

CLARITY MATTERS

CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS
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In a world full of noise, urgency, and competing voices, clarity can be hard to come by. Drawing from the prophet Habakkuk, this week invites us to slow down, listen, and name what truly matters, so we can live with purpose rather than drift through faith and life on autopilot.

Grocery Bag Sunday, Feb 1

Next week is Grocery Bag Sunday. Pick up a yellow bag and fill it with items to restock the Shepherd's Market pantry shelves.

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).

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 **Playground** 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.

Todays ushers are **Fred & Becky Shearer**

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

"On Purpose" Worship Series – Begins Today

In "On Purpose," we reflect on vision—where we're headed, what distracts us, and how God calls us to live with intention. The three week series connects our shared life as a church with the choices we make each day.

"On Purpose" Reflection Guide – Now Available

A reflection guide for the "On Purpose" worship series is available and includes Scripture, reflection questions, and weekly practices for individuals or groups. Find copies in the Narthex (lobby) or church office, or download it using the QR code.



Youth Confirmation Classes – Today through May 3

Youth Confirmation classes begin today and meet during Sunday School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. through May 3. The journey includes a retreat on March 27–28 and concludes with Confirmation Sunday on May 3. For more information, contact Family Ministries Director, Kate Bouchillon (KateBouchillon@stjohnsbr.org).

Weekly Youth Group – Sundays

Youth Group happens every Sunday from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room (Admin/Ed Room 201). All youth 6th–12th grades are invited, and friends are always welcome. Come hang out, eat dinner, and be part of the conversation.

"The Chosen" Watch Parties – Wednesdays

"The Chosen" watch parties meet Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome to watch a new episode of Season 1 together and stay for brief but meaningful conversation and fellowship following each episode.

United Women in Faith Reading Program (Level 1) – Now Available

Read with purpose and grow together. 2026 books are available on the UWF Shelf in the library. Forms due by the end of May. Questions? Norma Thomason, 225-765-7374.

Church Council Meeting Thursday, February 5, Library, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for conversation about what's ahead for our church, including adoption of the 2026 budget and continued discussion of our new mission and vision.

Welcome Mary Madalyn St. Pierre

Please join us in welcoming Mary Madalyn St. Pierre, who joined our staff on January 20 as our Welcome, Belonging, and Congregational Care Coordinator. You can reach her at marymadalynstpierre@stjohnsbr.org.

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 M-Z may bring snacks on 2/1

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: Teachers, 2/1
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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United Methodist Church

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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.

11:00 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, January 25th 2026

stjohnsbr.org | @stjohnsbr | office@stjohnsbr.org

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
& PRAYER
REQUESTS

Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Musical Reflection

Lead Me, Guide Me

The Chancel Choir

Invitation to Worship*

Richard Damberg

In a world full of urgency and noise, God calls us to pause and listen.

We come seeking clarity and direction.

God invites us to stand at the watchpost and pay attention for what is being revealed.

We come ready to worship and to listen.

Come, let us worship the God who gives vision for the appointed time.

We come with eager hearts and open minds.

We Sing Together*

The Faith We Sing #2208 vs 1, 2, 3

We Greet One Another with Joy and Peace*

We Encourage Our Children Kate Bouchillon

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

Habakkuk 2:1-3

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

Clarity Matters

We Open Our Hearts through Prayer Pastor Lane

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

We Claim Our Calling

Pastor Lane

We are called to follow Jesus Christ – **for the transformation of the world.**

We live that calling by loving – **God, one another, and our neighbors.**

We grow together in faith – **learning, praying, and walking side by side.**

We serve our neighbors – **with compassion, humility, and hope.**

This is not just what we do.

This is who we are becoming.

May God shape us to live this calling with faithfulness and purpose.

Amen.

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #451 vs 1, 2, 3

Be Thou My Vision

We Affirm Our Faith*

Richard Damberg

Inspired by Our Mission & Vision

We believe in God, whose love creates us, claims us, and calls us by name.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who shows us what love looks like lived out, invites us to follow, and sends us into the world for the sake of others.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who forms us in community, draws us to grow together in faith, and gives us courage to serve our neighbors with compassion and justice.

We believe that faith is not meant to be lived alone, but practiced together – through worship and prayer, through learning and generosity, through service and witness.

We commit ourselves to God's mission: to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

With God's help, we will love boldly, grow together in faith, and serve our neighbors – living our faith on purpose. 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 #71

We Bless Our Church Leaders

Pastor Lane

We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Seek Ye First

The Chancel Choir

Karen Lafferty

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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 #127 vs 1, 2

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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.