & Goliath

1 Samuel 17:32-49

Word Search Puzzle

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TALL	ARMOR	SHIELD	STONES	PHILISTINE
JAVELIN	BRONZE	HELMET	STAFF	DAVID
SLING	SWORD	SPEAR	GOLIATH	SHEPHERD

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Neither do we.**

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