



ADULTS



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!

Dinner Night Out

Tuesdays, August 21, 6 p.m.

Please join us this Tuesday at Outback Steakhouse (2590 Wabash) for a wonderful time with friends and a chance to meet new ones! All are welcome and encouraged to come! Please let Becky Smith know that you will be in attendance at 494.5523.

Novel Bunch Book Club

Friday, August 24, 7 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.

Day Trip To Hannibal, MO

Thursday, October 11

Join with the Adult Ministries at St. John's as we visit Hannibal, Missouri's two highest rated attractions, Rockcliffe Mansion, and Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" buildings. The church van leaves at 9 a.m. In the morning we'll visit many of the Mark Twain sites. After lunch at a local restaurant, we'll take a guided tour of the Rockcliffe Mansion. Transportation and cost of Rockcliffe Mansion tour included in price, only \$16. Reservations must be made before September 11. To sign up or for more information, contact Ron Engstrom (217.636.7591).



CHILDREN

Volunteer with Us!

If you are here during the Sunday School hour most weekends, please consider serving with us as a classroom assistant for our children's classes! We need at least 5 more assistants. Work with your child's class, or volunteer with a different group! Sign up to volunteer at our registration tables on Rally Day.

Rally Day Activities

Sunday, September 9, 9 a.m.

Join us in the PLC Lobby for Sunday School registration (PreK-6th) at 9:00, and then head to the sanctuary at 9:30 for an exciting magic show! Kids - make sure you stop by our tables to vote for the ministry you would like our Sunday School offering to go toward this year! Children are encouraged to write or draw a card for their new teachers and bring it to Rally Day registration.

Bible Presentation & 3rd Grade Bible Class

Begins September 12, 6:30 p.m.

Our 3rd Grade Bible Class for third graders and their caregivers will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m. We will meet in Classrooms C & D downstairs. Each student must be accompanied by at least one adult. On Rally Day, our children's ministry leaders will present all our 3rd graders with a brand new NRSV Bible during 10:30 worship to celebrate this milestone! Sign up for this class with Sam Neahring at sneahring@stjohns-springfield.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

All events can be found at
www.stjohns-springfield.org
There you will also be able to
sign up for weekly event emails.

SUNDAY 8-19

Spiritual Gifts

Ministry Team

AMR 9 a.m.

Informational Forum

AMR 11:15 a.m.

Nursery Staff Meeting

NURSERY 11:30 a.m.

Worship Vision Team

PARLOR 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Night Small Group

OFFSITE 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY 8-20

Alzheimer's Association

Caregiver Support Group

AMR 1 p.m.

Finance Committee

PARLOR 5:30 p.m.

Leadership Board

AMR 7 p.m.

TUESDAY 8-21

Coffee and Conversation

PLC LOBBY 9 a.m.

Staff Meeting

AMR 9 a.m.

Adult Ministries Team

AMR 1 p.m.

Stephen Ministry

Peer Support

PLC LOBBY 1:30 p.m.

Dinner Night Out

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE
6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 8-22

Senior High Bible

Study and Ice Cream

YOUTH ROOM 7:30 p.m.

Worship Band Practice

PLC 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 8-23

Chancel Choir

PLC 6:45 p.m.

FRIDAY 8-24

Novel Bunch Book

Club Small Group

OFFSITE 7 p.m.

SATURDAY 8-25

Worship/Communion

SANCTUARY 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 8-26

Worship

SANCTUARY 8:00 a.m.

Fellowship

PLC LOBBY 9:00 a.m.

Worship/Communion

SANCTUARY 10:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

PLC 10:00 a.m.

Special Congregational

Meeting

PLC 11:15 a.m.

Joy Seekers Small Group

OFFSITE 6 p.m.



ST. JOHN'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 13

August 18-19, 2018



Serving lunch at Dubois Elementary School teacher in-service day.

This Weekend

5 p.m. Saturday

Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)

Pastor Adam Connolly, Preaching Minister

8 a.m. Sunday

Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)

Pastor Greg Busboom, Preaching Minister

9 a.m. Sunday

Fellowship (PLC Lobby)

10 a.m. Sunday

Worship (Sanctuary)

Pastor Greg Busboom, Preaching Minister

10 a.m. Sunday

Contemporary Worship/Communion (PLC)

Pastor Adam Connolly, 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 first reading from Proverbs, wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. In our gospel from John, Christ, the wisdom of God, invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. As we share in Holy Communion, we participate in God's invitation, receiving from God the free gift of eternal life.

Pastor's Message

*"O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and
hunger, but those who seek the Lord
lack no good thing"
(Psalm 34:9-10).*

Next Sunday, August 26, our congregation will gather for a Special Congregational Meeting at 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Life Center to decide how best to move forward with the building renovation project. At the five informational forums held over this past week (the fifth and final forum will be held this Sunday at 11:15 in the AMR), the leadership has presented three possible options. These forums have been well-attended and we have received much helpful feedback from the congregation. Thank you to all who have participated in this process and for all of the input that has been shared. It has been a healthy and productive conversation.

It is now up to the Leadership Board to sort through all of the information that has been shared and to make a

The mission of our congregation is to be and make disciples of Christ, in response to God's grace. It is this mission that needs to lead and guide us in our discernment and decision-making. It is this mission that serves as the plumb line for which direction we should go. It is this mission that we have been called by God to live into through both our words and our actions. How can we most fully be the disciples of Christ that God has called us to be? How can we most fully make disciples as Christ has commanded us? How can we most fully respond to God's grace as we move forward together into God's future?

How do we make such a difficult decision, balancing our need for both additional hospitality and office space with the reality of the financial resources we have available? How do we balance our bold vision for the future with our responsibility to be wise stewards? How do we discern what we need from what we want? The answers to these questions are not easy ones.

recommendation to the congregation for our consideration. The Leadership Board is in the process of reviewing all of the surveys that have been returned, as well as the notes from each of the forums. This Monday evening, the Leadership Board will meet to form their recommendation. On Tuesday, a letter will go in the mail to the entire congregation informing us of their recommendation which we will then consider at the congregational meeting on Sunday. Please read through the letter carefully and prayerfully. Please be present to participate in the meeting next Sunday. Please join with us in seeking God's will and not our will.

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Pastor Allyn

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 weekend during all four of our worship services. All of our nursery staff are fully screened and trained to provide the best care possible for our little ones. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the Parish Life Center (PLC) Lobby. We are glad you are here and want you to have the most meaningful worship experience with us as possible.

Christian Sympathy We offer our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Gene Edwards who entered eternal life Saturday, August 11. May God comfort them with the promise of eternal life.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill and Ann Mullaney by their children Jane and John, and in loving memory of David Winters by Richard and Marlene Winters.

Holy Baptism We rejoice in the baptism of Eva Amelia Moe, daughter of Andy and Erin Moe, at our 10:00 sanctuary worship this weekend. Eva's baptismal sponsors are Mitch and Liz Flynn. We pray that God's Holy Spirit would fill Eva with the gift of faith that, as she grows, she might know Jesus' promises and live as one of his disciples in the world!

Remember in Prayer Judy Ahrens, Dottie Beach, Marie Bomke, Marlene Carnduff, Ralph Chambers Sr., Bernadine Dickson, Darlene Edwards, Ursula Edwards, David Fischer, Natalia Foard, Jim Greene, Steve Hardy, Richard Hawker, Eileen Kerasotes, Charlene Kloppenburg, Betty Lunik, Joe Merrick, Ken Martin, Donna Moore, Judy Nika, Johneta Osterhuber, Gene Poehlman, Dean Rademaker, Priscilla Rademaker, Roberta Reif, Liz Sauer, Jean Sargent, Ed Skube, Debbie Slater, Katie Smith, Pat Striner, Richard Stoye, Perry Taylor, Carole Tracy, Helen Traeger, Stephanie van Uff, Ruth Anne Wanke



Rally Weekend 2018 - COME AND SEE! September 8-9

During Rally Weekend we celebrate the kick-off of all of our fall ministries!

Events include:

- St. John's Ministry Fair
- Children's Games
- Combined 10:30 a.m.
- Celebration Worship in the PLC
- All-Congregation Meal on the Church Lawn
- Sunday School Registration
- Celebration
- A Don't-Miss-Magic-Show!
- Sign-ups for our New and Exciting Connect Ministry

COME AND SEE how God is calling you to

get involved in all that He is doing in and through this place!

For more information or to help out contact Kristen Schmid Schurter at 217.793.3933, ext. 206 or ksschurter@stjohns-springfield.org. Volunteer sign-ups are located in the Parish Life Center Lobby. All are welcome to join the fun!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, at ekoning1983@gmail.com. Thanks!

St. John's 150th Anniversary Germany Tour

Just a few spots remain! 33 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 Oberammergau. 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.

Altar Floor Replacement Project

The altar floor replacement project in the sanctuary has begun! For some time now, structural issues have caused the floor to weaken. The project should take approximately two weeks to complete. We will still worship in the sanctuary during the project, but there will likely be some "construction mess" visible for one or two weekends until the project is complete. Thank you for pardoning the mess as we complete these much needed repairs!

New Spiritual Gifts Inventory

In less than five minutes you can find out how God has uniquely designed you for ministry! Look for quick, updated inventories inside ministry booklets at Rally Day and on the St. John's website (www.stjohns-springfield.org).

EVENTS

Building Project Informational Forums August 19, 11:15 a.m.
Our fifth and final informational forum about our upcoming building renovation project will take place this Sunday in the Adult Meeting Room (AMR). If you haven't yet had a chance to attend one of these important forums, your presence and participation is needed. Come help us discern together where God is leading us!

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin August 23, 6:40-8:00 p.m.
Rehearsals for Chancel Choir will begin Thursday evening in the Parish Life Center (PLC). We also rehearse Sunday mornings a half hour before the service in which we sing. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, please consider coming to our first rehearsal to find out what we are all about. We sing the first Sunday of the month at 8 a.m., worship and the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month at 10:30 a.m. worship from Rally Day through May. For more information, contact Sue Hamilton at shamilton@stjohns-springfield.org.

Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, August 26, 11:15 a.m.
A Special Congregational Meeting will take place next Sunday in the Parish Life Center (PLC). The sole purpose of this meeting will be to decide how to move forward with the Building Renovation project. Please come and be a part of this important decision in the life and mission of St. John's. Childcare will be provided for children ages 0-7 in the church nursery.

Bells of Glory August 30, 5:30 p.m.
The first bell choir practice of the new season is coming up! The repertoire for September through Christmas has been set and it promises some exciting, new, and sometimes challenging rhythmic works in addition to some of the favorite works we offered to the glory of our Lord in the 2017-2018 season. Those 16 years of age and up who are interested in playing and all current bell choir members who are rejoining this coming season should contact Carlo van Uff by August 18, either via phone or text: 217.414.1914 or via email: carlo@venlocorp.com. Looking forward to a ringing fall season!

Grief Support Group Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., begins September 6
The next series of Grief Support gatherings will begin next month. We welcome people who have participated before, as well as those who would be new to the group. To register, please call the church office, 217.793.3933. If you have questions, please get in touch with Pastor Pam.

Flu Vaccines Available September 15-16
St. John's Parish Nurse Ministry Team will offer a clinic to administer Flu vaccines on Saturday, September 15, from 4:30-5 p.m. and Sunday, September 16, 9-10:30 a.m. in the PLC Lobby. Please bring your insurance card, Medicare or Medicaid card, and wear short sleeves.



High School Bible Study and Ice Cream Nights Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

The high school youth at St. John's have had a great summer of gathering each Wednesday evening for Bible Study and ice cream! Only two Wednesday nights remain before we transition to our fall ministry programming! Come on out on Wednesdays, August 22 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Bible Study will be led each week by Pastor Greg! All high school youth are welcome!!! Bring a friend!!! This week's topic: Got wisdom?

Confirmation Cook-Out and Orientation Meeting September 5, 6 p.m.

Our 2018-2019 confirmation year for all 7th and 8th graders in the congregation will kick-off with our annual cook-out and orientation meeting in the Parish Life Center Lobby. This meeting is required for all youth and parents planning on participating in our confirmation ministry this fall. Regular confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 12 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. For more information, please contact Pastor Greg at 217.793.3933 or pbusboom@stjohns-springfield.org