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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

July 7, 2024

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



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Special Congregational Meeting

Join us after worship today for our Special Congregational Meeting.

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.

Thank You

St. John's Family,
Thank you for the gifts to help me through college. I am very thankful for you all.
Reese Hoffner

Vacation Bible School

VBS is coming up soon and we're super excited. Spread the word and sign up at <https://stjohnsuccgr.org/vbs> so we can get an accurate head count. 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.

Meetings

Membership Team Meeting, tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

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

Council Meeting, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Team Leads Meeting, July 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Lectionary Reading for Next Week
July 14, 2024

2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Eph 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29



**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 of safe traveling for Heather.

Prayers of thanks for letting Richard use the church for Oman’s graduation party.

Prayers for Renee as she make a life changing decision.

Prayer of joy that Heidi’s dad made it through two cataract surgeries uneventfully.

Prayer of joy for those to care for other peoples children and Heather after a successful Girl Scout Day Camp.



“Girlfriends”

Girlfriends will meet via zoom on August 6, at 6:30 PM. (zoom information to come) We will be reading and discussing "The Bible Tells Me So....Why defending scripture has made us unable to read it" by Peter Enns. This book comes to us recommended by Susan and Bill Newson and by some of my favorite authors: Rachel Held Evans, Brian McLaren, Rob Bell and Phyllis Tickle. I find this book quite intriguing and once again makes me reconsider. On Page 163, the author says, " The Bible "partners" with us (so to speak), modeling for us our walk with God in discovering greater depth and maturity on our journey of faith, not by telling us what to do at each step, but by showing us a journey of hills and valleys, straight lanes and difficult curves, of new discoveries and insights, of movement and change --with God by our side every step of the way." I love that and hope that you will join us on Tuesday nights, checking in, reading and thinking about the Bible. If you need a book call or text me --616.438-1336. Barb Huitema.

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

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.

Mission

Outreach Touches

This Month:
 241
Year to Date:
 46,633
Since Inception
 357,512





July 7
Pat Partridge
July 14
The Tiedts
July 21
Open
July 28
Open



July 7
Open
July 14
Bill and Susan
Newsom
July 21
Judy Merrills
July 28
Open

**Liturgist
Schedule**

July 7
Barb Huitema
July 14
Jen Berg
July 21
Spencer Hoffmann
July 28
Dan Busman



Summer Sundays at St. John's

Date	Nursery	Pieces of Church Teacher	Floater
July 7	Betsy Flory-McCoy	Becky Tiedt-Stained Glass Windows	Makenzie Selland
July 14	Teresa Markoski	Tarah and Lisa VBS Planning/Set up	Becky Tiedt
July 21	Lindsey Kremer	Sing VBS Songs during service Tarah and Lisa	Becky Tiedt
July 28 Church Camping		Kids in service—church Camping	??

Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth

Mark 6:1-6

Word Search Puzzle

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FAITH	PROPHET	WISDOM	SABBATH	HONOR
JOSEPH	JUDAS	MARY	SISTERS	CARPENTER
HEARD	SIMON	JAMES	HOMETOWN	MIRACLES

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Neither do we.**

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