

even greater THINGS



CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chad Brooks, our guest preacher today, is the Congregational Vitality Strategist for The Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church. He is passionate about reaching new people for Christ and encouraging churches to live fully into the mission of God in their community. We are delighted to welcome him to worship today!

Kids Night | Sunday, May 17 | 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Children (Kindergarten through 5th grades) are invited for an evening of fun, fellowship, and other faith activities together – plus dinner! Friends are always welcome.

Labyrinth Walk | Wednesday, May 20 | Anytime Between 4:00–6:30 p.m.

Come experience the prayerful practice of walking the labyrinth anytime between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m., with a brief orientation at 4:00 p.m. The sanctuary will be open for prayer, and guides will be available throughout the evening to offer assistance and support.

Trustees Meeting | Thursday, May 21 | 5:00 p.m. | Founders' Parlor

Pentecost Sunday | Sunday, May 24

On Sunday, May 24, we will celebrate Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples with wind and fire. **Wear fiery and windy colors to celebrate!**

Tax-Advantaged Giving Opportunities | Sunday, May 24 | 10:00–10:30 a.m.

Rev. Kathy Schaffhauser, retired United Methodist clergy and CPA, has prepared an informational handout on Tax-Advantaged Giving Strategies related to the *Love This Place* campaign, which are available in the narthex (lobby) and church office. Kathy will be available in the Family Life Center on May 24 from 10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. to answer questions and speak further with anyone interested in learning more.

Memorial Day Office & Shepherd's Market Closure | Monday, May 25

Love This Place Sunday | Sunday, May 31 | One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

We will gather for one combined worship service on May 31 at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate the ways St. John's has shaped us and dedicate our commitments to the *Love This Place* campaign. Throughout worship, we'll invite brief **"Love This Place Stories"** – opportunities to share meaningful moments about how St. John's has impacted your faith journey, family, or experience of God's presence. *Be thinking about a story you might want to share!* Following worship, everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for a special **65th birthday celebration** featuring cupcakes, ice cream, lemonade, and fellowship as we celebrate all God has done through St. John's over the past 65 years. *Please note: Sunday School classes will not gather that morning, and no Coffee Time snacks are needed.*

EVERY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

FLC = Family Life Center

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

COFFEE TIME

Sundays
9:30 a.m. FLC
Last Names H–L invited to bring snacks 5.24.26

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Campus Wide for All Ages

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Sundays
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers: **rehearsal cancelled today**
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
Upstairs Cafe Fruit: Last Names Q–Z 5.24.26
3:30 p.m. Music Makers (K–5th grades)
4:30 p.m. Music Makers (Middle School)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

SERVE

Fridays
10:30 a.m. Holy Helpers, Church Office

WELLNESS

Mondays
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC–E

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

Tuesdays
7:00 p.m. Pickleball
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC–E

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Ladies AA Meeting, FLC–C

Saturdays
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC–C
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET A client-choice food pantry

Mon 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. FLC
Tues & Thurs 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. FLC
shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday

CONTACT

stjohnsbr.org/contact-us

What happens when we take this promise of Jesus "you will do even greater things" seriously?

Shepherd's Market Client-Choice Food Pantry

The first Sunday of each month is "Grocery Bag Sunday," when we invite everyone to bring donations for the food pantry. **Current urgent needs** include pasta, dry beans, canned mixed vegetables, and peanut butter. (Additional helpful items include cereal, condiments, snacks, and soup.)

Donations are also welcome every week and may be placed in the grocery cart in the Narthex (lobby) or in the donation bin outside the church office.

Prayer Requests

Share prayer requests by scanning the QR code above, emailing prayers@stjohnsbr.org or visiting stjohnsbr.org/here.

All Are Welcome & Affirmed Here

Whoever you are, wherever your faith journey, you are welcome and affirmed. We are so glad you joined us and hope you feel at home here.

For Newcomers

Restrooms & Water Fountains are located in the narthex (lobby). We invite all first time guests to stop by the welcome table to receive a gift. Text **'CONNECT'** to **225-230-1017** join St. John's updates.

For Families with Children

Children are always welcome in worship. If at any time you'd prefer a quieter space, the Bride's Room—located at the back of the Narthex (lobby)—is available for you, with books, a rocker, and a nearby women's restroom.

- The **Prayground** is a child-friendly space at the front of the sanctuary where children and their families are welcome to participate in worship in a way that works for them.
- The **Nursery** serves infants – preschool in the Education & Administration building next door.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms and nursery.
- **Holy Communion** elements of bread and grape juice are available to all including children weekly at the 8:30 a.m. service and on the first Sunday of the month at the 11:00 a.m. service. **Gluten free** elements are also available.
- We offer **Sunday School** for 18 months – 12th grade from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., along with a variety of adult classes as well.

Today's ushers are **Scott Durham and Susanna Seals**.

even greater THINGS

11:00 AM Worship Celebration
Sunday, May 17th, 2026

St. John's Mission

Go and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

St. John's Vision

Love.
Grow Together.
Serve Our Neighbors.

225-766-4594 | 230 Renee Drive BR, LA 70810
stjohnsbr.org | [@stjohnsbr](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsbr) | office@stjohnsbr.org



ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

WELCOME



CHECK IN
& PRAYER
REQUESTS

11:00 AM Worship Celebration

Please stand as you are comfortable where marked by an asterisk (*) & join in speaking where text is in **bold**.

Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Musical Reflection

The Chancel Choir

Lord, Be Glorified

Bob Kilpatrick

Invitation to Worship*

Rev. Rosmery LaFontaine

Based on Exodus 34

The Lord made a covenant with us.

Before all people, the Lord will do wonders never before seen in all the world.

The Lord made a covenant with us.

Those we live among will see how awesome is the work of the Lord among us.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

Slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

Jesus calls us to believe.

So let us worship with faith, renew our covenant in Christ, and live boldly in the mission of Jesus.

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #98 vs 1, 3

To God Be the Glory

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

We Encourage Our Children

Rhonda Tucker

We Read the Word*

Rev. Chad Brooks

John 14:11-14

For the Word of God in scripture,

for the Word of God among us,

for the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.

We Reflect On The Word

Even Greater Things

Rev. Chad

We Sing Together*

Open My Eyes, That I May See

U.M. Hymnal #454 vs 1, 3

We Affirm Our Faith*

2026 Confirmation Class Affirmation of Faith

Pastor Lane

**We believe in God,
our Creator and loving Parent,
who redeems us, sustains us,
forgives us, helps us,
and holds us through every storm.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who welcomes us to the table,
prays for us when we feel alone,
shares in our suffering, and calls us beloved.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
present in prayer and music,
in friendship and family,
in service and acts of kindness,
guiding and strengthening us each day.**

**We believe the church is a community of grace,
where we sing as one,
serve side by side, seek justice,
share what we have learned,
and grow in faith together.**

**We believe God calls each of us to use our gifts —
in worship and mission,
through generosity and compassion —
to make a difference in the world.**

**We believe God’s grace surrounds us always,
and we will make space for God
through prayer,
through scripture,
through serving others,
and through lives of love.
And we trust that whatever comes,
God will hold us fast and never let us go. Amen.**

We Sing Together*

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

U.M. Hymnal #70

We Share in Prayer

As prayers are shared, our response will be:

God of love,

Work through us.

Rev. Rosmery

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

Stewardship Witness

Love This Place Campaign

Susan Lambert

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

O, That I Had a Thousand Voices

Jay Althouse

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift helps us live out our vision to love, grow together, and serve our neighbors. Scan the QR code or visit stjohnsbr.org/give to give online.

Chancel Choir



GIVING

We Sing Together*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

U.M. Hymnal #94

We Receive This Week’s Call to Action

Pastor Lane

We joyfully welcome all who wish to join St. John’s United Methodist Church.

Please come forward during the next song and stand with Pastor Lane.

We Sing Together*

Lord, Speak to Me

U.M. Hymnal #463 vs 1, 4, 5

We Share in a Blessing*

Rev. Chad

We Go Out Into the World*

Dr. Terry Byars