

# 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

September 29, 2024

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



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## Chili Cook Off and Bread Auction



We're getting very excited for the Annual St. John's Bread Auction! Mark your calendars for October 6 during coffee hour and start preparing your bread donations.

What is the Bread Auction?

Every year on World Communion Day we ask for donations of bread, muffins, baked goods etc. These can be homemade or store bought. Then our wonderful St. John's kiddos auction off the bread during coffee hour.

It's really fun to see these little auctioneers

and get some friendly competition going over some delicious goodies! All of the proceeds from the bread auction will go to the Education program and will fund the supplies, snacks, crafts, and outings our kiddos enjoy throughout the year.

We will gladly accept cash, check, or credit cards during the Bread Auction and you will get to take your goodies home right away (or consume them during the Auction). We typically have a chili cook-off that day as well which goes very well with bread. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Education Team at [education@stjohnsuccgr.org](mailto:education@stjohnsuccgr.org).

## Blessing of the Animals



October 13 is the date of our annual Blessing of the Animals. People friendly pets are invited to attend the service. Those pets that are shy or forget their manners when around

children or other animals, may remain home and instead, human companions may bring a photo of their animal friend to be blessed. Children may also bring a special stuffed animal buddy for a blessing.

## Pastoral Emergency Contact

In the event of a pastoral emergency, feel free to reach out to Pat Partridge at 616-915-7171.

## Meetings.....

**Worship meeting** is scheduled for Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom  
**Membership Meeting**, Oct 14 at 6:30 p.m.

**Education Meeting**, Oct 15 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Council Meeting**, Oct. 21 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom  
**Team Leads Mtg.**, Oct. 28 at 7:00 p.m.



## Bell Choir

**Thursday**, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30

p.m.

**Chancel Choir** 7:30—8:30 p.m.

**Lectionary Reading for Next Week**  
**October 6, 2024**

Job 1:1-10, 2:1-10  
Psalm 26  
Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16



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OF CHRIST

**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 for Marcus’ father’s safety while traveling to Iraq with a medical team.

Prayers for Diana’s friend, Jackie, whose sister is in the final stages of pancreatic cancer.

Prayers for thanks and thanksgiving for Becky’s husband feeling better.

Prayers of thanksgiving that Christine is able to worship with us.

Prayers for Ellen’s sister, Eve, who was attacked by her dog and is drinking again.

Prayers of joy for Peter’s parents who were from different religious backgrounds and have been together for 69 years.

Prayers of thanks for Pat for cleaning up in the church.

Prayer for Peter’s friend, Donna, who has cancer.

Prayers for Pat who is traveling to North Carolina to say goodbye to a friend.

Prayers of joy for being back at church and thanks for everything everyone has done for her.



### “Girlfriends”

Girlfriends will meet via zoom on Tuesdays, 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. If you need a book call or text me --616.438-1336. Barb Huitema.

#### Mission Outreach Touches

**This Month:**  
1,370

**Year to Date:**  
49,913

**Since Inception**  
360,792

### Trunk or Treat



St. John’s church will again be hosting its annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday Oct.27th following the worship service in the back parking lot. Everyone is invited to wear your favorite costume, decorate your trunk/ vehicle /

space around your car, etc. Yes adults/ parents/ grandparents/etc- can all dress up/ wear a costume if they like.

Please bring bags for your goblins/ monsters to gather the treats that each car will be giving out.

A treat to share with all the goblins and monsters.

Fellowship time will be the trunk or treat event. We will have apple cider, coffee and donut holes available for all.( hope to put it outside if weather permitting)

If the weather is being scary (rainy, too cold, etc) we will move the event to fellowship hall.

Where each family/ or couple families can decorate/ share a table for the event.

If this is outside:

Please use extra caution in moving your vehicle in the parking lot once the goblins/ monsters are outside.

1. And if possible enlist help if you are moving your vehicle to be certain all little goblins and monsters are clear of your vehicle and space . Safety first please.



# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Girlfriends 6:30 p.m. via Zoom	<b>2</b> Mobile Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. 	<b>3</b>  Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. Service World Communion Sunday  Bread Auction Chili Cook Off  	<b>7</b> Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m. via Zoom	<b>8</b> Girlfriends 6:30 p.m. via Zoom	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>   Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. Service  Blessing of the Animals  	<b>14</b> Membership Meeting 6:30 p.m. via Zoom	<b>15</b> Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. via Zoom  No Girlfriends Group	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>   Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:00 a.m. Service	<b>21</b> Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. via Zoom	<b>22</b> Girlfriends 6:30 p.m. via Zoom	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>   Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m. Service  Trunk or Treat after worship   Communion	<b>28</b> Team Leads Meeting 7:00 p.m. via Zoom	<b>29</b> Girlfriends 6:30 p.m. via Zoom	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>   Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.		
Spice Up the Holidays Food Drive October 27 through November 24, 2024 						

Serving on Sundays

Date	Ushers	Liturgists	Coffee Hour
Oct. 6	Open	Ellen Mott	Chili Cook Off/ Bread Auction
Oct. 13	Open	Betsy Flory-McCoy	Celebration Sunday
Oct. 20	Open	Dan Busman	Jen Berg
Oct. 27	Open	Bren Tooley	Trunk or Treat

2024-2025 Education Schedule

Date	Nursery	WC1 WC1 Floater	WC2	Bridge	Floater
October 6	Shelby Baker	Lisa? Chloe	Susan	Becky	Jen Berg
October 13	Teresa	Lindsey Jenna	Susan	Becky	Heidi
October 20	Betsy	Lisa Ashley	Susan	Becky	Dan/Mila
October 27	Shelby	Lindsey Chloe	Susan	Becky	Jen

Readers For At the Table Series

October 6 Bren Tooley  
Casey Berg  
Judy Merrill



Pass the Salt, Please

Mark 9:38-50

Word Search Puzzle

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FOOD	SHIRT	BETTER	TASTE	PLASTIC
SHAKER	CHEMICAL	FLAVOR	SALT	PEACE
WORLD	TOYS	GOOD	DYE	LEATHER

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Neither do we.

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