

"See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has
come, the cooing of doves is
heard in our land."

Song of Songs 2: 11-12



~~~TUESDAY NEWSDAY~~~

March 26, 2024

****Holy Week Worship Schedule****

March 28 ~ Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM

March 29 ~ Good Friday 12:00 PM, 6:30 PM

March 30 ~ Holy Saturday 4:00 PM

March 31 ~ Easter Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

Thank you to everyone who volunteered with the Easter Egg Hunt. Your help was very much appreciated. Thank you as well to the families who came and shared their children with us.

The Hop-A-Thon was a big success - raising \$620 to put towards filling & shipping Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Caring for Those Away

Would you like a family member who is away at college or in the military to receive a care package from St. John's? If so please email Dawn at dawn@stjohnsop.com with the person's name and complete address **by April 2**. If your family member received a package in the fall they will again receive one this spring.

If anyone is interested in donating items for the care packages we can use the following individual items: goldfish, cookies, candy, granola bars, or any other yummy treats!

Please leave them in the "Caring for Those Away" bin in the Lobby downstairs. Thank you in advance!

Food Offering for Bread of Life Pantry (Bin located in the Lobby)

The Bread of Life Outreach Center is a Christian ecumenical ministry of love and compassion, which recognizes the dignity inherent in all people. Drawing on the support, love and generosity of the community, we seek to follow the Gospel by feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. There are two sides to our outreach facility – the food pantry and Gabe's Closet.

The food pantry is set up like a grocery store, shopping carts are provided, and the families have a choice of foods. In order to participate qualifications of need must be met. *Some of the items needed are: pasta, canned fruits & vegetables, juice, toilet paper, toothbrushes & toothpaste.* A complete list can be found by the donation bin.

Today we have expanded to helping 153 families or 341 people. These families are from Colden, Boston, Holland, West Falls, Glenwood, and South Wales within the five mile radius strongly suggested by Feedmore.

The clothing portion of the outreach is called Gabe's Closet. People donate gently used and brand new clothing for us to sell. From the sale of these items, we can purchase food for our clients. Gabe's is open to the public and accepts all clothing, shoes, and accessories. Our clients also receive a clothing allowance while with us.

For more information or pictures visit us on Facebook or at [Bread of Life Outreach.com](http://BreadofLifeOutreach.com).

Free Piano

We have an old, but working, upright piano in the church basement that is looking for a new home. Ok, I'll say it-- I'd like to see it find a new home! It was made by the Everett Piano company which was later acquired by Yamaha. The piano and wheels are free but you must be able to move and transport it. If interested, contact Mike Campese at PropertyMike@Stjohnsop.com.



~Upcoming Church Events~

Senior's Outing to Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens

Meet at church **Wednesday, April 3**, at 10:00 AM to go together to the Botanical Gardens and see their spectacular Easter display. Sign up at Sign-up Central if you plan to attend.

Visit/Tour The Bread of Life Outreach Center

If you are interested in seeing the facility please join us for a tour on **Friday, April 5**. We will see both the food pantry and Gabe's closet. We will meet at church at 9:30 AM. Any questions please contact Pastor Mike at email (mike@stjohnsop.com)

Witness the Solar Eclipse of 2024 at St. John's

If you're looking for a clear location from which to view the upcoming solar eclipse, the skies above our church parking lot are perfect for this! Feel free to bring family and friends to watch this celestial event on **April 8, 2024**. Young children should be supervised by an adult to protect their eyesight. Bring your favorite lawn chair and your own snacks or beverages if you'd like.

When: **Monday, April 8, 2024** – 2:30 pm to 4:00 PM

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot

What to Bring: NASA approved viewing glasses (free at most Erie County libraries, \$1.99 at Wegman's, or available online at Amazon.com)

Wednesday Nights at St John's

Wednesday Nights return **April 10** from 6-7 PM. Join us weekly for discipleship and fellowship opportunities for kids ages 4 through 5th grade, as well as men's and women's Bible studies. Need nursery care or have questions?

Email tarinee@stjohnsop.com

Spring Clean Up Days

For us believers, Spring is an exciting time of new beginnings and possibilities that are only possible through him. Let's turn our hands to our special church home and make this place shine for the seasons ahead. Our first of two Spring Clean Up Days will be held from 9 AM to 12 noon on **Saturday, April 13**. Come join us as we gather together and get some work done. Volunteer hours are available if you have children who are in need. Reach out to Nate Feldman, Mike Gembar, or myself (Bobby Wagner) with any questions. We hope you can make it out for the morning or a portion of it. This is a rain or shine event as we have plenty of indoor work to be done as well. As always, if the planned day is not good for your schedule and you still want to get involved, reach out and we can get you what you need to tackle any task you would like to take on. God Bless, Your Property Management Ministry Leaders

Senior's Potluck

April's potluck will be on **April 17**. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Gospel Moms

Are you a mother with young kids looking for a way to stay connected in God's word and spend time with other moms? Bring your little ones and join us every other Thursday at 10:00 - 11:00 AM **beginning April 18**. Together, we will reflect on the joyful and challenging ways of motherhood through the lens of the gospel. Need more information or have questions? Email Brenna Ames at brennakzames@gmail.com or Vicki Koglmeier at vicki.koglmeier@gmail.com

2024 Travel with Pastor Mike

Join Pastor Mike for two interesting and exciting bus trips during 2024:

Sights and Sounds of Lancaster, PA (**August 14-16**): See Sight and Sound Theatre's brand new production of the Biblical epic story of Daniel, enjoy the "Magic and Wonder " magic show, dine at an Amish homestead, ride the Strasburg Railroad and much more. Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine (**October 6-11**): Be part of this 6 day, 5 night trip to new England in the Fall. Highlights include the Coolidge birthplace, Quechee Gorge, Loon Mountain gondola ride, Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad ride with turkey dinner, Lighthouse Lovers Cruise in Maine and a lobster bake. Brochures available at sign-up central.

For more info call (716-713 7305) or email (mike@stjohnsop.com) Pastor Mike.

A minimum of 30 participants are needed to make these trips a go...so get \$25 deposits in as soon as possible to assure we are able to go.

~Community Events & Resources~

[Caring.com](#) - Resources for Seniors

Caring.com is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses, and other loved ones.

They have created a series of comprehensive resources designed to help and support seniors suddenly experiencing financial hardship and housing instability. Learn more about their resources here:

- [Emergency Housing Guide](#)
- [State by State Directory of Emergency Housing Organizations](#)
- [Financial Assistance for Seniors in Every State](#)

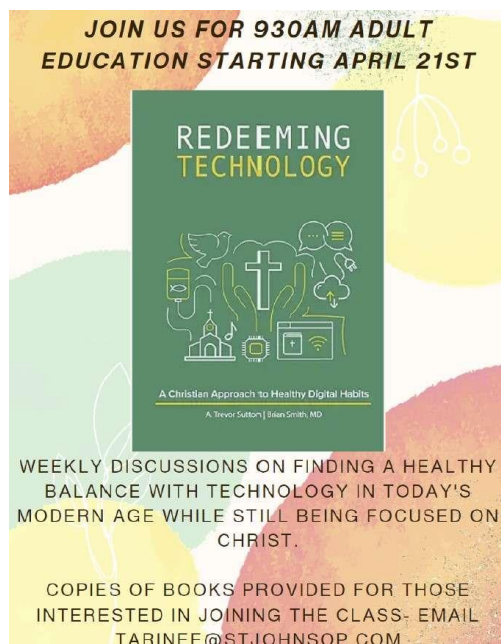
~Education & Ministry~

****ADULT EDUCATION & MINISTRY****

CONNECT - Adult Education

Please join us at **9:30 AM on Sundays**. We are studying selected portions of the Old Testament book of *Proverbs*; written to guide us with the wisdom needed to confront and enrich our daily lives at home, outside of home, in the workplace and within our families. Please join in this life application study of the practical truths provided by *Proverbs*.

Beginning on April 21 we will begin a new study - Redeeming Technology.



Pastor Mike's Monday Bible Class

Our current study is the "Life and Ministry of the Messiah" by Ray Vanderlaan. We are watching videos that show visits to sites filmed in the Promised Land, to which God led his people to help tell the story.

We meet **weekly on Mondays from 12:00 -1:30 PM.**

****There will be *no class* on April 8, 29 or May 6.**

Please contact Pastor Mike at mike@stjohnsop.com with any questions.

Laurie's Knitting & Sewing

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, April 9** at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday Night Men's Group

We meet at 7:00 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. We will meet on **April 10 and 24**. Anyone who is interested in joining the group is more than welcome!

Questions? Please feel free to contact Nate Clinard at nate.clinard@gmail.com

Women's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We are studying the book of Matthew virtually **during Lent. After Easter**, we will study Ephesians by Lydia Brownback, **beginning on April 10**. New women of all ages are welcome! Please reach out to Vicki with any questions: vicki.koglmeier@gmail.com or 716-601-9329.

**** MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY ****

Wednesday Night Middle School Ministry

We will **NOT** meet on **March 27**.

We will meet on **April 3** from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. **Note the time change.**

Contact Ethan Pohlman at ethan@stjohnsop.com for more information.

Confirmation

We will meet on **Wednesday, April 10** from 6:00 - 7:00 PM **OR Sunday, April 14** from 9:30 -10:30 AM in the conference room.

Contact Pastor Nate with any questions nate@stjohnsop.com

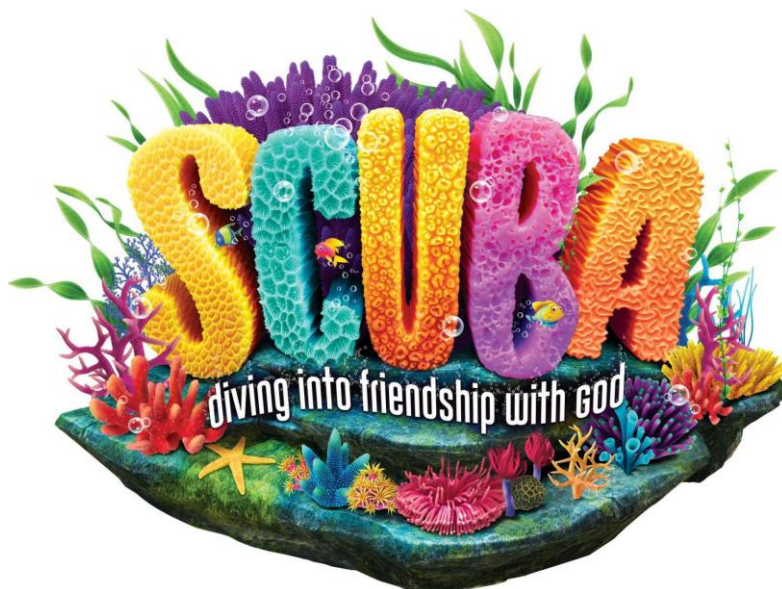
**** CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ****

Sunday School

There will no Sunday School on March 31 or April 7.

We meet on ***Sundays at 9:30 AM.***

Any questions regarding Sunday School please contact Sarah Gembar
at sarah@stjohnsop.com



Vacation Bible School

Kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade, join us for VBS this summer!

Save the Dates: ***July 8-12***

If you are interested in volunteering for VBS please scan below



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### ***Attendance Report***

March 23, 4:00 PM ~ 26 people  
March 24, 8:00 AM ~ 56 people  
March 24, 9:30 AM ~ 182 people  
March 24, 11:00 AM ~ 133 people

Sunday School ~ 44 children

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2024 Ministry Budget Giving Toward Goal of \$856,013.00

Required Weekly	\$16,462.00
Received Last Week	\$9,587.00
YTD Required	\$197,541.00
YTD Given	\$159,120.00

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### **~Prayer List~**

#### ***Our Church Family***

Mike Campese: upcoming surgery (March 27)  
Ken Hartwig: broken ribs from a fall, healing  
Cyndie Smith: healing, hip surgery  
Mary Wellington: healing

#### ***Our Family and Friends***

Cheryl: upcoming surgery to remove tumor  
Jim Sampson: multiple medical issues  
T.C. & family: continued healing and peace



***Those with Health Concerns:*** Andrea & Ian Timmons

***Those with Cancer:*** Julie Hill, Tom Janus, Peggy, Chuck, Theresa, Karen Watson, Gene, Tina, Linda, Mike, Alan C., Jennifer Atkins, Jimmy

***Military:*** Tyler Vargo, Justin Snyder

*\*Prayer requests will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise noted in the prayer request.*

*\*Please resubmit names as needed if they have been removed.*



## **March**

26 - Judith Schroeder

27 - Michelle Faust

28 - Diane Hagelin, Chris Kiefhaber

29 - Mike Pici

30 - Lynette Benzinger, Jackie Clinard, Jackson Urban

31 - Timothy Collins Jr., Anita Meissner, Anne Menard

## **April**

1 - Monica Herr, Tom Wagner

2 - Janis Colarusso, Bridget Conti, Lauren Simonsen, Lila Tatar

## ~On-Going Information~

### Green Bins

Accepting clothes for infants through adults. All sizes - both male and female. Any and all boots/shoes/sneakers infants - adult sizes are also welcome. Any bedding, blankets, kitchen/bath towels are also needed. ***Please place donations in kitchen size bags and pack lightly***, label the outside with contents, and place in green bins located in hallway by the offices.

### Coupon

Please continue to bring in your coupons from the newspaper and BJ's booklets. Place them in the basket hanging on the wall near the coffee counter.

**\*\*I am unable to accept any expired coupons.\*\***

### Flowers on the altar

If you are interested in purchasing flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, to celebrate an anniversary, etc. you can do so by signing up at *Sign-up Central* in the Lobby or emailing Dawn Sauda at [dawn@stjohnsop.com](mailto:dawn@stjohnsop.com). ***The cost is \$13.00.***

### Praise Reports

If you have any praises that you would like to share with the church please feel free to send them to Dawn at [dawn@stjohnsop.com](mailto:dawn@stjohnsop.com) **\*\*Weddings, births, Dean's list, anything that brings joy and you'd like to share.**

### hut-in / Unable to attend worship

If you are aware of anyone who is unable to attend worship and would appreciate a pastoral visit and at-home Holy Communion please contact Pastor Mike ([mike@stjohnsop.com](mailto:mike@stjohnsop.com) or 716-713-7305) or June Meissner (716-648-4062). Please make sure we have up-to-date information on how to contact them.

### House Blessing

Have you recently moved into a new home or simply desire to have your home blessed? Pastor Mike is happy to come to your house and bless each room with you or your family. Contact Pastor Mike at [Mike@stjohnsop.com](mailto:Mike@stjohnsop.com) if you are interested or would like more information.

### **Need to talk to a Pastor?**

If you would like to have a phone conversation and prayers with Pastor Mike about family illness, isolation, employment concerns, fear of the future or any other issues, send a message using the Pastoral Care Request link on the St. John's website. Please include the best phone number at which you can be reached and any days or times that are best for you.

### **Sign-Up for the Online Photo Directory**

Please be sure to stop by the table in the lobby to sign up for the online photo directory. After you've turned in your signup form, we will add you to the system and you will receive an email prompting you to add a photo. At that point you can also sign in to use the directory either in the phone app or in your web browser. Questions? Ask Michelle at [michelle@stjohnsop.com](mailto:michelle@stjohnsop.com).

### **Logging in to the Church Directory**

Many of you have filled out a sheet to signup for the church directory, and have already added your family photo. If you haven't yet, please login to the directory and update your photo. To login on your web browser, follow this link, and be sure to use the email you provided on your sheet: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

To download the Instant Church Directory app to your phone, use the following:

Apple App Store: [click here](#)

Google Play Store: [click here](#)

Questions? Reach out to Michelle at [michelle@stjohnsop.com](mailto:michelle@stjohnsop.com)