

# NEWS NOTES

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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](http://www.stjohnsmc.org) for more information about our church and our activities.

**ATTENDANCE:** Last Sunday, 10:00 a.m., 39; Adults, 6

## DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

The family of St. John's wishes to extend deepest condolences on the passing of **Mr. David Reberg** who recently entered eternal life. We pray God's peace and comfort on Mr. Reberg's family and friends.

## KITCHEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Please note, our St. John's kitchen will be closed until further notice as the kitchen floor is being replaced. We will let you know when it will reopen.

## TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP NEWS

Since Pastor Bill's announcement of his retirement at the end of August, the Board of St. John's and Pastor Bill have been in touch with Rev. Dr. Monica J. Ouellette, Associate Conference Minister, and have begun learning the process outlined by the Conference on seeking new ministerial leadership. The congregation of St. John's will be kept abreast of the process as Rev. Ouellette guides us in the process of choosing new leadership.

## FEBRUARY PROJECT

The Women's Guild project in February was sending Valentines to St. John's members and friends who have not been able to worship with us in recent months. Coincidentally, this project fit right into Pastor Jim's sermon message that we should care for one another. The Guild wants to remind members that we continue our Prayer Chain endeavor. If you wish to ask for prayers, just contact a Guild member or the church office who will forward us the information.

## LET THE GIVING BEGIN!!

The final accounting is in for the Women's Guild Peanut Brittle Project for 2024. We thank St. John's members and friends for eating, buying, and selling our product. Our profit amounted to \$2,250 and the groups receiving donations this year include the local Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, St. John's Preschool, the Michiana Humane Society, Roof Sit for Children for LaPorte County, and a donation to St. John's for kitchen maintenance.

We wish God's blessing on the work that all these groups do in our area. -- *St. John's Women's Guild*

## CHURCH CLOSINGS/WEATHER WATCH TEAM

Pastor Bill has begun organizing a Sunday "Weather Watch Team" who will make the decision to cancel Sunday service in case of inclement weather. Those on the Team include Les Ast, Kent Lange, Jennifer Keeley, and Larry Sadenwater. They will determine if conditions exist that would make travel hazardous enough to cancel 10 a.m. service. The decision will be made no later than 8 a.m. Sunday morning. Please begin listening to radio station WNDV-FM (92.9), WDND-AM (1490), WNDU TV (channel 16 virtual and 27 digital), or check their website, <https://www.wndu.com/weather/closings>. Closings will also be posted on our church Facebook site and on our St. John's website, <http://www.stjohnsmc.org>. Of course, please do not venture out if you feel conditions will compromise your safety! Services are livestreamed on Facebook.

## SELF-DEFENSE SEMINAR, "FINDING HER VOICE" – AT ST. JOHN'S – SATURDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

There will be a self-defense seminar for women and young women ages 12 and up on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own water, snacks, bag lunch, and wear comfortable clothes. This is a free event, but there will be an offering to bless instructor Jennifer England and her ministry. Space is limited. Please text Brenda at 219.877.7374 to reserve your space or if you have questions.

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

### SUNDAY – FEB. 16

8:30 Christ. 101 & JAM Youth; 10 Worship

### SAT. – FEB. 22

8:30 am Prayer Group

### MONDAY – FEB. 17 (Office Closed)

6 p.m. Men's Study

### SUNDAY – FEB. 23; Food Bank

8:30 a.m. Christ. 101 & JAM; 10 a.m. Worship

### WED. – FEB. 19

6 pm Scouts