

NEWS NOTES

March 9, 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., 41; Adults, 7

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS – FIRST MEETING, MARCH 19TH

All women are invited to the first Guild meeting of 2025 on Wednesday, March 19th at 1 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. In addition to some good food, we will be planning our year of meetings, crafts, and projects: bring your ideas to share! We will also spend time organizing our closet if time permits.

Join us for our devotions, conversation, food, and friendship time. Church members are also reminded that the Guild continues our prayer chain and would be glad to include anyone for whom you wish us to pray.

TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

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 UCC has strict guidelines as to how new pastors are chosen, and we are following their recommendations during this process. 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. If you wish to view the UCC's complete guidelines, please go to <https://ikcucc.org/search-call-congregational-transitions>.

PRESCHOOL 2025-2026 ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

St. John's Preschool has begun open enrollment. The Pre-Kindergarten class is for children who turn 4 by Aug. 1, 2025. The Pre-K class meets Mon./Wed./Fri., 9 – 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$150.00. The Beginner's class is for children who turn 3 by Aug. 1, 2025. The Beginner's class meets on Tues. & Thurs., 9 – 11:30 a.m., cost is \$115.00. Enrollment forms and information packets are available in the church office.

HEALTHLINC – HELLO, LITTLE ONE!

HealthLinc is hosting a baby shower open to the public on Thursday, March 13th, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at their Michigan City location, 200 Alfred St. Please call 872-6200, ext. 2051, to RSVP.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The February 2025 Treasurer's Report is available in the office. Please call 982.9121 if you would like a copy.

KITCHEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Please note, our St. John's kitchen will be closed until further notice as the kitchen floor is being replaced. Do not throw any refuse into the kitchen containers or enter the kitchen at all. Taking several days, the flooring is scheduled to be replaced the week of April 7th. We will let you know when it will reopen.

"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.

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

SUNDAY – MAR. 9

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

THURSDAY – MARCH 13

6:30 p.m. Board Mtg.

MONDAY – MAR. 10

1 pm Preschool Board;
6 p.m. Men's Study

SAT. – MARCH 15

8:30 am Prayer Group

WED. – MAR. 12

9:30 Bible Study
6 p.m. Scouts

SUN. – MARCH 16

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