

NEWS NOTES

May 3, 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; Adult Sunday School: 8

LONGTIME MEMBERS ST. JOHN'S MEMORIES

(This is an installment for the month of May that will highlight longtime member's reminiscences)

"I was one of eleven children, third from the youngest. I remember going to Sunday School in the Parish Hall and then attending church with my grandmother, Nettie Loetz, where Pastor Orion gave the service in German." *Margaret Caddo*

Also, please note today's pink insert that explains our Communion table and its carved symbols.

WELCOME, JOHN CARINGTON!

We wish to extend a warm St. John's welcome to our guest organist for today, Mr. John Carington. Thank you for helping to make our worship service so beautiful, uplifting, and inspiring!

NOTE FROM JOHN CARINGTON

To the people of St. John's, thank you for inviting me to serve as your organist in worship today.

In this Easter season, as we reflect on the resurrection and the movement from death into life, from sickness to health, or from fear to redemption, I've chosen a simple prelude and postlude that trace a simple arc from quiet contemplation to triumphant affirmation.

For the Prelude, I have selected the "Largo" from Xerxes in G major by George Frideric Handel. Heard in many settings—from piano to chamber ensembles—its simple, sustained lines evoke a feeling of renewal through peace and grace.

For the Postlude, I have chosen Bruce Steane's Marche Triomphale. I first encountered this work in a recording on the great Kern organ of the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Strasbourg, and have since come to appreciate it on many fine instruments. Written in the French symphonic organ tradition—shaped by geographic and cultural heritage in which French and German influences meet—it opens with breadth and joyful confidence. A brief contrasting middle section follows before its full return. For the Easter season, I feel it serves as a fitting conclusion: a reminder that the movement of resurrection leads toward life, renewal, and light.

GUESS WHO?

All the wedding pictures submitted of our members are on display in the library. Can you guess who these people are? Leave your answers in the marked container on the display table until the 17th and the answers will be revealed at our luncheon whether you can attend or not.

BRUCE CARR – SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER BIBLE INSTITUTE, COLOMBIA

Please read the blue insert included with the News Notes this week (some are also available on the table in the Narthex and the table by the office). Bruce Carr is leaving soon for a mission trip to the Amazons; he goes in June & January for the next few years to train new leaders to evangelize and start churches throughout the three frontiers Amazon region. Your help in prayer and giving is requested and is very greatly appreciated!

LADIES: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The May Women's Guild meeting will be held on May 20th at 12 noon because we are providing a lunch--Sloppy Joe sandwiches plus all the sides. This will be followed by a short business meeting and then our annual bingo game. Hope to see you there.

ASCENSION THURSDAY CELEBRATION

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of the worship celebration services on Ascension Thursday, May 14th, at either 6:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., or 6:00 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

If you would like to include a 170th anniversary offering, there are blank white envelopes available on the table in the narthex to include your anniversary offering together with your name.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

If you have not already done so, please sign up on the bulletin board if you are planning to attend our anniversary celebration luncheon, Sunday, May 17th, immediately following the 10 a.m. service.

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

SUN. – MAY 3

8:30 Christ. 101; 10 Worship

SUN. – MAY 10: 8:30 a.m. Christianity 101; 10 a.m. Worship

TUES. – MAY 5

12 – 6 p.m. Blood Drive

WED. – MAY 6

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