

Weekly Announcements

12/31/2023

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This Week's Participants:

Church Pastor;

Rev. Patrick Gruber

Organist Pianist & Choir Director;

Ann Gaadt

Organist Pianist;

Ken Waterman

Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director;

Joyce Ann McClain

Liturgist;

Diane Falkner

Greeter;

Jewell Nadler

Ushers;

Donna Bleeckert, Bernice Dodge,
Jewell Nadler, Mark Leuthauser,

Sound Booth;

David Carr and Ron Winchell

Bell Ringer;

Donna Bleeckert

Nursery;

Sherry Self and Vera Villa

SonShine Kids;

Dottie Seiter and Bill Cunningham

Pastoral Care: If you find yourself experiencing illness, hospitalization, grief, or other critical challenges, contact us at (636) 926-8995. For emergencies, contact Pastor Patrick Gruber, (636) 253-1287.

Financial Contributions: you can give electronically via our website, set up automatic monthly contributions, or receive weekly envelopes, contact the office for assistance.

Announcements: If you would like to have something announced in the bulletin, please email the information to office@stjohnsweldonspring.com no later than 10 a.m. each Thursday. Thank you!



Use your QR reader app to make an electronic contribution to St. John's UCC. Thank you.

Last Week's Worship Attendance: 232
Facebook Views: 108 YouTube
Channel Views: 8

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



It is really important that we don't forget to wear name tags every Sunday.

If you need a name tag (members & non-members) call the office and Mary will make sure to get you one.



NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY HOURS



MOVIE TIME: Please join the movie group on Tuesday, January 2 to see "Ferrari" at 3:40 PM at Marcus Chesterfield.

Ferrari is set during the summer of 1957. Behind the spectacle and danger of 1950's Formula 1, ex-racer, Enzo Ferrari, is in crisis.

Bankruptcy stalks the company he and his wife, Laura, built from

nothing ten years earlier. Their tempestuous marriage struggles with the mourning for their one son.

Ferrari struggles with the acknowledgement of another. His drivers' lust to win pushes them out to the edge. He wagers all in a roll of the dice on one race, the treacherous 1,000-mile race across Italy, the iconic Mille Miglia.



We will have dinner at Firefly Grill after the movie.

Firefly is located at 101 Chesterfield Towne Center

<https://www.fireflygrillstl.com>.

Or, you can skip the movie and join us for dinner at approximately 6:15 PM.

If you have any questions contact Jean Hoskins 314 307 7223



Fire Up the Grill!

Our Annual Frostbite BBQ is
Saturday January 20, 2024.

See the sign up sheets on the
bulletin board in the Fellowship
Hall.

**With your help we can make
this a great fundraiser!**



Stewardship Report

**Our 2024 Stewardship pledge
card report!**

We had 43 respondents pledge
\$156,668 to the Operating Fund.

This represents 61.9% of our

\$253,095 Budget. In addition, \$5,380 was pledged to the Building and Ministry Expansion Fund.

This compares to the 2023 Stewardship Campaign of 46 pledges totaling \$158,161 or 62.5% of the \$253,936 2023 budget.



The Financial Summary for November, 2023.

This month we had a net income of \$1,964 which was favorable to the budget by \$1,169.

Operating revenue was \$16,235, unfavorable to budget by (\$4,927).

Operating expenses were \$14,270, favorable to the budget by \$6,036.

The Building and Ministry Expansion Fund is \$200,507. This reflects a regular increase of \$881.

There were no other revenue or expense items that were not normal budget activity.

"JOYFULLY RING HIS PRAISES" HANDBELL MINISTRY



Our choir rings in the 10 AM worship service the 2nd Sunday each month: Sept. thru May

Practices on Wednesday evenings 5:30 to 6:50. August thru mid-May



I need empty Quaker Oatmeal boxes - (round, cardboard containers - either size) for use by members of our children's choir.

There is a Box in the fellowship hall by the kitchen you can put the empty containers in.

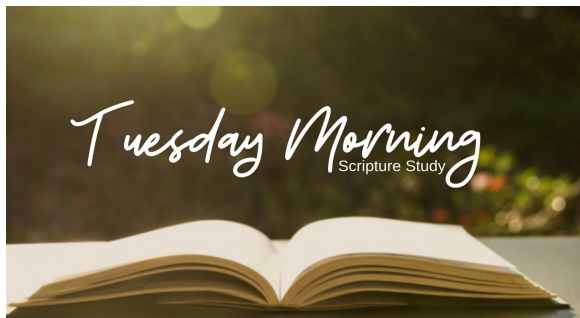
Thanks, Joyce Ann McClain, Director

ST. JOHN'S SINGERS FOR THE SAVIOR



Our Children and Youth Music Program rehearsal is every Sunday at 11:15am following the close of worship and Sunday School.

Please contact our Director, Joyce Ann McClain, at 636-441-0121 for more details.



Men's and Women's Bible Study is every Tuesday at Scrambled Egg at 9:30am.

Come at 9:30 AM if you want to have breakfast with the men or

come between 9:45 - 10 AM if you plan to have breakfast earlier on your own.

Everyone is Welcome!

GET INVOLVED

Sundays



Worship and Music

Would you like to Volunteer to be a Liturgist, an Usher/Greeter, a Bell Ringer or even a Sound Technician or how about adding yourself to another position?

We are always looking for members. Contact Jewel Nadler 636-373-1860.





COUNCIL NEWS

We still could use additional help on any of our committees, so if you are interested in helping out, please contact any of the council members.

Thank you for your continued support of our church ministries!



LENDING LIBRARY

Looking for some books to help increase your understanding and inspire your devotion to Jesus?

Check out our new lending library,

which is located in the large basket next to the main building doors.

You can take a book, or leave one to share. Just remember to return the book you take within a month, so others can benefit from it as well. Thanks.



F.I.S.H. = Friends in Serving Him

F.I.S.H. FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR Jan. 2024

Pasta sides
Pudding and/or Jello- dry
Spaghetti Sauce
Hamburger Helper
Tuna Helper
Canned Chicken
Canned Meats (Spam, Stew)
Instant Coffee
Tea Bags
Dish Soap



Please know that these are items we never sell, they are strictly given free of charge to those who need emergency help.

Nothing listed needs to be new or even matching.

Housewares: drinking glasses, mugs, cereal/soup bowls, plates, silverware and pots/pans non-Teflon

Linens: Queen/double bed sheets, blankets, pillow cases, towels- both hand and bath, wash cloths

Childrens: shoes, boots, coats Pull-ups and diapers- large sizes

These are all items we have to purchase when our donations run out. We're thrilled if we get them year-round.

Can't thank you enough for your offer to help

The FISH family

Place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall.



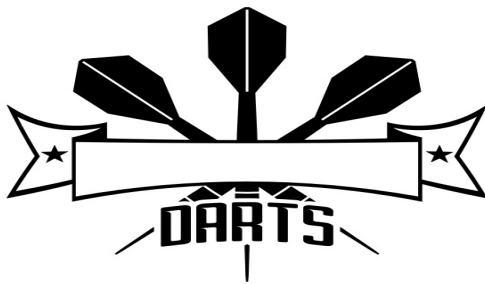
MISSION & CARING MINISTRIES TEAM NEWS

Homebound? If you know of someone who should be included on our shut-in list to receive quarterly Holy Communion from the minister and occasional visits and gifts from our team, please contact the church office.

Festival of Sharing Eyeglass Collection Old eyeglasses or sunglasses need to be **Prescription glasses**. They can be dropped off in the bin in fellowship hall. We cannot take glass cases or non-prescription sunglasses.

Support Ronald McDonald House -
bring in your soda tabs!

Come join us... Mission & Caring
meets on the second Tuesday of
each month in the fellowship hall at
6pm



***ST. JOHN'S MENS DART
BALL SCHEDULE***

GAMES START AT 7:30P.M.

15-Jan-24

**Our Savior @ Friedens
St. John's Bye**

22-Jan-24

**St. John's WS @ Friedens
Our Savior Bye**

29-Jan-24

**St. John's @ Our Savior
Friedens - Bye**

If you are interested in joining the
Men's team call Dick Wade at
636-448-0238

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!



**Are you receiving messages
from the Church!!**

"One Call Now" is the phone alert
system we use to get the word out
to our friends and members about
important events, weather-related
cancellations, meeting reminders,
bereavement notices and more.

If you miss the voice call, the
system will leave a message on
your voicemail. If the message gets
cut off, simply dial 1-877-698-3261
to retrieve the message in its
entirety.

If you are not receiving the One
Call Now notices and would like to,
please contact the church office at
636-926-8995.



In case of bad weather, cancellations will be made on our One Call system if you need to add your phone number to the system, contact the office and we will get you added.

If you miss the voice call, the system will leave a message on your voicemail. If the message gets cut off, simply dial 1-877-698-3261 to retrieve the message in its entirety.

Everyone please be safe!



Reminder: If you have a change of address or change in phone number please reach out to the church office 636-926-8995 so we can update our files.



OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

Martha Cook

Shelia Fredrick

Rita Marcum

Calvin Hagen

Chris Savage

Barb Hofstetter

George Schlie

Pat Honaker

Edie Shave

Don Howell

Rick Weaver

Hank Kroeger

Mary Ellen Dieckmann

David & Dorothy Kapeller



Don't forget to bring your recycled cans to church!

There is a canister out in the trash
coral that is marked
"Aluminum Cans"



Mark & Lisa Markel	01/09
Ron & Gayle Winchell	01/28



Jerry Wagner	01/05
Juanita Barley	01/10
Scott Wooten	01/10
Vickie Smith	01/14
Vince Morris	01/17
Gayle Winchell	01/18
Larry Sybert	01/26
Ellen Elam	01/29
Barb Hofstetter	01/29
Debbie Lilley	01/30
Rita Marcum	01/30
Jean Hoskins	01/31

ALTAR FLOWERS



Is there someone that you would like to remember, or honor? Special anniversary, birthday, or graduation to recognize?

If so, contact the church office (636) 926-8995 to sponsor chancel flowers in their name(s). The cost is \$35 per arrangement

WE ARE
Praying
FOR YOU

PRAYER LIST

Prayer request cards are located on the small table as you enter for worship.

Please fill one out and give it to the Minister or an Usher. Make sure you have the person's permission before filling out a card.

Please let the Office know when someone can be removed from the prayer list.

Comfort and Healing: Ann Lippincott (Neck Surgery); Diane Faulkner; Debbie Kolkmeier and Family; The Lonning Family; The Gilliam Family; Gerri Russo; Mary Ellen Dieckmann; Martha Cook; Edie Shave (Hospice); Hank Kroeger.

Others for whom we have concern: Bryan Schulz (Cousin of Karen Gruber); Paula Blois (Cousin of Dottie Seiter, surgery for removal of a adrenal gland tumor on right side of stomach); Ken Wolf's grandson passed away; Sally McBride (Diagnosed with throat cancer, friend of David & Jill Carr); Karen Tucker (Friend of Rhonda Hanne's recovering from knee surgery); Neala Bowan (Friend of the Wooten's diagnosed with brain cancer); Ron Gravemann, (Brother of Diane Falkner); Eric (Allan Hopkins, niece's husband 46 years old diagnosed with stage 4

Pancreatic Cancer); Michael Wooten (Father-In-Law of Natalie Wooten, diagnosed with Lung Cancer); Michell Lenz (Niece of Jeff & Debbie Kolkmeier Diagnosed with Breast Cancer); Janet Iler (Brain Cancer Surgery, friend of Rhonda Hanne); Shannon Boland and Family (friend of Connie Wildt, battling cancer); Dylan Jensen (per Jinnielynn Howell);



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Mary Trostel
Office Administrator

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