

St. John

Lutheran Church

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



To Be Seen

April 14th, 2024 @ 8:30 am

2650 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL 60435
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ST. JOHN NIGHT AT



Tuesday
April 23rd
4:00 – 9:00 PM

Craft'd Plainfield
 16031 S Lincoln Hwy,
 Plainfield, IL 60586

St. John will earn back 20% of what is spent on food and beverages from 4:00-9:00PM. Make sure to show your waitress this flyer!

Better Together

NEW MEMBER CLASS
APRIL 28TH AT 9:45 AM

Get to know St. John, meet new people, and consider joining us in serving our neighbors and one another.

SIGN UP



New Member Reception and Coffee Hour
 will be held on May 12th

For more information
 Call 815-439-2320
 email info@stjohnpolet.org



April Special Offering

ELCA Youth Gathering
St. John High School Ministry

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



July 15-21, 2024

New Orleans

Help Support the St. John High School Ministry



On Tithe.ly choose
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 St. John Lutheran Church
 Memo: Mission Trip

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 Cathy & Bruce Hawkins in honor of Cathy's birthday, their grandson, Jaxson's 11th birthday, and in thanksgiving for their family.

To sponsor altar flowers or coffee hour, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Thank you to Marge West, Spiecker, and Hoffman family for Coffee Hour this morning!



Worship Leaders – Sunday, April 14, 2024 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Kara Day
Communion Assistants	Linda Koerner, Kathy Moore
Greeters	Erik, Katie, Kaylee, & Kelsey Hoffman
Acolytes	Abby Ogrizovich, Addison Specht
Ushers	Erik Hoffman, Marge West
Organ & Piano	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Jon Blomquist
Livestream Team	Rob Kornaus, Jenelle Lambert
Counters	Wendy Eklund, Pat Block-Hay
Altar Guild	Joan Fry, Marge West

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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**
 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

Miles

Welcome and Announcements

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom’s land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen!

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

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Verse 1 Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
As his light once more appears;
Bowing down in joy before him,
Rising up from griefs and tears.

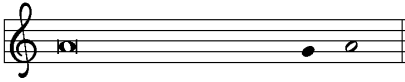
Refrain Christ is risen! Alleluia!
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Verse 4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never
Death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
We have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
Of our trembling hearts have ceased;
Hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast. **Refrain**

***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.



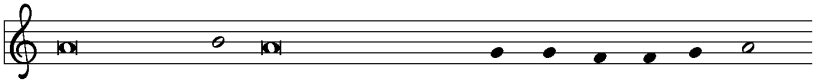
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

All



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.

Refrain



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.

Final refrain



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. Holy Lord, by giving their full attention to the needs of your neglected children, your followers brought healing and hope greater than any riches. Give us the focus to see your children as you see them, just as we have been fully seen by you. We pray this in your holy name.

C **Amen.**

Reading

Acts 3:1-10

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

"Glorious Day" Chapman, Hall, Bleecker
Amanda Beaudry, Kristen Vorrier – Vocals
Jason Vorrier - Drums

Psalm

Psalm 34:1-8

D A responsive reading from the book of Psalms.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our hearts are open.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD
and was saved from every trouble.**

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Celtic Alleluia

"Celtic Alleluia"

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Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes on both staves.

*Gospel

Mark 6:53-56

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

When [Jesus and the disciples] had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

Hymn of the Day

546, Vs. 1-4

"To Be Your Presence"

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Verse 1 To be your presence is our mission here,
To show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
To be your heart of mercy ever near,
Alleluia!

Verse 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
To feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
To be your hands of justice, right uphold,
Alleluia!

Verse 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
To speak for all the broken and oppressed,
To be your voice of hope, your love expressed,
Alleluia!

Verse 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
To serve your people is our call and choice,
And in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
Alleluia!

***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

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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 when invited 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.

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Congregation sings this response:

**Hear Our prayer, hear our prayer,
Lord, make us whole:
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place,
Hear now our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

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

Offertory

“The Solid Rock”

Curry

Commitment to Community

Your offering of any amount is generous and 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.

Your offering and attendance sheets may be placed in the offering plate, or try our new online giving platform, [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com). Thank you!



Now Accepting



“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, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving** (*sung*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

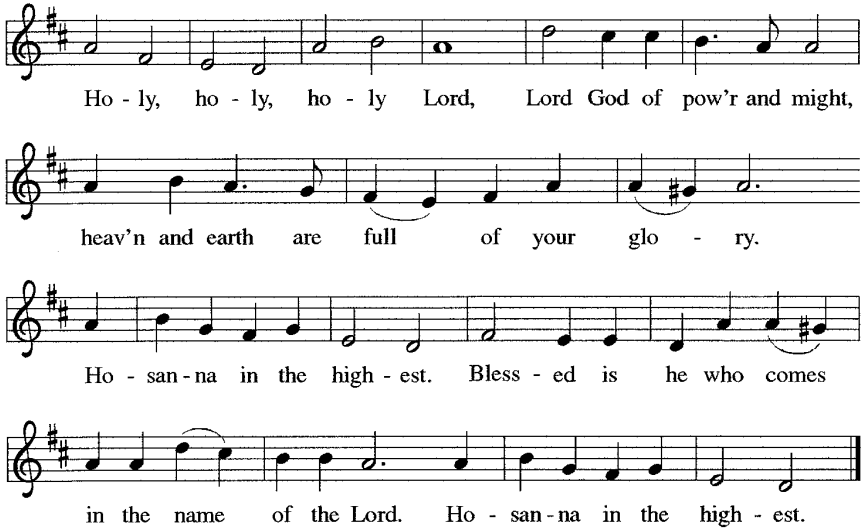
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **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 The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

Distribution

*We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.
All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

There are two ways to receive communion today:

Receiving Communion in your pew

You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

- *You will be invited forward by the usher to receive bread from the pastor. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the pastor.*
- *Communion assistants hold trays with red wine in the outer rings of the tray and white grape juice in 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.*
- *At the 5:30pm service, the pastor will offer a blessing before you leave the communion rail.*

Receiving Communion at the altar

- *You will be invited forward by the usher.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *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.*

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

638, Vs. 1-3

"Blessed Assurance"

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Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight:
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain**

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

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Refrain Healer of our ev’ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

Verse 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
Grace us with you peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **Refrain**

Verse 3 Give us strength to love each other,
Ev’ry sister, ev’ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **Refrain**

Verse 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. **Refrain**

***Blessing**

C Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to
proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our
redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

***Benediction**

C Sing AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

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Verse The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
To make of all the earth a better place to live.
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
To make of all the earth a better place to live.

Chorus The angels are not sent into our world of pain
To do what we were meant to do in Jesus’ name;
That falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. **Repeat Chorus**

***Sending**

D Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude “Christ the Lord is Risen today, Alleluia! Schroeder

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First Communion

OPEN FOR THIRD GRADERS AND OLDER WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH CHILD
MAKING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION BY SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2024

FAMILY LEARNING EVENT: SUNDAY, MAY 5TH FROM 2:00-5:00PM

Faith Milestone Celebration on Sunday, May 19th during 11:00 am worship

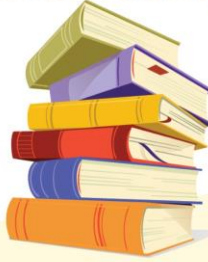


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NEW & USED BOOK DRIVE

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IN NEED OF DONATIONS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS AND READING LEVELS



TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR NEIGHBORS THROUGH THE ST. JOHN FOOD PANTRY

DROP-OFF BOX IN THE NARTHEX

MARCH 10TH - APRIL 19TH



DONATIONS NEEDED

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Morning Star Mission has a silverware and coffee mug shortage. We are looking for new or gently used silverware and mugs to donate.

Bring all donations to St. John Narthex starting April 7th



MORNING STAR MISSION MINISTRIES
Providing meals, counseling, housing and other homeless services in Joliet



COFFEE MUGS



SILVERWARE

FAITH FIELD TRIPS



Friday, April 26, 2024, 7:00-9:30pm

Casting Crowns Concert

at Willow Creek Church
in South Barrington

Tickets are \$23.62 per person.
Travel arrangements pending.

Join us!

Let us know you're interested on StJohnJoliet.org or scan the QR code to go directly to the rsvp form



Questions? Contact Janel Eaton, Coordinator - 815-341-7365

APRIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School: Sanctuary/Karin Johnson Hall/West Wing
9:45am - 10:45am Fair Trade Coffee: Narthex
9:45am - 10:45am Youth Ministry Fair: Narthex/Trinity Room
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary
12:15pm - 2:30pm Tween Go!

MONDAY, APRIL 15

9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
1:00pm - 3:00pm Staff Meeting: Trinity Room
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 Handbells: Sanctuary
8:00pm - 8:30pm Handbell Ensemble: Sanctuary

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
7:00pm - 9:00pm Council Meeting: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

8:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
1:00pm - 4:00pm Staff Meeting: Trinity Room
6:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Choir: Choir Room
6:30pm - 7:30pm Sunday School Team Meeting: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:15pm Confirmation: Off-Site at Joliet Jewish Congregation
7:30pm - 9:00pm St. John Chorale: Choir Room
8:15pm - 9:15pm High School FIRE: Off-Site

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

9:00am - 11:30am Coffee with Friends (Women): Trinity Room
9:00am - 1:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
2:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
2:00pm - 3:00pm Green Team: Narthex
4:00pm - 7:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
4:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Distribution Online Orders: West Wing
4:30pm - 5:30pm Property Committee: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
7:00pm - 8:30pm Praise Team: Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 (Church Office Closed)

7:00pm - 12:00am High School Spring Lock-In: Building
9:00am - 11:00am Quilters: West Wing 5
9:00am - 10:30am Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County, Mark Frost

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

12:01am - 10:00am High School Spring Lock-In: Building
7:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex & Karin Johnson Hall
8:00am - 10:00am Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot
11:00am - 2:00pm Memorial Service (pending)
5:30pm - 6:30pm Worship: Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School: Sanctuary/Karin Johnson Hall/West Wing
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary
5:30pm - 7:00pm Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

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

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 5th
9:45 AM
in the Sanctuary

www.stjohnjoliet.com

Drawing for
Homemade
Treats

Ministry
Updates

Voting on
Council
Members