

St. John

LUTHERAN CHURCH



A Whole Month of Thanksgiving!

November 8th, 2025 at 5:30 PM

November 9th, 2025 at 8:30 AM

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 Len & Arlene Erdahl in celebration of their 57th wedding Anniversary!

Worship Leaders – Saturday, November 8, 2025 (5:30 pm)

Deacon	Yvonne Welsh
Usher	Joan Fry
Piano	Susan Yokubonis
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Welcome Center	Nicki Alander

Worship Leaders – Sunday, November 9, 2025 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Eileen Diercks
Communion Assistants	Linda Koerner
Greeter	Lilith Schlosser
Ushers	Mark Collins, Bob Makowka
Acolytes	Noah Rouskey, Kaycie Pazzali
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Rob Doyle
Livestream	Jenelle Lambert
Counters	Pat Block-Hay, Wendy Eklund
Altar Guild	Joan Fry, Marge West
Welcome Center	Lynne Smith
Nursery	Meghan Doyle, Monica Engel
Coffee Hour	Prayer Shawl Ministry

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St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude (8:30)

“Consonanze Stravaganti”

Trabaci

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C Amen.

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,

**C we are your rebellious people.
We compete with those who have less than us.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from people who are in need.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.**

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Lord of Light”

688, Vs. 1, 3, 4

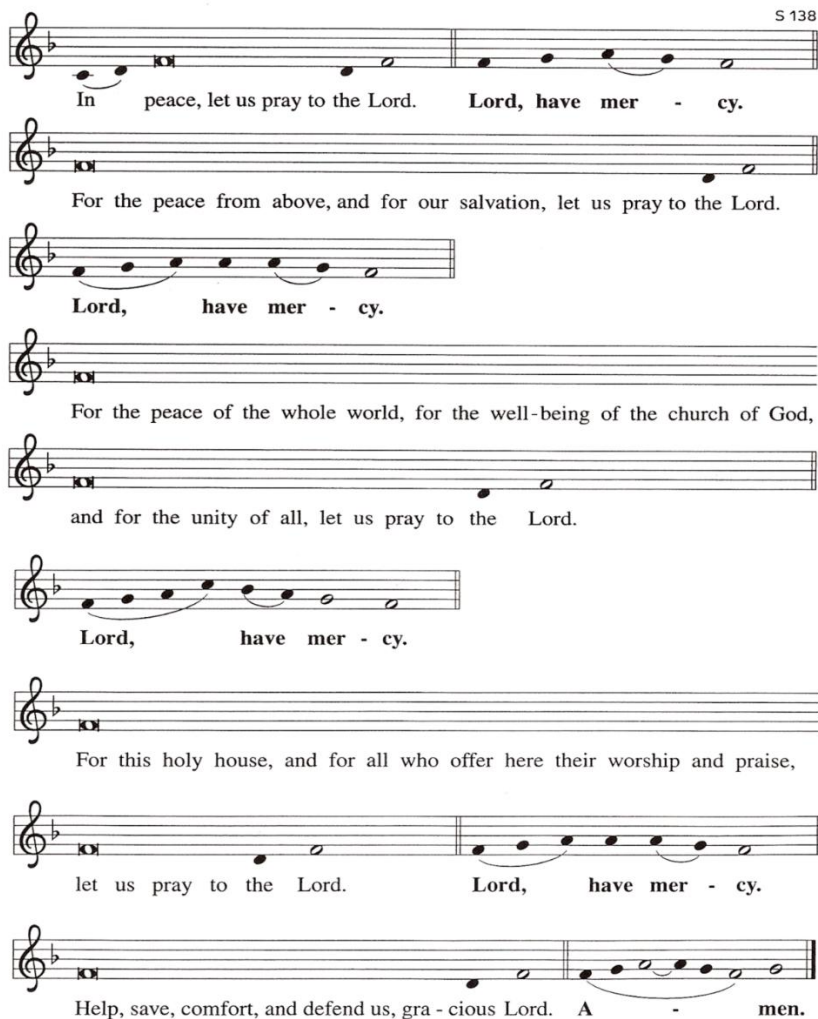
*Greeting

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

S 138



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,

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

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

*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Inspire us for a holy life here, keep us mindful of the life to come, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Reading

Job 19:23-27

D A reading from the book of Job, the nineteenth chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our hearts are open.**

“O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my vindicator lives

and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been destroyed,

then in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see on my side,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!”

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music (8:30)

“As the Deer”
St. John Chorale

Nystrom arr. Hayes

Psalm 17:1-9

D A responsive reading from the book of Psalms.

C **Our hearts are open.**

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;

give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

From you let my vindication come;

let your eyes see the right.

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

**As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

**I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.**

Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

**Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,**

from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation

S 142a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel

Luke 20:27-40

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20th chapter.

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally, the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive." Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon (8:30)

After the Children's Sermon, parents with children of all ages, may bring them to the Wiggle Room Leader standing at the end of the center aisle. They will then take the children to the Wiggle Room. The children will return to the sanctuary during the Sharing of the Peace.

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

***Hymn of the Day**

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

619, Vs. 1-4

Fall Stewardship Appeal Update

Mark Frost
Stewardship Team

Litany of Gratitude

P Give thanks to the Lord, who is good!

C God's love is everlasting!

P Come, let us praise God joyfully!

C Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

P For the solar panels above our heads, that they capture the rays of your sun providing warmth in the winter and cool in the summer.

C That they conserve resources for our ministries and for your creation.

P That they sustain your mission for us into the future,

C And inspire us to greater generosity.

P In the name of God's generous Son, whom we praise.

C 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 shared silently during today's prayers, by filling out a green prayer request card in your pew or completing the Prayer Request form at stjohnjoliet.org.

P Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

Congregation Sings the response:

"Nothing Can Trouble"

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Nothing can trouble

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.

Those who seek God shall never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.

God alone fills us.

The prayers conclude:

P We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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.

Ministry Highlight

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a small group who knits and crochets together.

*They gather around the prayer shawls with love and laughter,
blessing and prayer, and then give them as gifts to
anyone who needs healing or their spirits lifted.*

*You are welcome to choose one for someone you are praying for,
or you may find one for yourself in the cubbies of the cabinet
next to the Welcome Center.*

*The Prayer Shawl ministry and all our ministries
are made possible by Jesus and the General Fund,
supported by generous people like you. Thank you*

Offertory (8:30) "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Bradbury

Commitment to Community: A Spirit of Sharing

It feels good to give back and to "pay it forward!"

There is joy in being generous - giving to others from what God has blessed us with. Thank you for your generosity toward the ministries of St. John, which serve God, help our neighbors right here, bring aid to people in need across the country, and strengthen partnerships around the world.

Your gift of money and gift of presence are lifted up to God when you place your attendance sheet, prayer requests, and financial gifts in the offering plate. Thank you!



Now Accepting



*Offertory Response

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“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

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Thankful hearts and voices raise;
Tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord
Rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises
And lead your people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

S 152

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy

S 144b

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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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 Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.
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

S 146

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.

Communion Music

“Shall We Gather at the River”

423, Vs. 1-3

“When Peace Like a River”

785, Vs. 1, 3, 4

***Blessing (8:30)**

C Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to
share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

*Benediction



*Sending Hymn

544, Vs. 1, 3

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

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Verse 1

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
Worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
Glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
By this eucharist declaring
Yours the final victory.

Verse 3

Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
We go forth alert and living
In your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation,
Seeking peace in ev'ry nation,
May we faithful foll'wers be.

*Sending

D Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude (8:30) "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" (reprise)

November Special Offering

HELPING HANDS



Use a gold pew envelope labeled Helping Hands or click "give" at stjohnjoliet.org

Your generosity helps our people



in their homes
utility assistance



at work
transportation assistance



stay healthy
prescription assistance







VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SCAN



We need YOUR help!

Looking for donations of "staple" items like:

Depends	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Diapers	Rice
Wipes	Mac n Cheese
Toilet Paper	Spaghetti Sauce
Feminine Products	Beans
Pet Food	Noodles

Your monetary donations go far!
Every \$1 donated to the food pantry provides \$8 worth of groceries for a neighbor in need






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**Commit your gifts to the 2026 mission of
St. John as we create a space of belonging
to share God's abundant grace**

Fall Stewardship Appeal
Commitment Card

Please return this Commitment Card on COMMITMENT WEEKEND, October 25-26, 2025 or mail it to the church office.
• To submit an online commitment card, visit midwestcrossroad.org
• For questions, contact the church at contact@midwestcrossroad.org

Name(s): _____ Phone/Fax: _____

Phone / Email: _____

2025 Offering to the General Fund: \$ _____

☐ I/We give online ☐ Send me offering envelopes

Frequency: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Yearly

In 2026, I/We commit to ... ☐ Volunteering with the _____ ministry ☐ Other _____

☐ Daily prayer ☐ Attend worship more often

The good stewardship of the abundant grace of God sees us neither with reluctant gift nor of you has missed.
- Exodus 18:20

St. John
Giving Reminder

2026 Offering to the General Fund: \$ _____

Frequency: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Yearly

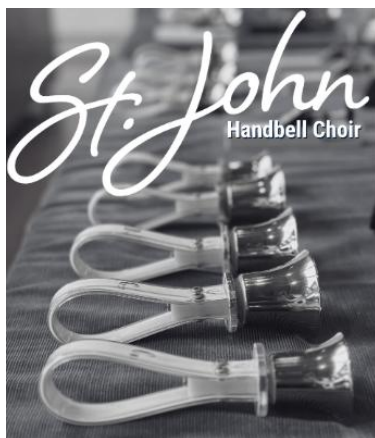
In 2026, I/We commit to ... ☐ _____ ☐ _____



OR

**Bring in your
Commitment Cards to
worship or turn into the
church office**

Still time to turn your Commitment Card!



**Come out and support the
St. John Handbell Choir!**

**The Handbell Choir
will be featured performers on the
Midwest Crossroad Chorus Show**

**Saturday, November 15th, 2025 at 3:00PM
Trinity Christian School
901 Shorewood Dr. Shorewood, IL**

**Interested in tickets?
See Tori Hicks or
visit www.midwestcrossroad.com**

St. John LUTHERAN CHURCH in

YOUTH

BOWLING

Event

 **November 16th, 2025**
1:30pm - 3:30pm

 **Location: Channahon Lanes**
25306 W Eames St, Channahon, IL 60410

 **Sign up at: www.StJohnJoliet.org**

ALL
Confirmation &
High School
families are
invited!

FREE
Pizza, Soda,
and Bowling!

SCAN ME




Men's Ministry invites you to



PUB THEOLOGY

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

SUNDAY
November
16
12:00 - 3:30PM

Are you ready for an afternoon of Bears vs. Vikings, 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

JOIN OUR TEAM

Maintenance Associate

Duties & Responsibilities

- Maintain church buildings and grounds safely and efficiently
- Perform routine and emergency repairs (lighting, plumbing, floors, carpets, banners)
- Set up and take down for meetings, elections, and events

Skills & Qualifications

- Passion for serving others
- Patience, kindness, and empathy
- Friendly and welcoming demeanor
- Flexible and adaptable schedule and attitude.
- Physically able to lift, carry, and move equipment or materials as needed.

Part-time, Approximately 12 hours/week

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Apply Now

Please send your skills and experience to Alyssa Rosas:
Operations@stjohnjoliet.org

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
THE OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

The St. John office actively Shares the Love of Christ all year-round, and we couldn't do it without the help of many volunteers.

If you can fill in a few hours to answer phones, greet guests, assemble bulletins and accomplish simple tasks, our staff would appreciate your help!

Contact Pam Kornaus today to learn more about volunteering in the church office.

**CALL THE OFFICE AT 815-439-2320
OR EMAIL PAM KORNAUS AT
PAMKORNAUS@STJOHNJOLIET.ORG**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship *and* Pie Night

Wednesday, 11/26

Worship at 7pm | Pie Night at 8pm

Let us know you're coming at stjohnjoliet.org

11/27-29 - Office Closed
11/23 - 12/2 - Food Pantry Closed

Pie Donations Needed!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Family activity and learning event

Family Advent Event

NOVEMBER 30TH

St. John LUTHERAN CHURCH

Karin Johnson Hall
9:45am-10:45am

SIGN UP



Church Christmas Decorating

November 30th, 10:30am-2pm

Adults Only Please

Sign up on the back of the attendance sheet

Questions? Contact Jackie Mansholt
at j.mansholt@gmail.com

November

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 *(Monthly Special Offering: Helping Hands)*

8:30am - 9:30am	Worship: Sanctuary
9:30am - 10:30am	Coffee Hour: Host is Prayer Shawl Ministry
9:45am - 10:00am	Sunday School Sings Rehearsal: Choir Room
9:45am - 10:45am	Sunday School: Sanctuary, West Wing, Karin Johnson Hall
9:45am - 10:00am	Solar Panel Forum: Trinity Room
11:00am - 12:00pm	Worship: Sanctuary
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Spanish Worship: Sanctuary

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

12:00pm - 3:00pm	Staff Meeting: Trinity Room
5:30pm - 8:00pm	A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Finance/Executive Committee: Pastor Robin's Office
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Monday Night Small Group: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Al-Anon: West Wing 3&4
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Sunday School Team Meeting: Youth Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Handbells: Sanctuary
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Handbell Ensemble: Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

6:30pm - 8:00pm	Martha Circle: Trinity Room
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:30am - 12:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Memorial Committee: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Confirmation: Building
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Parent Care Group Meeting: Trinity Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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
6:45pm - 8:00pm	St. John Chorale: Choir Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm	A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Praise Team Rehearsal: Sanctuary

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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
9:30am - 11:30am	MOMCO Meeting: Narthex & West Wing

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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, NOVEMBER 16

8:30am - 9:30am	Worship: Sanctuary
9:30am - 10:30am	Coffee Hour: Host is Food Pantry
9:45am - 10:00am	Sunday School Sings Rehearsal: Choir Room
9:45am - 10:45am	Sunday School: Sanctuary, West Wing, Karin Johnson Hall
9:45am - 10:45am	Parent Care Group Meeting: Trinity Room
11:00am - 12:00pm	Worship: Sanctuary (Sunday School Sings)
12:00pm - 2:30pm	Men's Ministry Pub Theology: Off-Site
12:15pm - 2:30pm	Tween GO!: Karin Johnson Hall
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Youth Bowling Event: Off-Site
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Spanish Worship: Sanctuary

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