

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

AUGUST 19, 2018 at 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

✠ Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

UNITING WITH GOD

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

There's a Song FWS 2141, vs. 1 & 4

**There's a song love in my heart; love is a gift from Jesus.
There's a song of love in my heart; love is a gift from God.
Alleluia! Love in my heart is singing praises.
Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.**

**There's a song hope in my heart; hope is a gift from Jesus.
There's a song of hope in my heart; hope is a gift from God.
Alleluia! Hope in my heart is singing praises.
Alleluia! Hope is a gift from God.**

Praise the Name of Jesus FWS 2066

**Praise the name of Jesus.
Praise the name of Jesus.
He's my Rock, he's my Fortress,
he's my deliverer, in him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.
(REPEAT)**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP Elizabeth LeBlanc

Dig deep for the courage that comes from the Lord.
**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God,
is with us wherever we go.**

Dare to face your brokenness, your anxieties, and your fears.
**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God,
is with us wherever we go.**

See all your potential and rest in the assurance that you are enough.
**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God,
is with us wherever we go.**

Come worship the Lord without fear, for you are accepted,
loved, and set free.

**Thanks be to God for the courage that comes to us in
unexpected ways along the journey of faith.**

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

Make Us One FWS 2224

**Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let our love flow so the world will know
we are one in you.**

GROWING TOGETHER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Natalie Cooper

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

Ushers will pass out folders during the Children's Moment. Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.

✠ SCRIPTURE

John 4:1-9, 16-26

Elizabeth LeBlanc

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Based on Psalm 19:14

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my strength and my
redeemer. Amen.**

SERMON

“Courage to Cross Borders”

Morgan Dynes

RESPONDING WITH LOVE

✠ HYMN of FAITH

Lord of All Hopefulness

FWS 2197

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Holy God,
we can be so full of fear at times –
afraid of the unknown;
afraid of what is beyond our control;
afraid of what is strange to us.
And we know that fear stops us in our tracks,
hinders our action, and gives us an excuse
for not doing what you call us to do
and what you empower us to do.
So we pray that you will give us courage, O God.
Give us strong hearts, open minds, and willing hands,
that we might set aside our fear, and walk confidently
into this world you have made and into this time
you have placed us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

(a time for silent prayers and confession)

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE & PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ's courage and sacrificial love has set us
free. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

✠ SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

✠ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God,
all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

UMH 94

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we
offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING the BREAD and CUP

- ♦ *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*
- ♦ *Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction." When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup and thereby receive both elements at the same time.*
- ♦ *Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like the gluten-free elements.*
- ♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER after RECEIVING

**Bless us and lift us up, O Lord.
We have been nourished by your presence
around your table of grace.
As we go from this place, give us courage and strength
to bravely and boldly witness to your love and power.
For we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

BOLDLY WE GO

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. John's
and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.*

✠ HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

FWS 2129

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*After the service, all are invited to join in celebrating
Carlos Welch's 90th birthday in the Family Life Center.*

*The flowers on the altar are given by Saroj Welch
in celebration of Carlos' 90th birthday.*

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

Thank you for being here.

BRAVE - OUR AUGUST WORSHIP SERIES

For most of us, bravery is not about doing the impossible, but about finding courage to face the everyday pressures and anxieties life throws our way. During the Sundays in August, we will discover how to be brave and what it means to fully rely on God's peace and promises in every situation. *Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* Joshua 1:9. Scripture for August 26 will be Joshua 1:1-9

HEAVENLY HASH RESUMES

We're revamping Heavenly Hash for the fall, and will be offering a Wednesday night supper ONCE A MONTH on the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 5**. We'll be serving supper from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You can arrive as your schedule permits.

NEW TIME FOR YOUTH GROUP

The school year comes with change - new teachers, new friends, and new classes. In Youth Group, there is change as well. **Starting today, Youth Group will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 6 p.m.** Everything else will remain the same: fun and games, supper, time together, and a devotional.

SPANISH REFRESHER

The survivors of the self-taught Spanish class that started last fall are still meeting to learn and practice. If you have some basic knowledge of Spanish and would like to refresh it or learn more, you are welcome to come to any session and join in on the fun we have trying to understand each other's Spanish. Class meets on Wednesdays in the library from 10 to 11 a.m. No text or commitment is necessary. For more information email Marie Varnes at marieewv@gmail.com.

SCHOOL DRIVE THANKS

St John's Family, you are the BEST! Thank you for your generosity donating all of the school supplies for Opening Doors' Annual School Supply Drive. Many children at Wildwood, Gardere Christian School, and Charlie Thomas will have the necessary supplies to start off the school year. Thank You!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

One of St. John's core values is Spiritual Growth. Beginning in the month of September we will have three different ways to grow in our spiritual life through prayer, reading the Bible, and faith formation. We hope you will find one that works for you (see insert).

SAVE THE DATE - DAYS FOR GIRLS BEGINS SOON

The UMW is sponsoring 3 more work days to make 75 additional kits for the Days for Girls project. These kits will contain reusable feminine hygiene projects for girls in developing countries who are missing school because of a lack of available products. We will meet in the FLC on **Saturday, September 8, 15, and 22** from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We can use YOU! Sewers and non-sewers are needed to cut fabric, iron, sew, serge, apply snaps, insert drawstrings, and assemble kits. **All are welcome.** If you would like more information contact Joyce Perry at 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net. Check out their website at www.daysforgirls.org

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, *FLC*
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
4:00 p.m. YOUTH GROUP - NEW TIME, FLC

Monday, August 20

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, August 21

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*

Wednesday, August 22

10:00 a.m. Spanish Refresher, *Library*
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, *Choir Room*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, August 23

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
5:00 p.m. Opening Doors Meeting, *Library*
6:30 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee, *Parlor*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, August 24

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*

Saturday, August 25

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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 Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not
by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7
(NRSV) #sjthewalk

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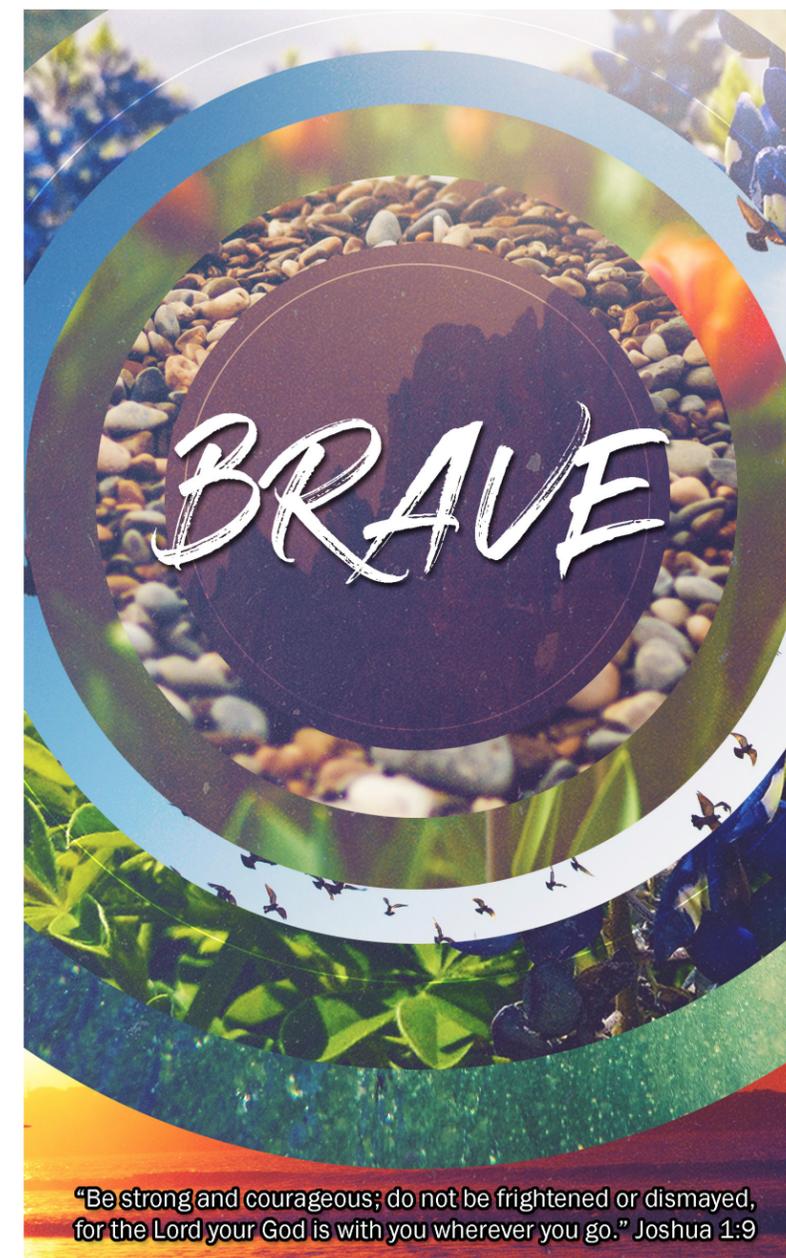
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



August 19, 2018

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

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.