

Affirmation of Baptism



Congratulations to these youth who were FINALLY able to publicly confirm their faith.

*l-r: Carrie Allbaugh, Youth Ministry Coordinator; Ezra; Andrew; Joshua; Elizabeth; Ariella; Pastor Brian
missing: Sam*

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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, *"By the grace God has given me, I laid the foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay a foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ"*.

I admire men and women who can build structural things. Just the other day, I spoke with someone in our congregation who is adding an addition to their hunting cabin. I sadly admit that I do not have the knowledge or skill to build an addition on a cabin, or to build any physical structure for that matter. I do know, however, that a solid foundation is critical for the integrity, durability and adaptability of any structure if it is to be useful and stand the test of time.

The churches in Paul's time were as varied in structures, peoples, landscapes, and designs as churches are today. One need only to look at St. John's Lutheran Church and Elmbrook Church across the street to see some of these differences. Yet our churches share the one fundamental foundation upon which our ministries, as well as those in Paul's time, are built: Jesus Christ.

From the foundation of the crucified and risen Christ, the gospel has been proclaimed for over two thousand years. Those who founded St. John's in 1962 took great care to build on this foundation so that the gospel would be proclaimed through this place and its ministries. It is now our turn and it is our responsibility to build with care and strengthen this legacy.

This fall our stewardship campaign will lift up and draw our energy around the idea of foundation. Specifically, we will focus on two specific objectives for how we can continue to build on a solid foundation for our church's ministry now and in the future.

We will continue to solidify our annual fund through regular offerings that support the annual budget and deepen our focus on the four ministry areas identified last year:

- Invest in our Children, Youth and Families
- Grow in Hospitality
- Deepen our Commitment to Partnerships and Outreach
- Enhance and Expand Care and Core Ministries

We will expand and grow the St. John's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund through planned commitments and special gifts to strengthen our capacity to witness to the Gospel through ministry and service in the years to come. The Endowment Committee, chaired by Phil Lange, will have more to share with us in the weeks to come.

Our fall stewardship initiative kicks-off later this month building to our commitment Sunday in November. I invite your thoughts and questions. I ask for your prayers as we continue to move forward in faithful mission and ministry in these unprecedented times. I give thanks for you, your faithfulness and your generosity. May God bless and keep you.

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

What's New?

Message Board on Updated Website

What's New? A new feature on our updated website: The Message Board.

Check this board often for the latest news at St. John's. You can find the message board on the lower part of the front page and under the Resources tab.



September Worship Opportunities

September will serve as a transition month for worship options.

Thursdays	6:30 p.m. In the sanctuary
Sundays	8:30 & 10:00 a.m. outside, weather permitting

EXCEPTION:

Sunday	September 6 9:00 a.m. one blended worship service
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Take a look at the
SAS Funding Impact article
on page 3
to see a "Snapshot"
of how we are doing in these
efforts.

Worship Notes

By Becky Whelpley, Music Director

Psalm 137

By the rivers of Babylon— there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there we hung up our harps.

For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?



Normally this is the time of year filled with excitement for the upcoming choir season. Although we will not be meeting regularly for some length of time, our music ministry will continue. Be on the look out for an email with possible ways that we can lift up and share our music.

If you are not involved and would like to be connected to the music ministry please contact Becky Whelpley at becky.whelpley@gmail.com.

Snapshot

by Pastor Brian Halverson

Moving the Mission Forward — SAS Funding at Work

In thanksgiving to God, we recognize the faithful generosity of our members who, in response to the **SAS (Stewardship for All Seasons) Moving God's Mission Forward Together** appeal last fall, committed to a 15% increase in giving in 2020 above 2019 giving levels. While the pandemic has brought significant interruption to our individual lives and our church life, God has shown us very clearly what we must do to keep the ministry of our church strong for our members, ministry partners and the community we serve. Because St. John's members have continued to give faithfully, the church council has authorized the distribution of \$71,753 (as July 30) to projects identified by the SAS Funding Allocation Team.

Funded project by primary ministry areas to date:

1. Invest in our Children, Youth and Family
 - \$2,000 has been allocated to develop a Good Samaritan Fund to provide relief grants for families of St. John's who have been negatively impacted by COVID 19
 - \$500 has been allocated to St. John's Preschool for unforeseen needs due to COVID-19.
2. Grow in Hospitality
 - \$27,000 has been allocated Groth Design to begin work on creating both short and long-term plans for the building and property use of the church.
3. Deepen our Commitment to Partnerships and Outreach Ministries
 - \$16,000 has been allocated to supplement existing funds for the next phase of the Akeri Hope School construction project (See Moving the Mission Forward on page 9.)
4. Enhance and Expand Care and Core Ministries
 - \$3,000 has been allocated and disbursed to Outreach for Hope COVID Relief Fund in the Greater Milwaukee Synod
 - \$3,000 has been allocated to the Greater Milwaukee Synod for their continued efforts of supporting congregations and their ministries, Lutheran social agencies, and college ministries within the synod.
 - \$2,500 has been allocated and disbursed for the Mental Health Initiative which took place over a week-end in February to increase the awareness of Mental Health/Illness that adversely affects so many persons in our community.

SAS Funding Allocation Team:
Kathy Davis, Gary Schettler,
Jerry Hanson, Joanna Salinas,
Cindy Halverson, John Almasi,
Dawn Williams, and
Pr. Brian Halverson



Children, Youth & Families

September Children, Youth, and Family Plans for Rally Day, October 4!

The Children, Youth and Family Team decided that out of an abundance of love for all of you, we want to give our families the time and space to start the school year without worrying about also starting church programming at the same time. We understand that all of you will be in different places, and we respect that! So instead of our traditional September start, Rally Day is scheduled for October 4. We are busy planning flexible programming for the fall, that will be a mix of virtual and in person opportunities. We will share that with you in a few weeks. In the meantime, join us for worship! There are lots of opportunities listed here: <https://makedisciples.com/worship-2/>



Confirmation will be moving to Sunday evenings this fall!

Due to overwhelming parental feedback, Confirmation will be moving to twice monthly, Sunday evening gatherings in the fall. These will be a mix of virtual/in person gatherings depending upon current circumstances. Pastor Brian and Joanna will be in touch soon with details!

Fall registration is open!

Only one form per family is needed.

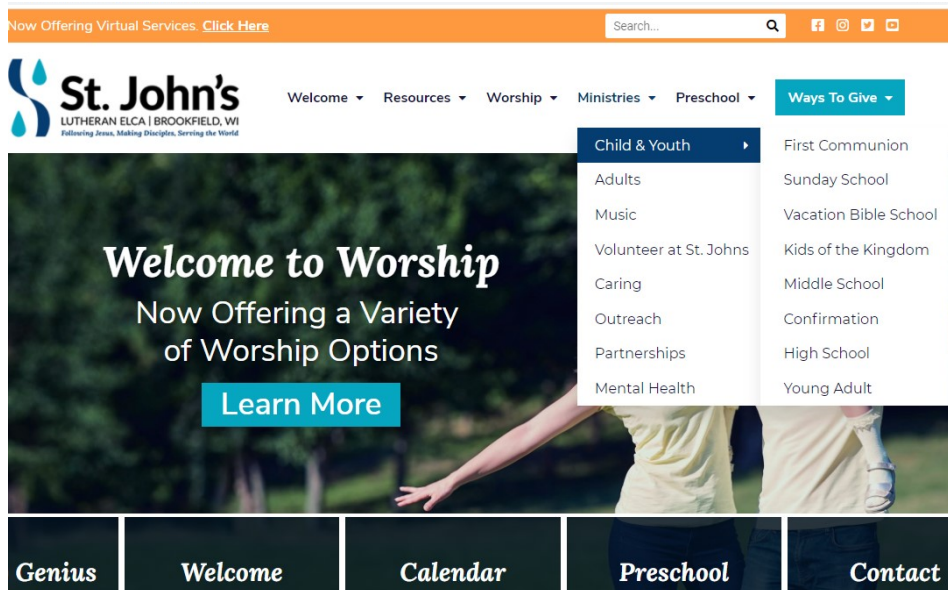
Click this link—or find the link on our website—to register your children for programming at St. John's for the 2020-2021 year. This registration covers all programming for children and youth offered at St. John's.

Link to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScak4mKgtUZk6_r5-IDHkza4ITLbwhKycDG6OifC_r10x-6Q/viewform



Child & Youth Information on the Website

For information on programming for toddlers to young adults, check out our updated website at makedisciples.com. Hover over Ministries to see the dropdown menu. Slide your mouse over to select the area you want.



Contact Joanna with Toddler to 8th Grade Questions

Joanna is currently working from home and picking up mail a few times a month. She is available by email at josalinas2014@gmail.com or by call or text at 262-278-8021. M-F from 8:00 - 1:00.

Joanna sends out weekly Children, Youth and Family emails with the Sunday School video links and other resources. If you are not receiving those emails and would like to, let Joanna know!



Children, Youth & Families

St. John's Preschool is open!

As we begin our 21st year of St. John's Preschool, we, like all schools, are aware of how the Covid-19 health crisis has challenged us to provide the safest possible learning experience for our youngest children.

We've made changes. Our classes are smaller. We're doing temperature checks and enhanced cleaning. Everyone's doing more hand washing. We're setting our tables and chairs a bit further apart. Our teachers are wearing masks and some preschoolers are wearing masks. We've installed a temporary fenced outdoor Playing and Learning area. And yes, there is a Plan B if a situation requires a temporary closure.

The Covid-19 health crisis challenge has also called us to reaffirm St. John's Preschool as a vital part of both the Children's Ministries and Outreach Ministries at St. John's.

Preschool is open because we know that our youngest learners need to explore and learn, to play with their friends all while learning to be learners. Teachers want to teach and guide learning and growing.

Preschool is open because families want their children in preschool and some families know our door is open for when they are ready to bring their child back to preschool. We are part of the community.

And lastly, Preschool is open because the heart of St. John's Preschool ministry is to follow our mission statement: to foster learning in a nurturing environment in which our young children are loved, respected and valued.



St. John's Preschool

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2. SELECT

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- Select **Add** to add another fund or move forward to the payment information
- Scan or enter your card or bank account information

3. SUBMIT

- Review your donation summary then select **Complete Donation**.

GIVE PLUS⁺

Troop 16

by Troop Historian, Zac Watson

Fun Summer Activities

Even though there are fewer meetings during the summer, we did hold two fun activities:

1. MRE Supper Meeting at Marx Park.

MRE's are Army ration "Meals Ready to Eat". We always include a MRE meal on our High Adventure Summer Camping Trip. Since we didn't do a High Adventure this year, we enjoyed MRE's at this meeting.

After dinner we had a knot tying contest of the seven basic scouting knots. All seven were tied by five boys - Nick Huebner, Dominic Eggert, Dan Warchol and Joe & Josh Balzer. Kick Ball concluded the evening.

2. Softball game followed by Corn Roast and Court of Honor.

After softball at Marx Park, the Scout Families were invited to a Corn Roast at the St. John's Fire Bowl. The uniform of the evening was High Adventure or Camp t-shirts. Scout Advancement, Yearly Attendance, Yearly Participation and Camping Awards were presented. St. Luke's Church donated American Flags for an impressive flag retirement ceremony.

Matt and Zac Watson were awarded the World Conservation Award. Earning the Environment Science, Citizenship in the World and Soil and Water Conservation are the requirements for earning this Conservation Recognition.

Troop Historian Position

The Troop Inspire Historian position is held by Zac Watson. Zac writes the bimonthly articles for the St. John's Inspire informing the congregation what activities the troop is doing.

The yearly Attendance Awards

1 Year	Dominic Eggert
	Matt Watson
	Jacob Nienhaus
2 Year	Jon McMahon
	Nick Huebner
	Zac Watson
3 Year	Jacob Balzer
4 Year	Dan Warchol
5 Year	Joe Balzer
	Will McCoy
6 Year	Josh Balzer

Yearly Camping Award

Nick Huebner attended all ten trips.

Happy Birthday

- 1 Gretchen Brueske
- 2 Nicci Gillette
- 2 Angie Grimord-Caravella
- 3 Leah Bohne
- 3 Dorothy Hintz
- 3 Heidi Hornung
- 4 Cheryl Granlund
- 4 Teri Quam
- 5 Dick Gennerman
- 5 Karen LaHann
- 5 Penelope Slater
- 5 Chris Wagner
- 6 Ezekiel Beyerlein
- 7 Tim Tollander
- 7 Bennett Warp
- 8 Calla Gatzke
- 8 Ryan Zahn
- 9 Jim Gaulke
- 9 Matt Sternkopf
- 10 Brent Logan
- 11 Bryan Franzen
- 11 Anna Resop
- 12 Patricia Dybro
- 13 Sue Cyr
- 14 Melissa Caravella
- 14 Pat Johnson
- 15 Sean Beug-Hoffman
- 15 Ray Fuerstenberg
- 15 Linda Gugel
- 16 Coleen Marshall
- 18 Weston Wiegelman
- 19 Joe Driscoll
- 19 Cheryl Hintze
- 20 Miles Sternkopf
- 21 Mary Schwartz
- 21 Melissa Seamonson
- 22 Laura Rickinger
- 23 John Murack
- 24 Pauline Shoemaker
- 25 Hayden Fritz
- 27 Joy Miller
- 27 Charlotte Moran
- 27 Jackie Scanlon
- 29 Jackson Rebisch
- 29 Lucy Schettler
- 30 Linnea Logan
- 30 Nancy Olson



Pandemic Pen Pals

We have an idea for an inter-generational project for our church. We're calling it "pandemic pen pals". People of a certain age may not be familiar with the concept of pen pals. It is essentially a friendship where you exchange letters, cards, drawings, poems, Bible verses, photos, and/or whatever you like with a person you may have never met.

There is a really good chance to create a friendship. This could be a good way to counteract loneliness and isolation for seniors or people in quarantine, or a pleasant diversion for younger students, where they can color and practice their penmanship and help somebody else. It also provides a good opportunity to enhance reading skills.

The urban dictionary has a tongue in cheek definition of pen pals: *"A species of human made nearly extinct by the advent of electronic mail, pen pals communicate via the ancient art of penmanship"*.

We already have a list of seniors from Luther Manor who would love to have a pen pal. Although we want to make it clear that this is not restricted just to seniors. All in our church are welcome to participate and request a pen pal!

Here is how to get involved:

Email Stephanie with your interest or fill out the following survey monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R7GDCK6>

Questions about ministry at St. John's?

(i.e. small groups, new members, volunteering)

Contact Stephanie!

ministry@makedisciples.com



New Member Gathering

We have officially rescheduled our new member gatherings from 2019 and 2020! We will be offering the gathering two separate days, one will be via zoom while the other will be in person.

Wednesday, September 23 via zoom at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 26 in person at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall

This new member gathering will not be a brunch as it has been in the past, but rather a time to talk about how things will be moving forward at church and discuss any questions our members and perspective members have.

If you are interested in attending and do not receive additional contact, please contact Stephanie to RSVP.

Adult Ed Orientation

Adult Education for this coming year is going to begin via Zoom. We will have an orientation for this coming year on two Saturdays:

September 12 at 10:00 a.m. and
September 19 at 10:00 a.m.

During the orientation we will be discussing the plans for this coming year as well as finalizing a time for our Wednesday night and Saturday morning zoom classes. We will begin officially after rally day in October. The first novel that we will be reading and discussing is "America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America" by Jim Wallis.

Contact either Pastor Brian or Stephanie with questions.

Mental Wellness

Nine Daily Activities to Maintain Your Mental Health

1. Get plenty of sleep
2. Stop to enjoy small aspects of the day
3. Use a stress ball or some other stress reliever
4. Perform a random act of kindness
5. Exercise
6. Deep breathing exercises
7. Yoga
8. Pet an animal
9. Eat breakfast

Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well in these times. Following are highlights from the August 10 Council meeting.

President Report

- Work with GROTH Design Group is moving to the next phase! As a refresher, St. John's hired GROTH Design to aid us in developing a short and long-term plan for our physical space. You have the opportunity to partake in two interactive meetings on September 13 and September 15. These meetings will be in-person and streamed live via the ZOOM platform. What an exciting time as we get to hear about and help map out the FUTURE of St. John's
- There is wonderful news of additional Small Neighborhood Gathering services taking place. I invite you to consider hosting a Small Neighborhood Gathering. Another way to connect in these times of social and physical distancing. Contact the office to sign up.
- Due to the COVID pandemic the second congregational meeting of the year, typically in June was not held. The meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 20 starting at 11am. The in-person meeting will be conducted outside on the north side in the circle drive. Additionally, there will be the opportunity to watch the meeting via ZOOM.
- Continual discussion on how to maintain a constant uniformed vision with new ministries

underway (Stewardship for All Seasons, Transition Team, and GROTH Design).

Financial Report

- July's general giving was down, though the overall financials remain in good shape.
- Recommended and approved \$6,827 be transferred to the Stewardship for All Season (SAS) initiatives

Transition team

- The team continues to monitor and review local health data and guidelines
- Preschool announced they will be returning to in-person class this fall. With the first day September 2. Please keep the children and staff in your prayers.
- Worship has expanded to an indoor Wednesday evening service and two outdoor Sunday morning services. We are exploring the logistics and possibilities of offering a Sunday indoor service in the near future.
- Transition Team, thank you for your leadership and guidance throughout this challenging and unique time.
- Congregation, thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to cautiously navigate something that is new to all of us.

Please reach out to me or other council members with questions.

Praying for peace and good health to all,

Brian Zach, Interim President

Visioning Workshops



Your vision and opinion matters!

Join representatives from GROTH Design to hear what they have been doing, to share how you view current building usage, and to imagine how our building could be used in the future.

The two listening sessions will be held in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, September 13 | 11-1

Tuesday, September 15 | 6-8 p.m.

Congregational Meeting

September 20, 2020

11:00 a.m.

(outside following worship—rain date is September 27)

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Moving the Mission Forward

Stewardship Funding at Work

by Cindy Halverson

Because of you, the next phase of the Akeri Hope English School project is getting underway. Thanks be to God!

Since 2010, St. John's has been supporting the ministry and education of young children through the development of an English instruction primary school to serve Akeri Parish, Nguruma Parish and surrounding areas. Because of the financial support provided through benevolence, designated giving, Women's Ministries and Spotlight Ministries, St John's has witnessed the construction of eight classrooms, two toilet facilities, water storage, a temporary kitchen, administration offices, a library room and computer laboratory. Together with our partners we have seen the school grow in student enrollment, faculty and staff, and in the positive impact of the comprehensive, Lutheran school education that is provided.

Now, because of the gifts and offerings received so far this year through the Moving the Mission Forward stewardship program, we have added \$16,000 to funds previously raised for this project and are getting ready to send \$34,000 to construct the foundation of the next phase of

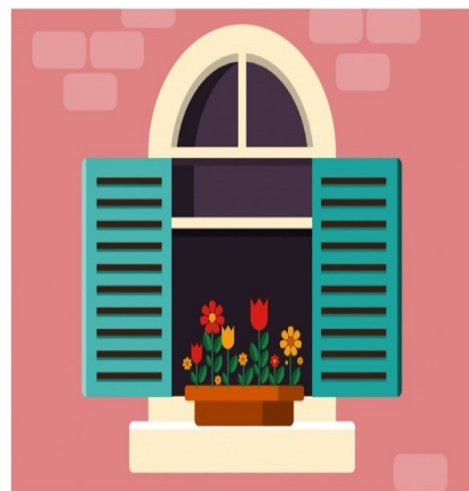
the school's development. Our partnership funding will enable our brothers and sisters in Tanzania to break ground on the construction of the permanent kitchen and dining hall for the growing number of students and staff. We anticipate construction will begin at the end of 2020.

Currently, 187 students are enrolled at the school and Akeri has plans to increase that number to 350 students. Our continued support to further develop the school will fulfill a sustainable vision to empower and equip students for a future with hope and possibility.

"We have been waiting for this day. On behalf of Pastor Nasari, Ms. Veronica Mushi - who visited our congregation last year - and all the members of the Akeri and Nguruma Parishes, I extend a gratitude and thanks for this generous support. Most importantly, our partners send appreciation and prayers for the steadfast commitment and partnership in the work we are called to do together - sharing the hope that is found in Christ Jesus."

Stay tuned for future progress reports as we walk alongside our partners at Akeri Hope School.

Endowment Grant Window Is Open Again!



The Application Window is Open September 1 - September 15!

Applications are being accepted for St. John's Endowment Grants during this time. If you would like your service project considered for a grant:

1. fill out a form (located at the info desk and front porch),
2. put the completed form in the Endowment Team mailbox (bottom right cubbie of the admin boxes) or mail back to church.



About Us

Welcome Statement

At St. John's we align with Paul's words in Romans 15:7 "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." We welcome one another all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, age or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to physical or mental health, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in our commitment to the ways, grace and love of Christ.

Core Values of St. John's:

- Serving our world, locally and globally;
- Inspiring worship and music that honor God;
- Nurturing relationships with one another as Jesus walks with us;
- Growing in God's grace through education and discipleship;
- Engaging children and youth in the life of the church.

St. John's Spirit Wear

Q. What do the Bucks. Brewers. Packers, Badgers, and St. John's have in common?

A. They are all great teams.

People who love their team sport spirit wear with pride. Coming in October you will have the option of getting spirit wear for our St. John's team! Watch for details.



Gift, Gratitude and Joy

Registration is open for Gift, Gratitude and Joy: Finding Our Sacred Roots in God's Creation, a free, online, ecumenical retreat rooted in Franciscan Spirituality, caring for Creation, and a moment to pause and reflect this fall. Held October 2-4.

Registration link: <https://gift-gratitude-and-joy-retreat.eventbrite.com>



Contact Us

Office Hours

The St. John's office is closed until further guidance from the Transition Team.

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Opioid Crisis Workshop

The Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA has begun a partnership with "Faith Partners" to identify and develop tailored readiness and recruitment strategies to engage clergy and congregational representatives to respond to the opioid and substance Abuse crisis.

SAVE THE DATES

This TWO DAY event begins on September 26 (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.) and continues on September 28 (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.) For more information: Visit the synod Facebook page, the synod website: <https://milwaukeeelcasyhod.org/event/substance-abuse-and-the-faith-community-faith-partners-interfaith-readiness-training-virtual-workshop/2020-09-26/>, or contact Rev. Molly Doreza at mdoreza@twc.com.

Calendar of events for September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Weather permitting.</p> <p>Please use the SignUp Genius link on the website to reserve your spot for worship.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>8:30a virtual property team 10:00a virtual staff mtg 6:00p TOPS</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00a Preschool begins</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30a retired men's b-fast 3:00p virtual Finance Team mtg 6:30p worship in sanctuary</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:15a virtual men's group 6:00p neighborhood gathering</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Worship online 9:00a outdoor worship* 6:30p virtual Bible study</p>	<p>7 office closed</p> <p>11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p neighborhood gathering</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30a virtual property team 10:00a virtual staff mtg 6:00p TOPS 7:00p Boy Scout Troop 16</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30p neighborhood gathering 6:30p worship in sanctuary</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:15a virtual men's group 6:00p neighborhood gathering</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00a virtual adult ed orientation</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Worship online 8:30a outdoor worship* 10:00a outdoor worship* 11:00a Visioning Workshop</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p virtual council</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30a virtual property team 10:00a virtual staff mtg 6:00p Visioning Workshop 6:00p TOPS 6:30p HR meeting 7:00p Boy Scout Troop 16</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00p retired men's lunch 6:30p worship in sanctuary</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:15a virtual men's group 6:00p neighborhood gathering</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00a virtual adult ed orientation</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Worship online 8:30a outdoor worship* 10:00a outdoor worship* 11:00a congregational meeting (outside)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:30a Hope Center meal 6:30p neighborhood gathering</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30a virtual property team 10:00a virtual staff mtg 6:00p TOPS 7:00p Boy Scout Troop 16</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30p virtual new member gathering</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30p neighborhood gathering 6:30p worship in sanctuary</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:15a virtual men's group 6:00p neighborhood gathering</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00a new member gathering</p>
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Worship in September

VIRTUAL WORSHIP

We continue to record one worship each week. Some weeks it will be a full liturgy, responsive service (as we have been doing) and other weeks it will be the Thursday worship. All services will have music, scripture, sermon, and communion.



SIGN UP FOR WORSHIP

Attendance is limited for in-person worship services during the pandemic. Reserve your spot on SignUp Genius for the worship time that is best for you.

[SIGN UP
FOR
WORSHIP](#)



OUTDOOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Weather permitting, we will continue with outdoor worship on Sunday at 8:30 and 10:00. In the case of inclement weather, worship will be cancelled. Please check the website if you uncertain.

Bulletins will be available online. You are encouraged to bring a copy printed at home or follow along on your electronic device. (Yes kids... you may have your phone out during worship!)



We will continue to stream the 10:00 worship on Facebook Live. You do not need a Facebook account to watch it live—just click the link under Worship on the website.



THURSDAY WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY



The mid-week worship moves back to Thursday in September at 6:30 p.m. Attendance maximum is thirty. Since this is a meditative service without responsive elements so no bulletins are needed. Face masks are required.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6 there will be one blended worship at 9:00 a.m. outside in the circle drive.

COMMUNION IS SELF SERVE

Communion is self-served at your seat. You are encouraged to bring elements with you—any type of bread and drink you prefer.

Neighborhood Gatherings Continue in September!

When asked “What do you miss most about church?” St. John’s families overwhelmingly answered – Being In Community. Guess what? We desperately miss you too!!! So due to popular demand, neighborhood gatherings will continue to meet through September!

What are Neighborhood Gatherings?

Small groups (15 or less) that gather in members backyards to experience a time of devotion, prayer, a communal art experience and informational worship led by a St. John’s staff member. We are socially distanced, and masks are required until we are all seated.

Who is it for?

It is designed to be intergenerational! Kids enjoy it as much as our adults and seniors.

How can I participate?

Sign up! You do not need to live in the host’s neighborhood. Anyone is welcome to attend!!!

[Click here to sign up.](#)

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