



GIVING STATEMENTS & ENVELOPES

Please, if you have not yet picked up your Giving Statements or envelopes for the year, please do so before leaving today. There are still quite a few of both that have not yet been taken. They are on the small table outside the office near the coat racks.

PRAYER CHAIN

The St. John's Women's Guild has an ongoing prayer chain. St. John's members and friends can ask for Guild members to pray for them for specific or general reasons. (If you are asking for a friend, please get their permission.) Call the church office (872-9121) to leave your requests. God has a plan for each of us, and all prayers are our lifeline to our Father God!

SNOW and WORSHIP SERVICES

Please note, in case of snow or other inclement weather, please listen to local radio station WEFM (95.9 FM) for any cancellations regarding Sunday worship services here at St. John's. Please also use your best judgement—if it is too snowy, icy, etc. for you, then please do not venture out! We will miss you but we want you to have a safe and healthy winter!



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY - MARCH 10

(Daylight Saving Time begins!)

8:30 Christianity 101
9:30 Worship
Coffee Hour
10:00 Men's Choir
10:00 Women's Bible Study
11:00 Worship
12:00 p.m. Worship

MONDAY - MARCH 11

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
6:00 Preschool Board

TUESDAY - MARCH 12

12 - 6 p.m. Bloodmobile

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 13

4:00 p.m. Hymnology
5:15 Discovery Dinner
6:30 Worship
7:00 Handbells

THURSDAY - MARCH 14

6:30 p.m. Church Board mtg.

SUNDAY - MARCH 17

8:30 Christianity 101
9:30 Worship
Coffee Hour
10:00 Men's Choir
10:00 Women's Bible Study
10:35 Youth Ministry group (F.H.)
11:00 Worship
12:00 p.m. Worship

NEWS-NOTES

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Sunday, March 10, 2019



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**All are
Welcome**

As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. We are glad to have you sharing in our celebration of worship. We invite you to sign our guest book in the Narthex and take a "Welcome" brochure. The "Welcome" brochures contain more information about St. John's United Church of Christ, as does our website, www.stjohnsmc.org. **For your convenience, childcare is provided each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the preschool playroom.** Please join us for refreshments between services in the Fellowship Hall. A church member will be happy to show you the way.

ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 61; 11:00, 42; 12:00 p.m., 9; Total: 112
Sunday School: Adults, 13

MEALS on WHEELS

The St. John's Meals on Wheels team is in need of four reliable people to volunteer to deliver meals to those who are unable to provide for themselves. The schedule will be once every two months on Wednesdays only between 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon. If you are able to help in this worthwhile and rewarding activity, please contact Dale Schultz at



219.872.5904.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for February is available for viewing in the office. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call the office (219-872-9121).



LENTEN WORSHIP "Seek God for the City"

During the Lenten season this year, we will join with other congregations in our area to pray. The prayer guide booklet, "Seek God for the City," will be available and is designed to mobilize groups to pray together with united, sustained vision for people in our own community. The scriptures and topics encourage prayers with passionate, full-hearted hope. This timely guide helps many different congregations to pray together with confidence and clarity. If you would like more information of what we will be experiencing beginning Ash Wednesday, March 6th, please go to the website: <https://waymakers.org/product/seek-God> This prayer mission will continue through Palm Sunday.

We will Seek God in two simple ways: First we will seek God's face and then we will seek His kingdom. And as we come to God, seeking His face, then He comes to us bringing His kingdom. These are prayers you don't want to pray alone. Invite your whole congregation to pray along with you. Even better, think about joining your prayers with a few other churches in your community.

Also, please join us for Lenten worship on Wednesday evenings, at 6:30 in the chapel, which continues until Palm Sunday.



LENT: TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

The purpose of Lent is to intentionally seek intimacy with Christ through the way of the Cross. At the Cross, we direct our focus on what Christ has done to save us from sin and death. We explore what it means to take up our cross and follow Him. You and I have self-centered practices that must be surrendered so we can experience the victory of Christ's authority over sin.

Jesus wants us to walk in the power of His presence in our lives. When we follow Christ, His authority is released into our lives for us to do what He did when He was on earth.

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12 NIV)

LENTEN SCHEDULE

"Seek God for the City," daily prayer guide (through April 14): Begin 40 days of community prayer with other congregations in town, namely, Faith City Assembly of God, Living Way Church, New Creation Vineyard, Burning Bush, River of Life, St. John's U.C.C.

Wednesday Night Vespers,

Chapel, 6:30 p.m.:

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| March 13 | "Repentance" |
| March 20 | "Stop Trying to Hide" |
| March 27 | "Search Me O God" |
| April 3 | "Obedience is Better Than . . ." |
| April 10 | "Crucified With Christ" |
| April 17 | "Tears of Lament" |



PRESCHOOL NOW ENROLLING! SPACE IS LIMITED!

The St. John's Pre-school is now enrolling and filling fast for the 2019-2020 school year.

Space is still available in the Beginners' classes (children who are 3 yrs. old by August 1st), which meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and in the Pre-kindergarten class (children who are 4 yrs. old by Aug. 1st or who do not meet the Kindergarten birthdate deadline), which meets M-W-F mornings (9-11:30 a.m.) or afternoons (12:30 - 3:00 p.m.). Cost is \$90 per month for the Beginner's class, and \$110 per month for the Pre-K class. Registration fee is \$40.

RITTENHOUSE MINISTRY

Next meeting, Thursday, March 21st

9:15-10:15 a.m., 1st floor Memory Care, Rittenhouse, 4300 Cleveland.

We now have 17 residents that join in our prayer service! If you would like to join us or if you need further information, please call Pastor Carroll, 219.898.8492. We are looking forward to expanding this ministry! Please join us!

EASTER BREAKFAST

You are invited to join in St. John's Easter breakfast April 21st, Easter Sunday morning. Breakfast will be served from 9:30 a.m. to before the 11 a.m. service. Help is needed in the kitchen, with set-up, serving, and clean up. We also need your delicious coffee cakes! Please watch the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.

SOUP KITCHENS

St. John's will serve dinner for about 30 homeless men:

March 11th, access at 5 p.m., serve at 7 p.m.
1st Presbyterian Church

We will also serve lunch to about 100 homeless people, including children:

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, access 9 a.m., serve 11:30 p.m., at St. Paul's

Please call Lynda Ferry (219.872.1427) or Don Briggs (219.324.6117) to participate.

CALLING ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS! "FORERUNNER YOUTH"

~ A City-wide Youth Initiative ~

Forerunner Youth strives to introduce students to the King and cultivate faith in their hearts. Prayer is at 5 p.m., service begins at 6 p.m.

Wednesdays, 5:00-8:30 p.m.

Faith City Assembly of God

1314 S. Woodland Ave.

For more information, please see Pastor Bill.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please extend a warm St. John's welcome to **Kim Martin** and **Dean Talbott** who joined the family of St. John's last week at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Welcome, Kim and Dean!

