

NEWS NOTES

March 8, 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 for more information about our church and our activities.

ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday, 10 am: 64; Christianity 101: 5

SPIFFY UP FOR SPRING! When: Tuesday, March 10th, 9:30 a.m.

Join us, ladies and gentlemen, as we spiffy-up our Sanctuary and Chapel! We will clean and organize and have fun while doing so! Afterwards we will join for a lunch in the Fellowship Hall, at 11:30 a.m. Come join us for fun & fellowship! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office if you are planning on joining in the fun! Questions, please speak with Meredith or Judy.

EASTER BREAKFAST

We will be having an Easter Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. that morning. Please sign up on the main bulletin board.

LADIES: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

All women and friends of St. John's are invited to our Women's Guild meetings the third Wednesday of each month. Our opening meeting of 2026 will be March 18th in the Youth Lounge at 1 p.m. At this meeting we will be planning our projects and programs for this year. Women are reminded that the Guild is assisting in the "Sanctuary Clean-Up Day" on March 10th where we will get our church ready for Easter followed by a free lunch together at 11:30. If you have questions about any of the Guild's initiatives, ask Meredith, Karen or Judy.

MARCH -- RED CROSS MONTH -- "BRINGING RELIEF, OFFERING HOPE"

"Everyone in the community expects Red Cross volunteers to show up in a crisis." –Betty R.

Our church has been designated as a shelter for disastrous events such as single house fires and global conflicts which are very common for the Red Cross to handle. A shelter from the Red Cross provides a place to sleep, has warm meals, supplies, clothing, and offers counseling and hope. The most common disaster in our area has been tornadoes. As this season approaches, a safety check list and emergency preparedness kit information is located on the Red Cross table.

LENTEN PRAYER IN CHAPEL – "PRAY-AS-YOU-GO TIME" – MON. & THURS.

On Mondays (March 9, 16, 23, and 30) and Thursdays (March 12, 19, 26, and April 2) of Lent, Minister Carr will lead "Pray-As-You-Go-Time," featuring prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Please see Minister Bruce Carr for details.

EASTER CHOIR FORMING

St. John's would like to have a choir to enhance our Easter worship. We will meet in the Choir Room. If you would like to join, please contact Dolores (872-2441). Practices are before the Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION, 2026 – 2027 SCHOOL YEAR OPENING MARCH 1, 2026

St. John's Preschool will begin open enrollment on March 1, 2026 for the 2026 – 2027 school year. Enrollment forms and information packets are available in the church office.

CELEBRATING 170 YEARS IN MAY!

As we will be celebrating our 170th year this coming May, we are looking for any slides or photos from St. John's Church happenings from either our 9th & Franklin Street facility or our present-day building. Please contact Jean at 219-778-4789 if you have any to share. They need to be submitted by March 18th. Thank you!!

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

SUN. – MAR. 8

8:30 Christ. 101; 10 Worship

WED. – MAR 11

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

6 p.m. Scouts

MON. – MAR. 9

6:00 & 11:30 a.m. Prayer; 1:00 p.m. Preschool Brd.

THURS – MAR. 12

6:00 & 11:30 a.m.: Prayer (chapel)

6:30 p.m. Board meeting

TUES. – MAR. 10

9:30 a.m. Spiffy Up for Spring

SUN. – MAR. 15

8:30 a.m. Christ. 101

10 a.m. Worship