

## In Person Worship!

RSVP is simple to do  
click link in weekly email or  
Call 763-856-4561 or  
www.stjohnlc.org

We offer in-person and online worship on Wednesdays at 6 PM and Sundays at 10 AM.

Reservations are required to attend in person, due to pandemic restrictions. But! It is super simple to RSVP. Call the church office, go to the web-site, or click the link that comes in your weekly email.

Attendance has been very low for in-person worship, but we will continue to offer this option.

We are practicing the Covid-19 guidelines to keep each other safe. Masks, physical distancing, opening the doors for fresh, outside air flow, shorter services, and modified communion distribution are all in place.

Of course, we recognize that not everyone is able to attend worship in-person, so we will continue to offer the on-line worship option as well.

See you in church one way or the other!

## Wednesdays during Lent



We are people of prayer. The disciples eagerly wanted to learn how to pray so Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer. There is always more to learn about this precious prayer. Every Wednesday night during Lent, we are focusing on one of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer. We are participating in a Round-Robin sermon series—Pastor preaches elsewhere and we have guest preachers.

That means you get to experience a variety of preaching styles. Three Wednesday night services left for this Lenten season. The rest of the Lent schedule is:

### The Lord's Prayer

**Mar. 10**—Pastor Bill Marschall from First Congregational Church, Princeton *“Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”*

**Mar. 17**—Pastor Kevin Fox from Freshwaters United Methodist Church, Princeton. *“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”*

**Mar. 24**—Pastor Bahe *“Hallowed be Thy name.”*

### Wednesday Eve Opening Liturgy for Lent

L: Gracious Lord, we gather in your holy name,

**C: ready to hear your promises and your commands.**

L: We gather in this sacred place,

**C: the day has been full, and we need to be fed.**

L: O God, through Jesus' sacrifice you have restored us as your forgiven children, and so we confidently pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,**

L: Help us to honor your holy name by the things we do and say:

**C: Hallowed be thy name.**

L: Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us to extend your kingdom of love and grace to others:

**C: Thy kingdom come.**

L: Make us zealous to carry out your will as gladly as the angels do, and help us to conform our will to yours.

**C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

L: Provider God, since you are gracious and abundant teach us to live thankfully and gratefully, one day at a time—sharing generously and trusting in your goodness always:

**C: Give us this day our daily bread.**

L: Continue to erase our sins and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us:

**C: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

L: We know the evil one seeks to destroy our souls. The world lures us to ruin by appealing to our fears. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin:

**C: And lead us not into temptation.**

L: Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ which leads to life everlasting:

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

L: For all of this we look to you as King of Kings and Lord of your church and our lives:

**C: For thine is the kingdom,**

L: For all of this, and whatever else you see fit, we trust in your loving truth and your power to rule over our lives:

**C: and the power,**

L: We worship you from whom all blessings flow:

**C: and the glory forever and ever.**

L: Relying on Jesus, who cancelled our sins and made us acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:

**C: Amen. It shall be so.**



Familiar Biblical stories form the foundation for our Sunday Lenten series: *Rend your Hearts, Claiming the Promise*. We've explored the story of Noah and the sign of the covenant and Abraham and Sarah and the command to walk before God. We will be looking at the Ten Commandments in a new way, as well as the story of Moses. The promises of God are written on our hearts and help us to live in community with one another. They are what propel us out into the world to be the very hands and feet of our Lord as we seek to serve the neighbor and make this world a better, brighter, kinder, and more just place for everyone.



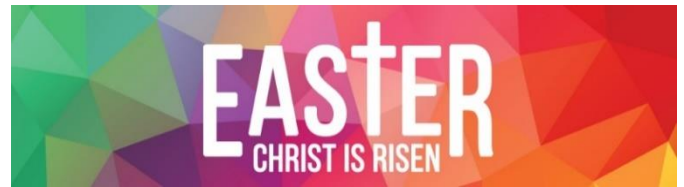
Save yours & Drop them by church, please.

Thank you!

Our prayers continue to be with the family of Allen Juntunen as they mourn his death.

The prayer chain continues their faithful ministry of praying for our community. Please help us pray for you by submitting your prayer requests either by calling the church office, emailing us at [churchoffice@green-church.org](mailto:churchoffice@green-church.org), or filing out the online form at [www.stjohnlc.org](http://www.stjohnlc.org).

Let's pray for one another!



Time for Joy! We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> worship at 10 AM. Please help us out by planning ahead: are you going to worship online or in person? Registration for in-person worship is open **right now**. Please register early, so that we know if we need to add additional worship service times for Easter Sunday.

How? We make it super easy! Multiple ways to reserve. Call the church office at 763-856-4561, or go to the church website page at [www.stjohnlc.org](http://www.stjohnlc.org), or click the RSVP link that is sent in the weekly newsletter via email: [Reserve your seat for inperson worship](#)

We really need your help with this. We want to have enough in-person worship space for everyone who desires to worship at the church building for Easter Sunday. We will add service times, if the 10 AM service fills with reservations. But, we won't be able to add additional in-person service times at the last minute, so please help us by reserving your spot today.

It feels strange to have to "call and reserve your seat" for church, but with the restrictions on capacity, this is the only way we can plan ahead well enough to make sure everyone who wants to be here can have a spot.

Please spread the word! Reserve your seats NOW.

Yes! We will also have on-line worship service available for that day.

Please do not put off making your reservations for Easter morning.



## Do you Worship online?

Supplies for Holy Communion  
Request form is  
in the weekly email

or call to have supplies delivered \*we need drivers!  
Call 763-856-4561

BEND YOUR HEARTS  
*Walk Before Me*

We want to celebrate Holy Communion with you!

Reminder: The office is staffed Monday-Friday, but you may not always see a vehicle parked in the lot. So be sure to ring the doorbell!

**There are doorbells** located at the front and side [preschool] doors. They are just to the right of the doors. Please ring so we can let you in. But! Give us enough time to get to the door. Sometimes we may be on the phone and can't get right there. We try to be speedy!

## Council Leadership

We have two new Council members. Gina Kadlec and Janie Wegleitner. Each year, the Council reorganizes after the Annual Meeting. Some roles shift, and some stay the same, depending on the make-up of the Council. For the coming year:

President, *Shane Steinbrecher*

Vice President, *Matt Mongeau*

Secretary, *Carolyn Schwab*

Education Ministry Team Liaison is *Janie Wegleitner*

Worship, Music and Arts Ministry Team liaison is *Carolyn Schwab*

Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team liaison is *Chris Schmidt*

Nominating Ministry Team liaison is *Tim Grams*

Missions/Outreach Ministry Team liaison is *Jo Thieling*

Financial Ministry Team liaison is *Matt Mongeau*

CCP Ministry Team liaison is *Gina Kadlec*

*Thank you to these St. John members who are taking on leadership roles!*

*The St. John Council meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6 PM. Because we now have the capabilities to broadcast---it is easier than ever for you to keep up to date on decisions leadership is making. You can join via Zoom or in-person any month you'd like. [The Zoom link is sent in the weekly newsletter email the Friday before the Council meeting]. If you anticipate wanting to speak to a matter, please let the office know ahead of time, so that you can be fit into the agenda. Haven't used Zoom yet? We are happy to help you learn. Call/email the church office: 763-856-4561 or [churchoffice@green-church.org](mailto:churchoffice@green-church.org).*

*We are also happy to help anyone learn how to worship on-line!*



*We just haven't had the turn-out we thought we would for the Virtual Coffee Hours; so we will hold off on those until we hear from you that you would be interested in attending.*

## Confirmation Students

**Some of you are way behind on your sermon notes**



**and acts of kindness for the year.** It is easier than ever to get these requirements accomplished, because you can worship and fill out sermon notes online! Remember, your class time during Lent IS worship on Wednesday nights

at 6 PM either online or in-person. Sermon notes are required! All forms, schedules, and information about Confirmation are conveniently located on the St. John website: [www.stjohnlc.org](http://www.stjohnlc.org) under the "Confirmation" tab at the top.



## Staying Connected as a Church

Want to help keep our St. John Family connected?

Willing to drive and drop off some blessing bags?

It is contact-less, on your own schedule and a helpful way to keep your church family connected during Covid.

Email [churchoffice@green-church.org](mailto:churchoffice@green-church.org) or give a call at 763-856-4561. Many hands make it light work & fun too.

The above picture is of Adam and Christy, St. John Custodians, delivering a Blessing Bag.

Your St. John Staff needs help to continue this ministry!

Consider it---guaranteed to brighten your day!

## Church Office Hours

M,T,W,TH---10 AM to 4 PM

Fridays 10 AM to Noon

## Contact Information

Website: [www.stjohnlc.org](http://www.stjohnlc.org)

Church Office: 763-856-4561

Church Office email: [churchoffice@green-church.org](mailto:churchoffice@green-church.org)

Pastor's email:

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## Worship Information

Worship in person and online

Wednesdays at 6 PM

Sundays at 10 AM

## Looking Ahead

The 9 AM Summer Worship service time begins May 30<sup>th</sup> online and in-person.

The Spring Confirmation Service [for students who are in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade now] is Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM

The Fall Confirmation Service[ for students who are in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade now] will be Reformation Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM

Faith Packet Project is available for both 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students on the website.