

# NEWS NOTES

## February 1, 2026

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As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. We invite you to visit our website, [www.stjohnsmc.org](http://www.stjohnsmc.org) for more information about our church and our activities.

**ATTENDANCE:** Last Sunday, 10 am: 46; Christianity 101: 8

### ANNUAL MEETING

Please remember that the Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. There will be a potluck lunch to follow.

### 75<sup>TH</sup> -- AND LAST -- VALENTINE'S TEA

**February 14, 2026**

First United Methodist Church, 121 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Michigan City; free and everyone invited!

### GOSPEL MUSIC FEST

Sunday, February 15, 4 – 7 p.m. Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ, 2722 Wabash Street, Mich. City

A light meal will be served at a low cost, 2 – 3:30 p.m. Donations gratefully appreciated.

### PRESCHOOL NEWS

St. John's Preschool is having a busy winter. The Pre-K class is working on last names, phone numbers, and addresses. They are starting to "sound out" words, too. They love riding the new toys they got for Christmas in the big room.

The Beginners' class is working on first names, numbers 1-5, letters, and basic shapes. They practice their coloring and cutting skills by completing seasonal projects. They also love playing in the big room on these cold winter days. Both classes will celebrate Valentine's Day by exchanging cards and enjoying special treats.

### TREE OF LIFE

We have many occasions to celebrate with special birthdays, marriages, baptisms, and anniversaries, and to mourn the loss of loved ones. For a minimum donation of \$50, you can add your remembrance to the Tree of Life. If interested, please fill out one of the Tree of Life order forms located in the narthex and on the main bulletin board, or call the office.

### 2025 GIVING STATEMENTS AND 2026 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The 2025 Giving Statements and 2026 Giving Envelopes are out by the office entrance. Please note, your giving number may have changed. If you would like a box, please contact Nicole (872-9121).

### 2026 PLEDGE CARDS AVAILABLE – IN NARTHEX

Pledge cards for 2026 will be located on the table in the narthex for those who would like to pledge for the year 2026.

### YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP

All members and friends are invited to join in our Bible Study group which meets each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. If you have questions, please talk to some of our members--Ernie Dingler, Dolores Van Ulzen, or Karen Lawrenz. We have chairs and booklets waiting for you!

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (office hours, Mon. & Thur. 9 – 12 p.m.)

**SUN. – FEB. 1; Communion**

8:30 Christ. 101; 10 Worship

**TUES. -- FEB. 3**

12 – 6 p.m. Blood drive

**WED. – FEB. 4**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study; 6 p.m. Scouts

**SUN. – FEB. 8; 8:30 Chris. 101; 10:00 a.m. Worship**