

NEWS NOTES

April 13, 2025

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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, 10:00 a.m., 55; Adults, 7

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – AT NEW CREATION VINEYARD

There will be a combined worship service on Good Friday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. at New Creation Vineyard Church, 9009 W. Pahs Road. Pastor Bill will deliver the message that day.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Please plan on attending our Easter breakfast in Fellowship Hall immediately after Easter service on Sunday, April 20th. Please sign up on the main bulletin board to indicate your attendance and the delicious dish you will be bringing to share!

WOMEN'S GUILD PLANS – APRIL 16TH

The April 16th Guild meeting will be pizza and bingo with a very short business meeting. All women are invited to attend and join us in Christian friendship which always includes some good food! The meeting time is changed to 12 noon as we are having pizza for lunch. All food is furnished, but please bring 2 bingo prizes worth about \$1 each (for example, candy bars, a box of snacks, box of tissue, etc.). Put this on your calendar! If you have questions, just ask a Guild member.

WOMEN'S GUILD SPRING PROJECT NAMED . . .

At the first meeting of the Guild for 2025, Mission projects were decided upon and the spring one is SOCKS!!!! We learned that after helping the homeless or less fortunate in our communities with food and shelter, socks are one of the most requested items. Donating a pair of socks is a simple yet powerful way to help those in need. Every pair makes a difference to someone out there in our city. The Guild will have a "socks box" available to accept your donations. These will then be given to The Nest (formerly PADS) Overnight Shelter and Salvation Army to distribute. Men's or women's socks are needed. Thank you for joining us in support of this project. If you do not wish to shop for socks, you can make a financial donation for this project and we will shop for you. Thank you! *The Women's Guild*

TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP UPDATE

The St. John's Bridge Group, Carla Zancha, Jan Lubiniecki, Jennifer & Steve Keeley, Joe Tanski, and Kent Lange attended their first zoom meeting last Sunday. Their UCC Congregational Coach, Rev. Paul S. Fraser, said, "I enjoyed hearing from each member of your Bridge Team regarding their love, loyalty and hopes for their church. I look forward to our next Zoom meeting in May after the team meets on April 27th to further organize and plan." Keep watching the News Notes in the coming months for updates on progress as the Transitional Leadership search continues.

"JAM" (JESUS AND ME) YOUTH

Any child (ages 4-10) in La Porte County is welcome to attend our JAM ("Jesus and Me") Sunday School program. Attendance is flexible and parents do not have to be members of the church. Meet in the school hallway from 8:20-9:30 a.m. on any Sunday of the year. Children enjoy Bible lessons, songs, crafts, activities, and snacks. Contact Jennifer Keeley with questions at musicjenkeeley@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE

2025 IK-UCC Annual Gathering, at Plymouth Congregational UCC, Fort Wayne, IN
August 22-23, 2025

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

SUNDAY – APR. 13; Palm Sunday 8:30 Christ. 101 & JAM Youth; 10 Worship	MON. – APR. 14 1 p.m. Preschool Board 6 p.m. Men's Study	WED. – APR. 16 9:30 Bible Study; 6 p.m. Scouts	FRIDAY – APR. 18—Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Good Friday (at New (Creation, Woodland Ave. & Pahs Rd.)
SAT. – APR. 19 8:30 a.m. Prayer group	SUNDAY – APRIL 20; EASTER 8:30 a.m. JAM; 10 Worship; Easter Breakfast to follow		