

DREAMS in the *inbetween*

Jacob's story meets us right where we often find ourselves — somewhere between where we've been and where we're going. As he rests on the road, God gives him a dream of presence, purpose, and promise. In our own "in-between" moments — as individuals, families, and as a congregation — God still meets us, calling us to trust the promise: "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place."

CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS
VIA QR CODE



Make A Difference This Week

Starting today, we'll be accepting **weekly donations to the Shepherd's Market**. With SNAP Benefits in flux, our neighbors are in more need than ever. Each week we'll publish a "Most Needed" list of items. This week our Most Needed items are: **tomato sauce, pasta, canned spinach and peas, and snacks**. Thanks for keeping the shelves full!

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 **St. John's Playground** is in the front of the sanctuary during services. Children are welcome to spend **the entire service** here.
- 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. - 10:45 a.m.

 *The flowers are from Daphne Grady and J.R. Madden in thankfulness, and to honor the U.S. Marine Corps on its 250th birthday on November 10, and with much gratitude for all veterans and their families who have served so that we have our freedoms in this country. Thank a veteran and their family on November 11.*

Today's Ushers are Joyce Perry & Tommie Reinhardt.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please complete your 2026 Pledge!

Thank you to everyone who has made a financial pledge for 2026! If you haven't pledged yet, it's not too late—commit online at stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2026 (QR code at right) or pick up a card in the narthex or church office.



United Women in Faith, Circle of the Heart

The United Women in Faith Circle of the Heart will meet Wednesday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Founders Parlor, with Norma Thomason presenting on the 2025 Thank Offering and 2026 Pledge Program—all women are invited for fellowship and coffee!

Young Adults Dinner, Followed By Pickleball, Wednesday, November 12

Young adults—join us Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Sammy's for dinner, then head to church for pickleball; come hungry, ready to connect, and have fun!

The River Speaks, Sunday, November 16

An expanded choir will debut Dr. Terry Byars' original arrangement of traditional spirituals at both services. Join us for this musical debut!

Kids Night for K-5th Grade, Sunday November 16

Join us for Kids Night from 4:30-6:00 p.m. as we learn about living with grace and gratitude by making **Manna Bags for those in need**—donations of small food or hygiene items like water bottles, crackers, tuna, granola bars, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, or wipes are welcome!

Termite Repairs on Campus, November 17-20

Spencer Construction will be on site Nov. 17-20 repairing termite damage, so please use the south side doors while the Family Life Center doors are closed and avoid taped areas for safety.

Charge Conference, Thursday, November 20

Join us on Thursday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. for our annual Charge Conference. We'll celebrate an important milestone as Natalie Cooper is voted on as a Candidate for Ministry, along with conducting our regular church business.

Make A Difference this Holiday Season

Gobble, gobble—it's almost time for the Great Turkey Giveaway on Saturday, December 13! Arrive at 7:00 a.m. to help assemble and distribute holiday meals—and **if you have freezer space, please "babysit"** a few of Duane and Fran's homemade loaves until December 12 to support this joyful mission.

Holiday Superstore Shopping Day is almost here! Join us Monday, Nov. 25 at 8:00 a.m. at the far-right entrance of Target as we shop for children from the Charlie Thomas Head Start Center through Opening Doors' Holiday Superstore program—no cost to shoppers! To help or learn more, contact MarilynDamberg@mac.com.

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 A-C may bring snacks on Nov 16

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Campus Wide

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 Café Fruit - I-P Last Names Nov 16

4:30 p.m. Music Makers (K-8th grades)

SERVE

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

WELLNESS

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

Tuesdays
7:00 p.m. Pickleball -**Postponed this week to Wednesday (11/12)**
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

SHEPHERD'S MARKET

A client choice food pantry

Mondays 3:30 p.m. FLC
Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m. FLC
shepherdsmarket.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

CONTACT

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

11:00 Worship Celebration

Sunday, November 9th 2025

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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**.

Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Musical Reflection

The Chancel Choir

Give Thanks

Invitation to Worship*

Frankie Guajardo

We gather in the in-between of what has been and what will be.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Here we rest, here we dream, here we listen for God’s voice.

**God is with us, watching over us,
calling us toward hope and promise.**

Let us worship the God who meets us on the way.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!

Welcome in the Light of Christ*

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

Be Thou My Vision

Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ*

We Encourage Our Children

Natalie Cooper

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.



CHECK IN
& PRAYER
REQUESTS

We Read the Word

Genesis 28:10–22

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

Dreams in the Inbetween

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #328 (2x)

Surely the Presence of the Lord

We Affirm Our Faith*

Frankie Guajardo

*A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada,
United Methodist 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.

Pastor Lane

Prayers for Us and for the World

Pastor Lane

As prayers are shared, our response will be:

Lord, by your grace,

hear our prayer.

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

Presence Medley

Geron Davis

Chancel Choir

*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

*We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of
St. John’s and invite you to come forward and stand with Pastor
Lane during the singing of the next song.*

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #102 vs 1, 3

Now Thank We All Our God

We Share in a Blessing*

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Go Out into the World*

*The service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to
love and serve the Lord.*