

NEWS NOTES

April 19, 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

PRESCHOOL GIVE-BACK AT HOLLY'S

The Preschool is having a Holly's Give-Back on Tuesday, April 21st. Coupons are available in the church office, on the table in the narthex, and on the main bulletin board.

The children are happy that spring is finally here! They are very anxious to get back to the outside playground. During the winter, they worked on spelling first names, letters, letter sounds, word blending, and simple addition. Eighteen children will graduate from our Preschool on Monday, May 18th. Both classes will go to Bubbles Ice Cream Parlor on the last day of school. *Our sincere thanks to everyone for their continued support of the Preschool!*

SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

The Bridge, now Search, Team has been meeting with our church board as well as having Zoom meetings with Monica Ouellette. She has provided us with information on interviewing and has connected us with other churches who are also looking for a pastor. As Monica informed us when she came and spoke to us, this is a slow process. Finding the right pastor for our church takes time. We continue to look for all possible avenues to find who God wants as our next pastor. Please continue to pray for His leading.

FOOD BANK

You may notice the corner as you approach the Narthex. It is next to the coat rack and titled "Food Bank." The area has a few different size containers. The goal is to donate food items such as soups, canned chicken, canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned tuna-fish, noodles, spaghetti sauce. One of our church members has volunteered to deliver these groceries to the Salvation Army at the end of each month. The Salvation Army then hands out these groceries to those in need. We hope you are able to help us feed our neighbors. *Thank you for your support!*

ST. JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our anniversary celebration is just around the corner with each of the following Sundays in May exhibiting remembrances of our past. Pictures of our previous years starting at 9:30 a.m. will be shown in the Sanctuary. Enjoy the hard working seriousness and fun times our members shared.

If you have an opportunity, visit our chapel and reflect on our ministers standing in the pulpit, sharing the Word of God, the stained glass windows that were saved from auction, the altar that you might have been married or confirmed in its presence. Look in the library at the many items which can relate to our families. Their financial support as well as hard labor and love formed what we have today. This is our history of St. John's, as quoted in our Dedication, May 19, 1968, "No task is ever complete, each milestone points to the future."

USHERS, COMMUNION SERVERS, GREETERS NEEDED – *WE NEED YOU!!*

If you are interested in lending your helping hand to any of our ministries of serving as an Usher, Communion Server, or Greeter, please speak with Bruce Carr. Your smile and willingness to share your talents in serving the family of St. John's on Sunday mornings will be very much appreciated. Please assist in one or more of these ministries of service and welcoming!

TODAY! ECUMENICAL EVENSONG AT THE CHAPEL OF THE RESURRECTION

6:30 p.m. Concert, 7:00 p.m. Choral Liturgy; 1600 Chapel Drive, Valparaiso, IN

ATTENDANCE SHEET INFORMATION

Please fill in the Attendance sheet. Check the appropriate box(es) and add your information to the Attendance Sheet. Pastor Bruce would be pleased to meet with you and answer your questions regarding our family here at St. John's.

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

SUN. – APR. 19

8:30 Christ. 101; 10 Worship

WED. – APR. 22

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

SUN. – APR. 26

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101; 10 a.m. Worship