

When Calling Becomes MISSION

CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS

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God calls each of us, and calls us together. As we name our new mission and vision, we remember that we were formed to be a light – to love boldly, grow together in faith, and serve our neighbors as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Shepherd’s Market Needs

This week’s most needed items: **peanut butter, snacks, and pasta.** **Ongoing needs also include cereal, condiments, drinks, and household items** (ex: detergent, paper products, hygiene items).

Thank you for helping us restock the shelves for our Pantry clients each week.

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 & Welcome **Brochures** are located in the narthex (lobby). Our **ushers** can help you in any way you may need. Text ‘CONNECT’ to 225-230-1017 join our updates.

For Families with Children

- 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.

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to **BJ Cobb and Margaret Sprunger** and their team for their time and dedication in creating St. John’s new Mission and Vision.

Today’s ushers are **Joyce Perry & Tommie Reinhardt**

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids Night & Parent Enrichment | Sunday, January 18 from 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

An evening of laughter, games, and connection for K–5th graders in the Family Life Center (dinner provided). While Kids Night takes place, parents are invited to a Parent Enrichment & Support Group in the Narthex (lobby). Led by Beth LaCour, this first session offers a relaxing **yoga** experience—a chance to breathe, connect, and be renewed.

Church Office & Shepherd’s Market Closed | Monday, January 19

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the church office and The Shepherd’s Market will be closed. We honor this day by remembering Dr. King’s legacy of justice, courage, and beloved community.

Trustees Meeting | Tuesday, January 20 at 5:00 p.m.

All 2026 Trustees are invited to join us in the Library as we care for the spaces that support ministry and mission at St. John’s. Please note the updated meeting time.

The Chosen Watch Party | Wednesday, January 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us on Wednesdays to watch “The Chosen” in the library. Brief discussion to follow.

Finance Committee Meeting | Thursday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the Library as we review the 2025 finances and finalize the 2026 budget. This important work helps us steward the resources that support the ministry of our church, ensuring our finances align with our mission and future vision.

Associ-8’s Registration Deadline | Thursday, January 22

This is your last chance to join an Associ-8’s group this season. These short-term groups are designed to help you meet new people, build meaningful relationships, and experience church in a smaller, more personal way. Don’t miss the opportunity to be in a group!



Mission & Vision Worship Series Begins | Sunday, January 25

Our new Mission and Vision worship series begins, inviting us to listen together for where God is leading St. John’s. Over three weeks, we’ll explore our shared calling and how we live it out in worship, community, and service.

Weekly Youth Group | Sundays, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Our youth (6th–12th grades) gather each week for faith, food, friendship, and fun. Dinner is provided, all are welcome. Please help us spread the word.

 **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 may bring snacks on 1.25

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Sundays
6:00 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room
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, 1.25
4:00 p.m. Music Makers (K–8th grades)

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

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 **ST. JOHN’S**
United Methodist Church

11:00 AM Worship Celebration
Sunday, January 18th 2026

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225-766-4594 | 230 Renee Drive BR, LA 70810

WELCOME

11:00 AM Worship Celebration

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



CHECK IN
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Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Musical Reflection

The Chancel Choir

Lord, Be Glorified

Invitation to Worship*

Bill Metcalf

God has been at work in our lives long before we noticed.
We come to pay attention and join in.
God knows us by name and calls us to love, grow, and serve.
We come with joy, with questions, and with courage.
God does not call the perfect, only the willing.
We come as we are, trusting God’s presence among us.
Come, let us worship the God who goes before us and walks with us every step of the way.
We open our hearts to hear God’s call and worship the One who names us and sends us.

We Sing Together*

The Faith We Sing #2173
Shine, Jesus, ShineRefrain, vs 1, Refrain

We Greet One Another with Joy and Peace*

We Name Our Calling

BJ Cobb & Margaret Sprunger

Introducing our new Mission & Vision

We Encourage Our Children

Rhonda Tucker

We Walk into Our Calling

BJ Cobb & Margaret Sprunger

Living Our Mission & Vision Together

St. John’s, you have heard our Mission and Vision – a calling rooted in God’s love and shaped by Christ’s example.
We receive this calling with gratitude and hope.
Called to Love – to see ourselves and others as God’s beloved.
We will practice love in word and deed.
Called to Grow Together – to deepen our faith in community.
We will walk together as disciples of Jesus.
Called to Serve Our Neighbors – joining Christ’s work in the world.
We will serve with compassion, courage, and joy.
Trusting the Spirit who goes before us and walks with us.
We offer ourselves to God’s work, now and always. Amen.

We Sing Together*

The Faith We Sing #2150 vs 3

Lord, Be Glorified

We Pray Together

Pastor Lane

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, thou who art our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

We Read the Word

Pastor Lane

Isaiah 49:1–7

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

Pastor Lane

When Calling Becomes Mission

We Open Our Hearts through Prayer

Pastor Lane

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #206 vs 1 & 2

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

We Affirm Our Faith*

Bill Metcalf

A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada

UM Hymnal #883

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #71

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.


We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

The Chancel Choir

Here I Am, Lord

Arranged by Stan Pethel

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift helps us be a blessing in our community. Scan the QR code or visit stjohnsbr.org/give to give online.



GIVING

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal # 94

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!

We Receive This Week’s Call To Action

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #117 vs 1, 2, & 6

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

We Share in a Blessing*

Pastor Lane

We Go Out into the World*

Dr. Terry Byars

Music sends us out, but our worship continues as we go forth to love, grow together, and serve our neighbors.