

NEWS NOTES

October 18, 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: 53; Adult Sunday School: 6

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Preschool visited Garwood Orchards on October 5. Everyone got to ride in a big tractor, pick a bag of apples, tour the market, choose a pumpkin, and eat delicious donuts and cider. The children will tour the Michigan City fire station on October 23rd. They will learn all about fire safety. The Halloween party will be on October 30th in Fellowship Hall. The children will play games, eat good snacks, and go trick or treating. It will be a fun day for all!

OCTOBER GUILD MEETING

Women and friends of St. John's are invited to attend the October Guild meeting on Wednesday, October 21 at 1 p.m.--Enter by the back kitchen door. After our short meeting with devotions and our prayer chain, our program for the day is making polar fleece blanket throws for giving. If you have sewing scissors (ones that cut fabric), please bring a pair to the meeting. Hope to see you there!

"FOR THE CHILDREN" PROJECT

The Guild is restarting its annual project, "For the Children." We are now collecting clothing items for children ages 6 months to 12 years old to be given to the local Salvation Army for their family holiday project. At a special week, families eligible can select clothing items and a toy for their children to save for Christmas. The Guild has some great shoppers so if you care to financially support this project, for a \$9 donation you would actually be purchasing a winter jacket, hat, and gloves for a child! Any size donation is appreciated. You may also shop and donate any clothing item from sweatshirts or underwear to diapers and wipes. Thank you for considering to help the Guild in another community project where we remember our less fortunate neighbors here in Michigan City!

HANDBELL CHOIR FORMING!

The St. John's Handbell Choir is in the process of forming! If you are interested in joining this wonderful group, please share your name with Marilyn Hupertz or Debbie Dill and plan to attend their first organizational meeting in the parlor on Sunday, October 25, after service. They hope to be able to play beginning in December.

UPCOMING HOLLY'S GIVE BACK — TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

We had a good representation for our last month's "Give Back." Let's continue the support at Holly's on Tuesday, October 20th from 11 – 8 p.m., use your coupons on dine-in or carry-out food and drinks. Coupons are available on the main bulletin board and on the narthex table. Additionally, a gift card form is on the narthex table if you aren't able to attend or need gift cards for the holidays. We will again receive 20% back. *Holly's will accept showing the coupon in hand or on your phone, but not verbally.*

PEANUT BRITTLE -- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come and join us for Peanut Brittle days! It's the perfect combo of work and fun. The proceeds from sales go to our Community Mission outreach. Work dates are November 9th and 16th, and December 7th and 14th. Women and men are both needed—experienced help and newcomers are welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can count on your help!

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Make plans to attend our traditional Christmas Eve service, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. in our Sanctuary, including a guest organist.

END-OF-YEAR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION

Music has been a staple in our church for 170 years starting with a simple pump organ and choir. Today we have a beautiful Shantz organ and other accompanying musical enhancements. To continue our enjoyment of our musical program in our services, your support is needed. As it's getting close to year's end, many of us 73 yrs. & older need to distribute our required minimum distributions. If you consider making a charitable contribution directly to our church or to a specific fund, you will not be taxed on that amount. For questions, please ask your tax accountant or financial advisor.

TRIVIA QUESTION

What book in the Old Testament has the shortest chapter? (answer below)

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CRAFT BAZAAR

1237 E. Coolspring Ave., Michigan City; Saturday, November 7, 8 – 3 p.m. Come shop for the holidays!

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

SUN. – OCT. 18

8:15 a.m. Christianity 101; 9:05 a.m. Choir; 10 a.m. Worship

SUN. – OCT. 25: Food Bank Sunday; 8:15 a.m. Chris.101;

9:05 a.m. Choir; Worship 10 a.m.

WED. – OCT. 21

9:30a.m. Bible Study;

1 p.m. Women's Guild; 6 p.m. Scouts

Trivia answer:
Obadiah has only
one chapter.