

## Worship a Foundation of Faith for Everything We Do



**Weekly worship** where we encounter God through sermons, song, and sacrament.  
**Special worship** celebrates Advent, The Longest Night, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, & Thanksgiving Eve.



**Worship music** invokes God's presence with organ, piano, choirs, praise band, handbells, and special instruments.



**Welcome and care for children in worship** with 1st grade 10 commandments, 2nd grade Bibles, 3rd grade communion instruction, acolyting, busy bags, children's chimers and choirs, children's sermons, baptism, and Youth Sunday.

## Connect Faith with Daily Life

**Lifelong learning** through adult small groups, Bible study, and Diakonia.



**Nurturing the faith of youth** through Faith Milestones



**Care** for the whole person through Health and Wellness Programs.

191

K-12 Sunday School Children

72

7th-9th Grade Confirmation Youth

39

High School Mission Trip Participants

28

2 and 3 year olds in the Parent's Day Out (PDO) program

## Create a Culture of Care

**Visit** hospitals, rehab centers, and nursing facilities to bring hope and comfort in times of healing.

**Journey** with us in daily living and faith development.

3 Pastors who



**Meet** us at life's milestones in times of crises and joy.

**Teach** congregants to care for homebound members with prayer, communion, and scripture.

## Serve our Neighbors and Work for Justice



**Give** food to Joliet's hungry through Daybreak, Morning Star Mission, and Meals on Wheels.

**Collaborate** with area businesses, organizations, and churches to host 5 Mobile Food Pantry events per year at St. John.



38,000+

Clients served a year through our Food Pantry Ministry.



**Host** community events that unify and heal, like Take Back the Night, A.A., Al-Anon, and Northern Illinois Food Bank programs.



**Educate** community on poverty and justice issues.



**Bring** dignity and hope to a struggling population.

## Coordinate Support for ministry



**Schedule** facilities and volunteers for ministry.

**Provide** office space, equipment, and human resources for staff and operations.

**Process** \$754,250 in pledges, gifts, and other income.

**Maintain** databases, equipment, financial records, and records of pastoral acts.



## Partner with ELCA Faith Communities for Ministry

St. John is

1 of 9,252

Lutheran congregations and institutions of the ELCA.

Northern Illinois Synod of the ELCA received

\$45,500

from St. John in 2018 to help support ELCA ministry work. St. John is one of the Northern Illinois Synod's leaders in giving.

We're **linked** with camps, churches, colleges, and seminaries across America, and around the world.



Partnerships help **fund** ministries that feed and empower people worldwide.

## Share the Love of Christ through Communications and Technology

Connect with each other!

**Provide** an online presence for those seeking a faith community.  
**Renovate** our website and communications in 2018.

And with St. John ministries!! 😊



## Grow and Sustain Financial Resources



**Celebrate** generosity through Faith Series Videos, Media Communications, and Stewardship Moments.

**Invite** people to respond with generosity through gifts of time, energy, and financial support.



**Develop and promote** efforts related to stewardship education, financial literacy, mission interpretation, and growth in giving.

## Welcome and Deepen relationships through Christian Fellowship

