



**Summer Senior High Bible Study and Ice Cream Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.**  
 Each Wednesday throughout the summer, Youth Intern Taylor Justison and Pastor Greg will be leading fun, engaging, and in-depth Bible Studies for our Senior High Youth (those having completed 9th-12 grades) at 7:30 in the Youth Room. Following the Bible Study, we will travel together as a group to various locations around Springfield to enjoy ice cream and other delicious treats! Bring your Bibles, bring your friends, bring your appetites! Hope to see you there!

**Junior High Night at Skyzone** **Tuesday, July 31 7:00 p.m.**  
 Calling all Junior High Youth! Join us for a night of jumping and fun at Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Springfield. We plan on jumping from 7-8 p.m.! Signed waivers are required to jump so be sure to print those off of the Sky Zone website to be signed by a parent or guardian before you come! And as always, BRING YOUR FRIENDS! We hope to see you all there! Talk to Pastor Adam or Youth Intern Taylor Justison if you have any questions.



**CONNECT!** **Coming this Fall**  
 Looking for a way to grow in your relationship with Christ, with others here at St. John's, and with the community? **CONNECT** is it! Coming to St. John's this fall, **CONNECT** is a relational ministry experience created by our three pastors designed to grow us deep! Sign-ups begin Rally Day Weekend, September 8-9! Watch for it!

**Novel Bunch Book Club** **Friday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.**  
 This group meets monthly on the 4th Friday of the month and discusses books, both faith-based and secular. August's meeting will be at Katie Rodden's home, discussing the book *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. For more info, please contact Traci Michaud at traci.michaud02@gmail.com.

**Coffee and Conversation** **Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.**  
 All men and women are invited and encouraged to join together for an hour on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Life Center Lobby for coffee and conversation. We enjoy a fun hour of fellowship and friendship and sometimes, we even have donuts! Any questions, feel free to call Jack Stoldt at 217.971.9587 or 217.670.2445.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

All events can be found at [www.stjohns-springfield.org](http://www.stjohns-springfield.org)  
 There you will also be able to sign up for weekly event emails.

### MONDAY 7-30

#### Family Kickball

PLC LAWN 5:30 p.m.

#### Stewardship Vision Team

AMR 7:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY 7-31

#### Coffee and Conversation

PLC LOBBY 9:00 a.m.

#### Staff Meeting

AMR 9:00 a.m.

#### PB&J Picnic

SPRING CREEK

TOWNHOMES 12:00 p.m.

#### Sky Zone Middle School Event

SKY ZONE 7:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY 8-1

#### Meals on the Lawn

PLC LAWN 6:00 p.m.

#### Connect! Training

PARLOR 6:30 p.m.

#### Senior High Summer Bible Study and Ice Cream

YOUTH ROOM 7:30 p.m.

#### Worship Band Practice

PLC 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY 8-4

#### Worship/Communion

SANCTUARY 5:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY 8-5

#### Worship/Communion

SANCTUARY 8:00 a.m.

#### Fellowship

PLC LOBBY 9:00 a.m.

#### Worship

SANCTUARY 10:00 a.m.

#### Contemporary Worship

PLC 10:00 a.m.

#### Connect! Training

AMR 11:30 a.m.



**ST. JOHN'S**  
 LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 10

July 28-29, 2018



### This Weekend

5:00 p.m. Saturday

#### Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)

Pastor Pam Mitcham, Preaching Minister

8:00 a.m. Sunday

#### Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)

Pastor Adam Connolly, Preaching Minister

9:00 a.m. Sunday

#### Fellowship (PLC Lobby)

10:00 a.m. Sunday

#### Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)

Pastor Adam Connolly, Preaching Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday

#### Contemporary Worship/Communion (PLC)

Pastor Pam Mitcham, Preaching Minister

## THE MESSENGER

Welcome

to St. John's Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here! If you do not yet have a church home and would like to become part of Christ's community at St. John's, we invite you to visit with one of our pastors. In this weekend's Gospel, we hear how Jesus fed thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. We often feel overwhelmed with the need we see around us. But it isn't the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

### Pastor's Message

I looked forward to a vacation time this summer mostly because my family would be in town. I knew we might catch a few of the Lincoln attractions (and we did see ole Abe in the ice cream shop!) but I knew the most important part of our time would be just being together. I'm thankful for all the long distance ways we are able to keep in touch, but nothing beats actually talking face to face. As they packed up and headed back to Virginia, I felt more connected than ever, especially with my granddaughters.

The relationships we experience when we connect with others enrich our lives in ways we don't often think about.

## Pastor's Message Continued

In the sharing of a childhood memory with others, we may have a new appreciation of what it means to be a child of God. Hearing someone's story of finding peace during a troubling time may lead us to a stronger faith. Telling others about a time when we felt lost or abandoned can surprisingly create a strong bond of friendship.

We invite you to CONNECT this fall! CONNECT for an hour or so with six or eight disciples in weekly huddles for six weeks to grow in relationship to each other. CONNECT through sharing stories from the Bible as well as our own lives. CONNECT through praying for each other. The fall series

of CONNECT begins on Rally Day week-end, September 8-9, when we will sign-up for huddles. These "huddles" will be offered at various times, days, and places so that there will be a huddle for anyone who wants to CONNECT.

We look forward to how Jesus will use our CONNECT huddles to grow and strengthen our community this fall.

Connected in Christ,

*Pastor Pam*

**Remember in Prayer** Judy Ahrens, Eunice Avart, Dottie Beach, Marie Bomke, Marlene Carnduff, Bernadine Dickson, Darlene Edwards, Eugene Edwards, Ursula Edwards, David Fischer, Natalia Foard, Alice Fritsch, Ty Glossup, Jim Greene, Steve Hardy, Chad Hicks, Eileen Kerasotes, Charliene Kloppenburg, Betty Lunik, Donna Moore, Judy Nika, Johneta Osterhuber, Gene Poehلمان, Dean Rademaker, Priscilla Rademaker, Roberta Reif, Liz Saner, Jean Sergent, Debbie Slater, Katie Smith, Pat Sriner, Sandra Stoye, Perry Taylor, Carole Tracy, Carole Tracy, Stephanie van Ulft, Ruth Anne Wankel, Luther Witkop

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anita Killebrew and Nicholas White's birthdays by Vicky White.

**Rose on the Altar** The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Luther Philip Witkop, son of Philip Witkop, born on Wednesday, July 18. We rejoice with the Witkop family on the arrival of Luther and pray that as he grows he might come to know and trust Jesus' amazing love for him!

**Nursery Available** We love having children with us in worship here at St. John's! However, we also realize that participating in worship is often difficult for parents of especially young children. We offer a fully staffed, safe, and secure nursery for children ages birth through 4-years-old each and every weekend during all four of our worship services. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the Parish Life Center (PLC) Lobby. All of our nursery staff are fully screened and trained to provide the best care possible for our little ones. In addition, pagers are provided for our parents if the nursery staff needs to contact you during worship. Feel free to use our wonderful St. John's nursery as needed. We are glad you are here and want you to have the most meaningful worship experience with us as possible.



### NEW Summer Worship Schedule

Our NEW Summer Worship Schedule continues throughout Labor Day weekend! Our NEW summer worship schedule is as follows:

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday - Casual Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 a.m. Sunday - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- \*NEW\*** 10:00 a.m. Sunday - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- \*NEW\*** 10:00 a.m. Sunday - Contemporary Worship (Parish Life Center)

Make worship a regular part of your summer and get spiritually refreshed! See you in worship!

### What is God calling you to do at St. John's? How can you get connected? COME AND SEE! **September 9**

This year's Rally Day, September 9, will feature a combined worship service with information about the new Connect Huddles, a ministry fair (set up during all four weekend services), food, games, prizes, live music, Sunday School registration, and even a magician! For more information contact Kristen Schmid Schurter at (217) 793-3933 x206 or ksschurter@st-johns-springfield.org. Look for volunteer sign up sheets starting this weekend and plan to come join the fun!

### Summer Cookouts on the Lawn

**Wednesdays, June 6 - August 8, 6:00 p.m.**

This summer, you are invited to join us once again for our weekly "Meals on the Lawn." We eat supper at 6:00 p.m. and following the meal, there will be a different, fun activity each week. Groups of St. John's disciples provide the main dish, and we ask that you bring a side dish to share. Please plan on joining us as we continue growing in our relationships with one another and with our neighborhood community!

### Drivers Needed!

St. John's Transportation Ministry Team is looking for men or women to drive the van Sunday mornings, transporting people to and from the late services in the sanctuary and PLC. Drivers usually serve approximately six times a year on a rotating schedule. Drivers would need to pass a background check and complete a short training session on operating the van and the wheelchair lift. We get requests for rides to worship almost every weekend and could really use more drivers. If you're interested, please contact Erik Koning, Transportation Ministry Team leader ekoning1983@gmail.com Thanks!

### Healing Service

**Sunday, August 12, 3:00 p.m.**

Jesus invites us, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28.) Pastor Pam will lead a Service of Healing for anyone yearning for healing either in their own life, in the lives of others, or in the life of our world. Comprised of readings from God's Word, song, silent reflection, and intercessory prayer, these services provide peace in an otherwise turbulent world. Following the service, our Stephen Ministers will host a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor. All are welcome to come and experience the healing touch of Christ's love.

### Sponsors Needed for College Connection

Would you like to help St. John's keep a connection with our college students? The College Connection Ministry Team is looking for sponsors for each of our freshmen who begin their studies this fall. Sponsors would keep in touch through the U.S. mail several times during the school year. Names and information about our freshmen will be available the weekends of August 4-5 and 11-12. Please consider sponsoring a freshman this year. For more information, get in touch with Elin Wind, leader of the Ministry Team, at awind70401@yahoo.com. Thanks for helping us keep a strong connection with our students away at college!

### St. John's 150th Anniversary Germany Tour

**Summer 2020**

Just a few spots remain! 30 of our 35 spots are now filled for our upcoming St. John's 150th Anniversary Germany Tour in the summer of 2020! We have now opened up registration to friends and family of St. John's disciples. So, if you would still like to go or if you know of someone who would like to go with us, please contact Rhonda Neubauer in the church office as soon as possible. In addition to touring the Luther sites, we will be sharing in the Passion Play in Oberamgau. A special anniversary meal and worship service will be enjoyed as well. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Sign-up today! For more information, please contact Rose Moser, David Richter, Pastor Busboom, or Pastor Connolly.

### St. John's Night at the Muni

**Thursday, August 9, 6:00 p.m.**

Join us as we gather at the Muni for an evening of fun and fellowship as we enjoy the production of "Annie." We'll gather at 6:00 under the Pavilion at the Muni for a light supper and the show starts at 8:00. Tickets for lawn seating can be bought at the door. Call Carol Lange at 553-4381 with any questions.

### School Supplies Collection

We have begun collecting for our backpack and school supply give away and will continue through July 29. Backpack distribution to St. John's disciples and our neighbors will be on August 1. Supplies needed include: Backpacks, Box of 24 Crayons, Pencil Sharpener, 2.5 inch pink eraser, No.2 pencils with erasers, Ball ballpoint pens (no gel ink), 70-sheet wide or college-ruled notebook, 12-inch ruler with inches and centimeters, Blunt or pointed scissors, Colored pencils, Glue sticks. Every little bit helps!



### Sunday School Info Session

**Sunday, August 12, 12:00 p.m.**

We are gearing up for Sunday School to start this fall, and we need your help to keep the momentum! We need nearly 10 more volunteers to fill out our team for the year. If you are interested and would like to know more about our ministry, join us for an informational meeting in the Adult Meeting Room. Lunch will be provided. **RSVP with Sam Neahring at sneahring@stjohns-springfield.org.**

### Family Kickball Nights

**Mondays at 5:30 p.m.**

Join us on Mondays for a fun game of kickball with siblings and friends! We will meet up on the following nights: July 16 & 30, and August 6.