

Events for the week of Mar. 18th

MONDAY

6:30 –8:00 p.m. **Bible Study** Wesley Lounge

TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m. **Bible Study** Wesley Lounge

6:30 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Library

6:30 p.m. **Finance Meeting** Coke Lounge

6:30 –8:30 p.m. **Praise Team Practice** Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Stephanie Out—Thanks to Sandy Grantham for being in the office to cover the door & phones!

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. **Thrift Shop Open**

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Girl Scouts** Rm. 203

6:00—9:00 p.m. **Emmaus Team Meeting** Rm. 201

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. **Thrift Shop Open**

9:30 a.m.—11:00 p.m. **Choir Practice**

SUNDAY (Mar. 24th) Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Chapel Worship**

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **Traditional Worship**

3:00 p.m. –4:30 p.m. **GriefShare** Wesley Lounge

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. **Emmaus Meeting** Wesley L.

Church Office Hours

M-TH 9:00 –1:00

We are CLOSED on Fridays.

Please respect Pastor Josh's Sabbath on Mondays. Messages can be communicated to the office.

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MARCH 17TH, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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Come as you are and be transformed by the love of Christ!

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Lent has become a vain ritual where Christians give up small, often insignificant, vices as they prepare themselves to contemplate the passion and resurrection of Christ. The fundamental call of Jesus to all who follow him is to sacrifice themselves and their lives for the good of their friends, neighbors, and even enemies. In this Lenten series, we'll examine the tangible ways that Jesus demonstrated sacrificial living in his day and age, and the powerful, world-shaking ramifications that his sacrificial life had on his society in his day, while posturing ourselves to imitate Jesus in our day.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joshua Berry

OPENING PRAISE SONG:

“Waymaker”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dr. Stephanie Grassett

PRAISE SONG:

“Promises”

LENTEN LITANY:

Sally Van Keuren

L: Jesus called twelve disciples to follow him and he revealed his glory to them in word and action as they listened to his parables and sermons and saw him heal and care for many. Jesus wanted them to be like him and he wants us to share his story of salvation through the cross and empty tomb.

P: We are called to follow our Lord. We are led by his command. His disciples told forth God’s Word into every place and land.

L: As soon as Jesus asked the disciples to come with him, they came. The disciples dedicated their lives to Jesus because they knew he was their Savior.

P: We dedicate our lives to our Savior from sin, death, the devil, and come when he calls us.

L: The disciples witnessed when Jesus made the blind to see, the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, and the mute to speak again.

P: Let us open our eyes to see, move our legs to walk, unstop our ears to hear, and loosen our tongues to speak the glorious name of Christ and experience his blessings to us.

L: The disciples saw Jesus walking on water toward them and they were scared, but Jesus said, “Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid.”

P: May we take heart in Christ, whenever we are afraid and know that he is with us wherever we may go.

L: Christ’s disciples gathered in the Upper Room, where they received the body and blood of Christ in the bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper.

P: Let us as Christ's disciples at the table of the Lord taste and see that the Lord is good.

L: The disciples went with Jesus to pray in the garden of Gethsemane. But while Jesus prayed, the disciples slept. Then Jesus woke them up for his arrest.

P: May we stay awake to carry out the tasks that Christ would have us do and keep praying for the coming of his kingdom of glory.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory for ever Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG:

“Reckless Love”

Holy Week Activities @ St. John’s
Maundy Thursday - (March 28th)

“Love Feast”

6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Share in the ritual of handwashing, reading of scripture, prayer, and a simple meal.

*Please RSVP to Stephanie in the office by calling 302-629-9466
or emailing stjohns@stjohnsseaford.com*

Final headcount is needed by Monday the 25th.

Good Friday - (March 29th)

“Community Cross Walk”

Starts here at St. John’s at 11:00 a.m. We will walk on Arch and Pine Sts. stopping for prayer along the way. Then we will return around 12:00 for Communion.

“Tenebrae Service”

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

"Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning "darkness." The service of Tenebrae is an adaptation of medieval Roman Catholic practices for each of the days of Holy Week dating back to the 9th century. For United Methodists, the story of the suffering and death of Jesus from John’s Gospel is divided into 16 readings. After each segment of the story is read, a candle is extinguished. After the 15th reading which confirms that Jesus had died on the cross, the last candle is extinguished and a loud sound (called a strepitus in Latin) is made to convey the sense of total loss of god’s presence and the effect of the death of Jesus on the universe. The final story of burial is read in near darkness. Worshipers leave in silence to ponder the impact of

The next step in our Mission and Vision process is here!



We need everyone to complete the Spiritual Gifts Inventory and return it by Easter Sunday!

There is a bin in the Narthex with the forms and one to return the completed page back in. Look for the bright pink!

As part of the 40 Days of Kindness for Lent, our Preschool Director has hidden 100 of these mini Jesus figures around our church. If you find one he is yours to keep to make you smile and remember Jesus loves YOU!



St. John's is planning a road trip to Sight & Sound in Lancaster to see DANIEL!

Only about
18 seats
left!

July 31st—\$136 per person

(Dinner is not included in the price.)

Call Ruth Rhoades at 302-841-0351 to secure your seat.

Payment can be mailed or dropped off to the church office.

St. John's Attendance & Financial Update

St. John's Seaford Budget Income:

\$13,942

Designated Non-Budget Income:

\$425

Chapel Offering:

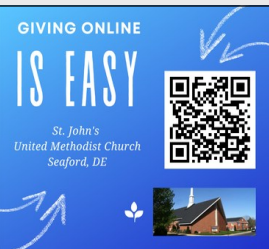
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Preschool:

\$5,581

Total Deposits:

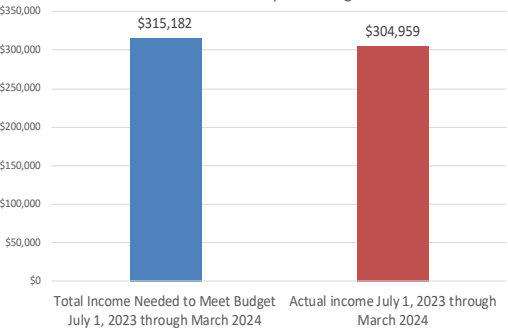
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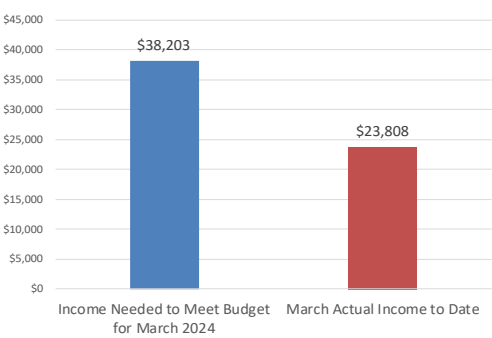
Attendance (3/10)

9:00 (77) Chapel: (18) 11:00 (81) Total: 176

Financial Information for fiscal year through March 2024



Financial Information for the month of March 2024



THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING: John 12: 20-33

Sally Van Keuren

MESSAGE: “Sacrificial Bravery”

Rev. Joshua Berry

***CLOSING PRAISE SONG:**

“Here I Am to Worship”

***BENEDICTION:** St. Patrick’s “Prayer for the Faithful”

Rev. Joshua Berry

P: May the Strength of God guide us.

L: May the Power of God preserve us.

P: May the Wisdom of God instruct us.

L: May the Hand of God protect us.

P: May the Way of God direct us.

L: May the Shield of God defend us.

P: May the Angels of God guard us against the snares of the evil one.

L: May Christ be with us!

P: May Christ be before us!

L: May Christ be in us,

P: Christ be over all!

L: May Thy Grace, Lord, Always be ours,

P: This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen.

** Please stand if you are able.*

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God:

In honor of my daughter, Rylie Moore, who is getting married this week.
May God bless your marriage and grant you a lifetime of love.

By Dr. Stephanie Grassett

And

In loving memory of her husband Gene Horner Sr. and son Gene Horner Jr.
by Frances Horner and family

The Center Flowers are:

By Jim and Marcia Thompson in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary

Thank you to our wonderful church family for the cards, calls and well wishes for us both as Doug recovers from surgery and I am dealing with an injury. We missed coming to church for 2 months and are so blessed to be back! Our family is so appreciative!

Doug and Stephanie Simpson



Dear St. John's Congregation,

Thank you for the many cards and gifts we received upon Doug's resignation. We appreciate the loving care you have shown us over the last 18 years. Good luck in the future.

Doug and Becky Rhodes

Easter Flowers



Please look for the purple forms in the Narthex to donate flowers to decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Donations may be in honor or memory of someone and all dedications will be included in the bulletin on Easter morning. The cost is \$9 for each pot of tulips.

Plants may be picked up after the 11:00 service on Easter Sunday.



St. John's Connections Team

The Connections Team has been busy making contacts with those who are ill, shut-in, or experiencing loss. If you have a loved one or a friend who needs some encouragement or to know we care, please contact Sandy Baker by phone at 302-629-8204 or by email at sbakero306@gmail.com.

Thank you for continuing to help us spread the love of God!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health: Dot Whaley, John George, Harry Ryder, Jeff Scott, Nancy Lynch, Maxine Matthews, Elizabeth Walker, Ward Higgins, Ann Smith, Joel Epps, Rose Willey, Lake and Edna Scott, Linda Larrimore, Peggy Tinder, Joan Hart, Patty Dale, John Powell, Charles Jones, Paula Pritchett, Nikki Jones, Gail Spencer, Jane Tate, Janet Schroueder, Diana Trice, Carol Adkins, Fay Bender, Bev Palmer, Bob Mc Ilvaine, Zoe Barnes, Becky Grubb, Bernice Bolter, James Caruso Jr., Linda Conner, Doris McLaughlin, Bob and Angel Adams, David Sagers, Jeanne Conner, Jenn Marnock, Alexis Elliott, Madison Parks, Butch Vandegrift, Ellie Everton, Dixie Baker, and Nathan Black.

Continued Prayer: Dawson Lankford, William B. Wright Jr, Gail Phillips, Carolyn Godfrey, Dale Boyd, Joyce Allen, Bob Colona, Audra Stambaugh, Teena Diehl, Bob Hudson, Fred Danielson, Barbara Truitt, Nancy Fraser, John Macey and family, Ramona Jones Curtis, Quentin and Mary Welch, Annaliese, Debbie Brauffman, Robert and Ethel Ellingsworth, Bob Freeborn, and Pat Grassett.

**Updates
needed!**

If you asked for any of these names to be placed on the prayer list, or know an update, please let us know when names can be removed. We love to hear about answered prayers! and would like to keep our list as updated as possible!

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We take your requests for all prayer concerns seriously and feel blessed to serve you!