

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Prelude and Etude for Bells* Alleluia Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

Guide now the people of your church as we worship.

You, O Lord, lead us through the wilderness of this world and of our sin toward the glory of your kingdom that has come near.

Guide now the people of your church as we witness your mercy.

You, Holy Spirit of God, lead us through suffering and sorrow toward the promise of perfection in holiness and love.

Guide now the people of your church as we glorify your name.

OPENING HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* UMH 297

PRAYER

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, **Let us sow love, where there is injury,**

Pardon; where there is doubt,

Faith; where there is despair,

Hope; where there is darkness,

Light; where there is sadness,

Joy. O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled

As to console,

To be understood

As to understand,

To be loved,

As to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.*

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

(*The Prayer of St. Francis)

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER

Psalms 32:1-5 UMH 766

GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

Orthowhatsy: The Problem of a Nominal Faith with an Actual Savior Pastor Jay

HYMN *The Church of Christ in Every Age* UMH 589

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Almighty and most merciful God, we have made mistakes and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed our heart’s desires too many times. We have forgotten your holy way. We have not done the things you told us to do, and we have done the things you told us not to do.

But you, O Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us as we confess our faults. Restore us as we seek to repent according to your promises declared in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant for your sake, merciful God, that we may live godly and gracious lives to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *The Old Rugged Cross* Alleluia Ringers

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

THE TABLE

CALL TO THE TABLE

Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may offer this holy offering in peace.

Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again and again we thank you and receive your body and blood. Send us out to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon that your love is always known, the Spirit’s power always felt and the Almighty’s will to save never in doubt. Amen.

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH 438

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are in memory of my husband, James Paulsen. Given by Sallie Paulsen.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Readers	Caress Crake Threadgill
Ushers	Brian and Danielle Blackwood, Andree’ Halliburton, Will Halliburton
Host(s)	Kathleen Adams

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

TODAY, March 1

3:00 p.m. Capital Campaign, Library

5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

5:00 p.m. Lenten Study, Library

Monday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library

4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

6:00 p.m. Capital Campaign, Library

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor

12:00 noon Stewardship Committee, Library

5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms

6:30 p.m. Disciple III, Library

Wednesday, March 4

7:00 a.m. Lenten Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 5

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

6:00 p.m. Capital Campaign, Parlor

6:30 p.m. Trustees, Library

5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

Saturday, March 7

9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A

12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU, ST. JOHN’S

From the family of Irene Boles: “Our family sincerely appreciates all that you did to nurture and comfort our family as we went through a very difficult time, Irene loved her church and we can certainly understand that after experiencing your loving care and compassion first hand.”

From Kathy King: “Dear St. John’s family, Words cannot express the love my family and I felt this past week from you, our extended family. Your love was expressed in phone calls, texts, cards, lots of food, funeral service planning and setup, prayers, hugs and I am sure many more ways. My immediate family was comforted knowing I will continue to be surrounded by such a loving group of people. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Love, Kathy King.”

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

Please share with the prayer team

Please share with Pastors only

I desire a call

I desire a visit

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

You may also email a prayer request to: prayers@stjohnsbr.org

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children (Names & Ages): _____

WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP

During the season of Lent, St. John's will hold worship services every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. continuing through April 1. This half-hour service will be a time of reflection, prayer, worship, and sharing in the Eucharist. The Sanctuary will remain open until 8 a.m. for those who wish to remain a while longer.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, March 3** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Judy Barbay will present a program on Rahab, who, in the Bible, saved the Israelite spies in Jericho. All women of the church are invited to attend.

CHURCHWIDE WORKDAY

We will have a Churchwide Workday on **Saturday, March 14** from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. The sign-up board is on the hallway bulletin board in the Admin/Education Building.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

Join us for a pancake breakfast, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt on **Saturday, March 28** at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Invite your neighbors and friends! **NOTE:** We are collecting plastic Easter eggs and wrapped candy for our Easter Eggstravaganza. Please bring plastic eggs and candy to the church office by **Sunday, March 15**, or leave them in the blue collection bin in the hallway. Contact Deacon Sarah for more information.

LENTEN STUDY

Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah are leading a 4-week study during Lent titled "How Is It With Your Soul?". The study takes place at 5:00 p.m. in the Library and will continue through March 15. Please contact Pastor Jay if you would like to participate.

UMW "NON-GARAGE" SALE

St. John's UMW is changing their traditional Garage Sale into a "Non-Garage" Sale. People are to bring their "treasures" to the back of the gym beginning **March 19 through March 22** for pickup by Here Today, Gone Tomorrow. The UMW will receive a percentage of sales from our items sold by the store.

SILENT AUCTION & CRAWFISH BOIL

Our annual Silent Auction will take place in the gym on **Sunday, April 12**. All members of the church are asked to participate by providing items, services, food, and gift certificates! All proceeds go to support missions of St. John's. For more information contact Beth Forester (handtalker@cox.net or 769-6584) or Richard Damberg (dambergs@icloud.com or 938-7748). A crawfish boil is also being planned for **Sunday, April 12**. Information on cost of tickets will be published at a later date.

VISITATION TEAM MEETING

One of our most appreciated ministries is that done by the Congregational Care Visitation Team. These volunteers visit members of St. John's family who are unable to attend church regularly. If you are interested in being a part of this vital ministry you are invited to attend the Visitation Team Meeting on **Wednesday, March 11** at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. For more information contact Joyce Clavenna (205-8990) or Janet Hogstrom (767-9423).

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

Volunteers are needed for several different upcoming events at Wildwood Elementary beginning with help setting up their art show which takes place April 22. Contact Buffie Grayson (978-2621 or francesgrayson@cox.net) for more information.

SALSA AVAILABLE!

If you would like to buy salsa, there is a small supply left from the salsa sale. Contact Brycen Daniels for more information.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS

March/April Upper Room Daily Devotionals are now available in the Sanctuary and the Admin/Education Building.

SERMON NOTES

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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



Mark 9:34

11:00 Worship Service
Sunday, March 1, 2015
Second Sunday in Lent

Mission Statement

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.