

# *St. John* Lutheran Church

Senior Pastor, Robin E. Caldwell  
Associate Pastor, Evan Mayhew



**One in Christ**

May 18th, 2025 @ 8:30 AM

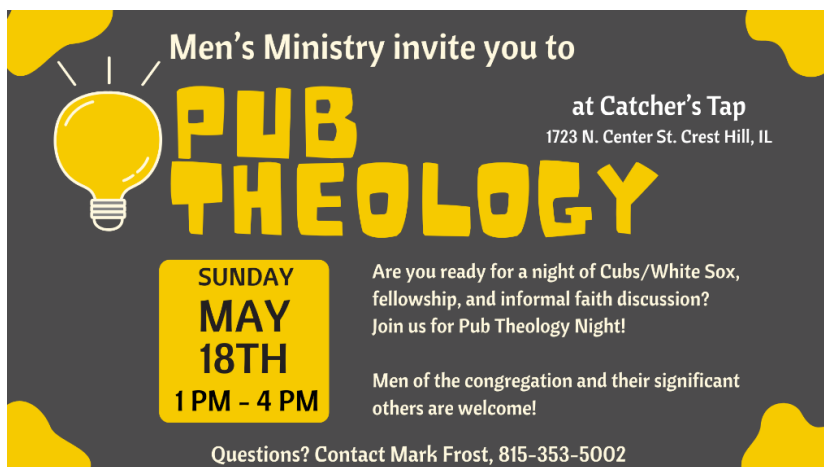
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# SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS


**Beginning Sunday, May 24th  
5:30 PM Saturday & 9:30 AM Sunday**

*Congregational Forum & Meeting*

Meeting is TODAY  
Sunday, May 18th at 9:45 AM, Sanctuary



Men's Ministry invite you to



**PUB  
THEOLOGY**

at Catcher's Tap  
1723 N. Center St. Crest Hill, IL

**SUNDAY  
MAY  
18TH  
1 PM - 4 PM**

Are you ready for a night of Cubs/White Sox, fellowship, and informal faith discussion? Join us for Pub Theology Night!

Men of the congregation and their significant others are welcome!

Questions? Contact Mark Frost, 815-353-5002

*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.*

*The flowers on the altar today are given by Pam Atkinson in honor of granddaughter, Samantha's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, May 18, 2025 (8:30 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Michelle Covert
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Pam Murray
<b>Acolytes</b>	Emma Hartwig, Sage Quiaoit
<b>Greeter</b>	Janel Eaton
<b>Ushers</b>	Jon Blomquist, Bob Makowka
<b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Bill Jensen
<b>Livestream</b>	Rob Kornaus, Jenelle Lambert
<b>Counters</b>	Jan Drish, Pat Block-Hay
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jon Fry, Marge West
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Steve Fry, Terry Kaiser
<b>Support Team</b>	Penny Collins
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Church Council

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## Prelude

“Four Short Prelude”

Trevor

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

P In the name of + the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

C **Amen.**

P Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C **Amen, amen, and alleluia!**

### \*Opening Hymn

**“God is Here”**

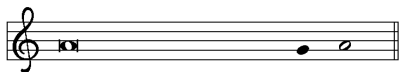
**# 526, Vs. 1, 3, 4**

## \*Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## \*Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



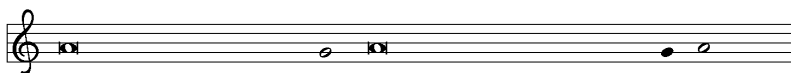
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



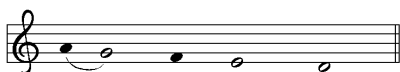
Lord, have mer - cy.



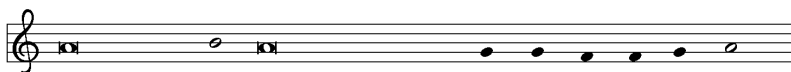
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# \*Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister

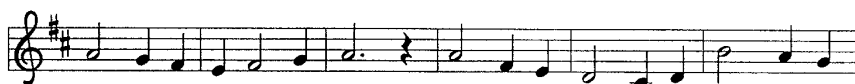
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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Redeeming God, you chose a child to prepare the way for you, giving knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of sins, and affirming the adoption of us all into your family. In your tender mercy, shine your light upon us that we may find your peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our mighty and humble savior, we pray.

C **Amen.**

**Special Music** “Agnus Dei” with “How Great Thou Art” Smith, arr. Raney  
*St. John Chorale*

## **Reading** (*Inclusive Translation*)

**Galatians 3:6-9, 23-29**

D A reading from the book of Galatians, the third chapter.  
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our hearts are open.**

Recall that Abraham “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” Realize, then, that those who believe are the children of Abraham. Because scripture saw in advance that God would justify the Gentiles through faith, it foretold this Good News to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed in you.” So then all who believe are blessed along with Abraham, who believed first.

Before faith came, we were under the constraint of the Law, locked in until the faith that was coming would be revealed. In other words, the Law was our monitor until Christ came to bring about our justification through faith. But now that faith is here, we are no longer in the monitor’s charge. Each one of you is a child of God because of your faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or citizen, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus. Furthermore, if you belong to Christ, you are the off-spring of Abraham, which means you inherit all that was promised.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

### "Celtic Alleluia"

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## \*Gospel

### Luke 1:68-79

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
in the house of his child David,  
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all  
who hate us.  
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us, that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness  
in his presence all our days.  
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
Because of the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

**P** The gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise to you O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

*Parents with children aged 5 and younger may bring them to the Welcome Center area after the Children's Message if they would like them to attend the nursery until the Sharing of the Peace.*

## Sermon

Sydney Basham, Youth Pastor

## \*Hymn of the Day

**"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

**# 807, Vs. 1 & 3**

## Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Church

*In the hope of God's grace and salvation, the church prays for all the great needs of the world.*

*Your prayer requests may be spoken during today's prayers, by filling out a green prayer request card in your pew or filling out the Prayer Request form at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org).*

P God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

***My Soul is At Rest in God Alone  
My Salvation Comes from Him***

*The prayers conclude:*

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

### **\*Sharing the Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*You may share the peace of Christ with others.*

*Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.*

## Offertory

"Give Thanks"

Smith

## Commitment to Community

*In this Easter season, we remember the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave his life for our salvation. In gratitude for this gesture of grace, we offer what we have to share the Good News of God's love with the world.*

*May new life be born through these gifts we offer!*

*Your offering of any amount fosters God's grace for the world through the ministry of St. John, in service to God, to people in need in our neighborhood, across the country, and around the world. Thank you!!*

*Financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer requests  
may be placed in the offering plate.*



Now Accepting



### \*Offertory Response

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#### "Be Not Afraid"

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Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! **Repeat**

### \*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Risen One

C **you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## \*Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

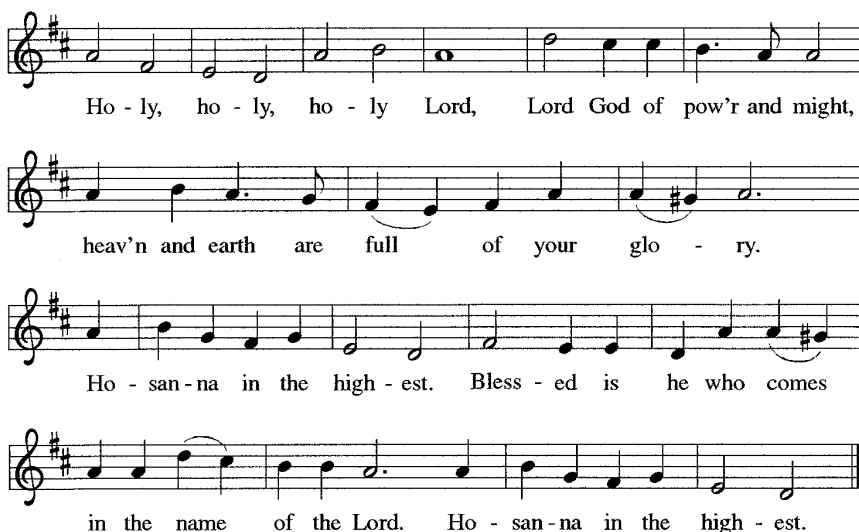
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\*Words of Institution**

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

**C** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **\*Invitation to Communion**

**P** Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

## **Distribution**

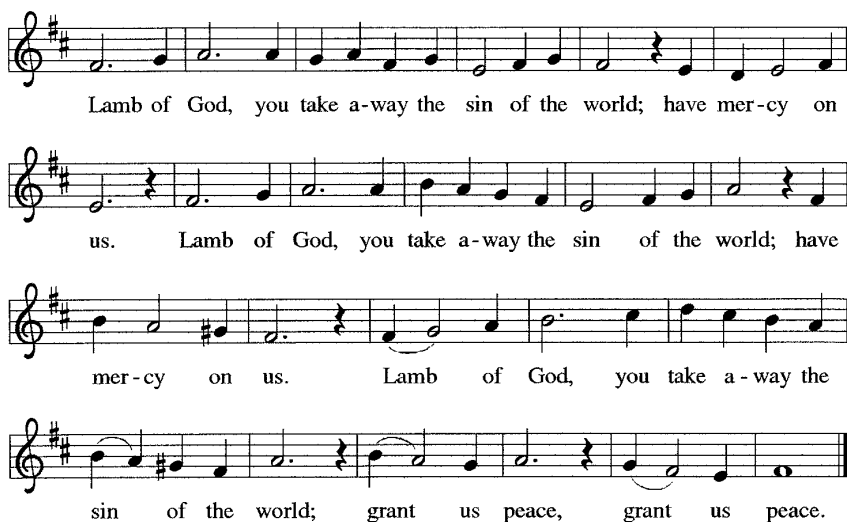
*We believe Jesus Christ is the host of this table,  
his true presence is in this meal,  
and you are welcome to receive the bread and wine of resurrection.*

*If you prefer your child to receive a blessing,  
place your hand upon their head or their hands.*

### **Communion Instruction**

- You will be invited forward by the usher or pastor.
- Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when at the rail.
- Red wine is on the outer rings of the tray; white grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.
- After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisle.
- If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, communion pods are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Music

**"Borning Cry"**

**# 732, Vs. 1-3**

**"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

**# 815, Vs. 1-3**

### \*Blessing

**C** Amen.

### \*Prayer after Communion

**D** Let us pray. God of the mountain, the valley, and every step in between, make this meal a fresh start. Make this moment, the start of something new. And, may your love cling to us as we leave here, that we may share it with your wounded world. In the name of the living one, we pray.

**C** Amen.

## \*Benediction



## \*Sending Hymn

# 677, Vs. 1 & 3

### “This Little Light of Mine”

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#### Verse 1

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

#### Verse 3

Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## \*Sending

D Go in peace. Live in love.

C Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

“This Little Light of Mine” (reprise)



# ST. JOHN NURSERY

*for your little's wiggles* AGES 0 - 5

**Volunteers needed** FOR ROTATING NURSERY SCHEDULE SIGN UP TODAY!



SCAN ME

OPEN: 8:30 AM WORSHIP, STARTING AFTER THE CHILDREN'S SERMON AND GOING UNTIL THE SHARING OF THE PEACE



## MAY SPECIAL OFFERING HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

# Adopt a Youth!



Help our high school youth make it to Kentucky this summer by supporting our Mission Trip financially! We will be building new houses for those who lost their homes in the Kentucky floods this Spring, and any amount you can donate will help make this trip affordable!"

Any amount adds up!  
 \$150 - 1/3 of cost.  
 \$225 - Half of cost  
 \$450 - Full scholarship

Donate by using the blue envelopes located in the Narthex or use the QR code to donate online!



GIVE NOW



# MUSIC

## Celebration Sunday

June 1st  
9:30 AM









# 3RD ANNUAL CHURCHWIDE PARKING LOT PICNIC

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP  
BAGS, BINGO, & A BOUNCE HOUSE  
FUN FOR ALL AGES!!!

**JUNE 8TH, 2025**  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
AFTER CHURCH

**SIGN UP**



**B.Y.O. BEVERAGE  
& CHAIR!**



*St. John Lutheran Church* **HOSTED BY THE 4:12 MINISTRY**

## HONORING OUR NEIGHBORS FAITH



A Joint Conversation with  
Local ELCA Churches

Please join us for a series of joint conversations between the ELCA churches of the Joliet area, as we learn more about the different faith traditions of our neighbors and reflect together on what it means for us, as ELCA Lutherans, to be good neighbors in faith.

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**Mondays: June 2nd, June 9th,  
June 16th, June 23rd**

6:30pm - 8:00pm

*Free Snacks Provided*

**Free!**

sign up here!



Questions? Contact the St. John Lutheran  
Church Office at 815-439-2320

*St. John*

Vacation Bible School

**Different Bodies,  
Different Gifts**

**Free  
Event!!**

**Volunteer  
Here!**



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**Register  
Here!**



"I praise you, for I am fearfully  
and wonderfully made"

Ages 4 through entering 6th Grade.  
Snack will be served.

**Sunday, June 22nd  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

# Interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers?

Altar flowers bring the beauty of God's creation into our worship space. They can be purchased in honor of your loved ones and you are welcome to take them home when services are over.

- 01 Anniversaries
- 02 Birthdays
- 03 Baptisms
- 04 Special Occasions and more!

Signup in the church office or online at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)



## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

**Monday** 9am - 4pm  
**Tuesday** 9am - 4pm  
**Wednesday** 9am - 4pm  
**Thursday** 9am - 4pm  
**Friday** Closed  
**Saturday** Closed  
**Sunday** During Worship



## WORSHIP

**Saturday** 5:30pm  
**Sunday** 9:30am\*

\* YouTube Livestream at  
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# May

## SUNDAY, MAY 18

*(Monthly Special Offering: High School Mission Trip)*

8:30am - 9:30am	Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am - 10:15am	Congregational Meeting: Sanctuary
10:15am - 10:45am	Sunday School: Sanctuary
11:00am - 12:00pm	Worship: Sanctuary <i>(Sunday School Sings &amp; Faith Milestones)</i>
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Men's Ministry Pub Theology: Off Site
4:30pm - 7:00pm	Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

## MONDAY, MAY 19

11:00pm - 1:00pm	Staff-Robin Trueblood Farewell Luncheon: Trinity Room
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Staff-Calendar Meeting: Trinity Room
5:30pm - 7:00pm	4:12 The Next Chapter
5:30pm - 8:00pm	A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Monday Night Small Group: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Handbell Choir: Sanctuary
8:00pm - 8:30pm	Handbell Ensemble: Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, MAY 20

1:00pm - 3:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry: Youth Room
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Council Meeting: Trinity Room

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

8:30am - 12:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
7:00pm - 8:15pm	Confirmation: 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Workshop: Trinity Room
8:15pm - 9:15pm	High School FIRE: Youth Room

## THURSDAY, MAY 22

9:00am - 11:30am	Coffee with Friends (Women): Youth Room
9:00am - 1:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
2:00pm - 7:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
7:00pm - 8:00pm	A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
7:00pm - 8:00pm	St. John Chorale: Choir Room
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Praise Team: Sanctuary

## FRIDAY, MAY 23

8:30am - 12:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:00am - 11:00am	Quilters: West Wing 5
9:00am - 10:30am	Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County, Mark Frost

## SATURDAY, MAY 24

7:00am - 11:00am	Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex/Karin Johnson Hall
8:00am - 10:00am	Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Worship: Sanctuary

## SUNDAY, MAY 25

9:30am - 10:30am	Worship: Sanctuary <i>(Lambert Baptism)</i>
10:45am - 12:30pm	Lambert Baptism Party: Narthex/Trinity Room

## MONDAY, MAY 26

*(Memorial Day: Church Office Closed)*

\*Check "stjohnfood.org" for Food Pantry distribution times and volunteer opportunities.