

# even greater THINGS



CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS



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](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org) or visiting [stjohnsbr.org/here](http://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 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., along with a variety of adult classes as well.

Today’s ushers are **Jill & Phil Slicker**.

## 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://shepherdsmarket.org)

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

### CONTACT

[stjohnsbr.org/contact-us](http://stjohnsbr.org/contact-us)

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8:30 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.

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United Methodist Church

# WELCOME



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## 8:30 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

### We Sing Together\*

*To God Be the Glory*

U.M. Hymnal #98 vs 1, 3

### Invitation to Worship\*

*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.**

Sandra Kuykendall

### We Sing Together\*

*Lord, Be Glorified*

The Faith We Sing #2150 vs 1, 4

### We Encourage Our Children

Rhonda Tucker

### We Read the Word\*

**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.**

Rev. Chad Brooks

### 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 Name Our Need for Grace\*

Jesus calls us to lives of faithful and sacrificial love,

yet too often we hold back from the work God longs to do through us.

Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us come before God in prayer.

Sandra Kuykendall

**God of grace and truth,**

**you call us to believe,**

**to trust your love,**

**and to continue the work of Christ in the world.**

**Yet too often we hold back.**

**We doubt our gifts,**

**choose comfort over compassion,**

**and fail to act in love.**

**Forgive us when our faith becomes passive instead of active,**

**and when fear keeps us from following where you lead.**

**Renew us by your Spirit.**

**Open our eyes, our hearts, and our lives**

**to the work of your kingdom.**

**Help us trust that you can work through us**

**to share your love with the world. Amen.**

### We Hear Words of Grace & Forgiveness\*

Hear the good news:

Christ does not abandon us in our weakness,

but meets us with mercy and grace.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called again into faithful living.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

May the joy and peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Sandra Kuykendall

### We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace\*

### Stewardship Witness

*Love This Place Campaign*

Susan Lambert

### We Offer God's Tithes and Our Gifts

*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](http://stjohnsbr.org/give) to give online.*



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 Prepare for Communion

Pastor Lane

*We give thanks for God's grace, hear Jesus' words spoken at the table,*

*and ask the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and cup. In this holy meal,*

*we are joined with Christ and with one another,*

*reminded that there is always room at God's table for all.*

### We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

### We Partake in Communion\*

**All are welcome to receive Communion.**

*We serve by intinction (bread dipped in juice); servers handle the elements.*

*Pre-packaged and gluten-free options are available.*

*You may remain at the chancel to pray.*

*If you need Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

*Meditation Medley during Communion:*

*You Are Near, Dan Schutte /*

*In Remembrance of Me, Buryl Red & Ragan Courtney*

Natalie Cooper

*Vocalist*

### We Share in Prayer

Sandra Kuykendall

**God of love,**

**Thank you for meeting us at this table.**

**Nourished by your grace,**

**send us out to live our faith**

**with courage, compassion, and generosity,**

**so that others may see your love through us. Amen.**

### 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\*

Praise Team