



Saved by Grace ~ Led by the Spirit ~ Called to Serve

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Guest Pastor, Rev. David Keesey-Berg

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 30, 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Outdoor Worship 9:00 a.m. in our

North parking lot. Altar area will be set up under the North entrance overhang. The middle parking

section will be blocked off so shade can be more easily

accessed. Please bring your own communion elements and

lawn chairs. For all in-person services, face masks are

required. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided

for you. We also encourage you to maintain physical

distance. ***Other things to consider bringing along:*** water

bottles, and an umbrella to provide some shade!

Of course, outdoor services are weather dependent, and we

will monitor the forecasts. If it appears that we have to

cancel, we will send an email. Cancellation notices will also

be posted on our website, as well as our Facebook page.

Online Worship is also available. If you don't feel comfortable attending the Outdoor Worship, or in the case of bad weather, please join us for worship online via our YouTube channel at 9:00 a.m. As always, look for the link for the online service in your email!



Readings for Sunday, August 30

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Gospel: Matthew 18:10-14

Please keep in your prayers: **Dwayne**

Linstroth, Sandi Linstroth's

brother-in-law, stage 4 mesothelioma. **Gail Meister** stage 4 bone cancer. **Scott Bourie's Grandmother** residence facility is now COVID-free. **Gage Klarich** as he awaits his rescheduled surgery. **Amy Brown** (Bill & Jean Brown's daughter-in-law) with endometriosis. **Karen** (Friend of Sharon Stake) suffered a broken spine, sudden death of her son, and now is trying to finish her son's farm crops. **Jeff Rosnow** hospitalized, while visiting family in Idaho. **Scott Bourie's uncle** in ICU.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

PASTORAL TRANSITION - OUR THANKS to Rev. David Keesey-Berg, as he is our guest pastor today! Rev. Keesey-Berg has also agreed to lead us September 6 & 20. Other pulpit supply scheduled are Rev. Bruce Engebretson will lead us on September 13, and Rev. Emily Tveite will lead us on September 27.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT TEAM UPDATE

New Cross Being Designed

Work continues on both the roof and the sanctuary, but as there are no big updates, we wanted to take a moment to update the congregation on one particular element of the new sanctuary that is currently underway: a newly designed cross and backdrop.

As we moved forward with the design of the sanctuary, we kept coming back to the focus of the room – and the focus of our faith – the cross. While our current

cross and lattice backdrop are very nice, we felt that something more was needed so that the cross would stand out in the new sanctuary space. We reached out to Paul Mattek from Design Fugitives, an art and design company specializing in designing pieces for sacred spaces.

The Building Improvement Team met with Paul several times to talk about how the new space would look, what spiritual elements should be represented and how the piece should tie into the overall sanctuary design, while standing out as our focal point. We talked specifically about tying the design to our stained glass windows with their emphasis on water, baptism and life.

Design Fugitives is currently preparing a design for us based on these conversations. As soon as we have the design finalized, we'll share it with the full congregation. We are very excited to see what the company will create for St. John's to help enhance our worship space, and be a visual reminder of keeping Christ at the center of all we do.

We are planning to keep and reuse the cross and lattice that was in the sanctuary in a different location in the building. It is currently located in the Friendship room. We will continue to use the rest of the current chancel furniture, including the altar, pulpit and baptismal font.

OREGON AREA FOOD PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS

Please help us stock the food pantry! Current needs to fill:

Soups (not cream soups)

Canned Vegetables (not green beans)

Dry Pasta, including Ramen Noodles (not spaghetti)

The Food Pantry shopping cart is available Sunday mornings to place your items in. You can also pick up a bag to take home and bring items later!

ST. JOHN'S TOWN HALL MEETING – Last Sunday, following the outdoor worship service, the Church Council Executive Team hosted the first iteration of a town hall style meeting. If you weren't able to attend this meeting, a recorded version is available on our YouTube channel.

[**CLICK HERE TO VIEW**](#)

If you have a question that you'd like answered at the next town hall session, please call (608.291.4311) or email (info@sjlserve.net) the church office. Additionally, Council President, Kevin Oppermann, will hold office hours from 12-1 pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Stop by St John's to say hello, ask your questions, and see the progress on the renovation. The first office hours will be held September 2. Hope to see you then!

HOME COMMUNION VISITS - Barbara Newhouse, a member of the St. John's Care Caller Team, will resume doing communion visits. An outdoor setting with masks and social distancing is a requirement. Please call the office (291.4311) to leave your name and number, if you wish to have a communion visit. Barbara will contact you to set up a day and time.

HOPE YOU ARE SAVING YOUR BILL'S RECEIPTS!

Cindy Wangen has totaled the Bill's receipts received since mid-March. 868 receipts were turned in to the church for a total of \$51,744, of which St. John's will receive 1% - \$517.44. Thank you, Cindy, for taking on this task. Cindy's parents, Don and Norma Richmond have helped sort in the past, but that was before this pandemic. Many thanks to the congregation for their help in collecting the receipts.





BLOOD DRIVE

**OREGON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE @
ST. JOHN'S 625 E NETHERWOOD**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2020 - 10 AM to 3 PM

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2787) or visit redcrossblood.org
Use sponsor code Oregon.

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit
redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

NEW! All blood donations are now tested for COVID-19 antibodies.
redcrossblood.org/antibodytesting

OFFERINGS REMINDER

Your continued financial giving is important to the health of our congregation, our synod, and the church at large – especially now. Your generosity is appreciated as we work together to continue our mission.

There are several easy ways for you to get offerings to St. John's: 1) **Mail** your offerings to the church office. 2) **Automatic Giving** - call the church office and leave a message for Shirley Schiffner. She will return your call and assist you in signing up for auto giving. 3) **Venmo** - www.venmo.com/StJohnsOregonWI
4) It's also easy to [GIVE ONLINE HERE](#).

HOW CAN YOU VIEW WORSHIP VIDEOS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE FACEBOOK?

Step 1: Log onto our website at stjohnsoregonwis.org

Step 2: Click on the *'Watch Worship Services'* wording, just under the purple St. John's logo

Here you'll find all the latest videos that have been posted.

Double-click on the one you wish to watch. If you are having trouble, please contact the church office for assistance. **You can also go directly to St. John's**

YouTube Channel here: [St. John's YouTube Channel](#)

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

August 30, Sunday

Rev. David Keesey-Berg, Pulpit Supply

9:00 AM Online Worship Premiere

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)

August 31, Monday

6:30 PM Worship Team Meeting (Friendship)

September 1, Tuesday

9:00-11:00AM – Oregon Brooklyn Food Pantry

September 2, Wednesday

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

1-2:00 PM Council President Office Hour

6:30 PM Sunday School Fall Kick-Off Event

September 4, Friday

Church Office is closed

10AM-3:00PM Blood Drive (Friendship Room)

September 6, Sunday

Rev. David Keesey-Berg, Pulpit Supply

9:00 AM Online Worship Premiere

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship

If you have any submissions or questions in regards to the Weekly Announcement Bulletin, please contact the office at 608-291-4311 or email barbd@sjlserve.net by 4PM each Tuesday.

Congregational Leadership & Staff

Pastor: *Vacant*

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Building Custodian: John Vogel, JohnV@sjlserve.net

Church Office Information

Hours: 8AM – 4PM, Monday-Thursday

Office Phone: (608) 291-4311- please leave a message

Emergency Phone: The office voice mail recording provides emergency contact information.

E-mail: Info@sjlserve.net

Church Website: stjohnsoregonwis.org

St. John's Church Council Officers

President: Kevin Oppermann, (414) 659-2676

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Secretary: Catherine Stang, (608) 835-2772

Treasurer: Mark W. Peterson, (608) 455-5011

St. John's Social Media

Website: stjohnsoregonwis.org

Public Facebook Page: facebook.com/stjohnsoregonwi

Facebook Group for the Members of St. John's:

facebook.com/groups/stjohnsoregonwi

YouTube Channel: youtube.com/c/stjohnslutheranchurchoregonwi

Twitter: twitter.com/stjohnsoregonwi

Instagram: instagram.com/stjohnsoregonwi

Questions? Contact Sheryl Lindmeier at sheryllindmeier@gmail.com