

Journey Pages

CONNECTING, GROWING AND SERVING FOR GOD'S SAKE FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS

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“WELCOME HOME”

YOU ARE WELCOME AND WANTED HERE TODAY!

Good morning and “Welcome Home” to St. John’s! We are glad you are here and hope you have a great worship experience with us today.

Being a diverse and inclusive community means not sacrificing the dignity of one for the other. Perhaps now more than ever we find ourselves living in a climate of division and polarization, in both secular and religious settings, and the need for places and ways to make sustainable connections is greater than ever. We desire to

live into the dream of what it means to welcome all—not necessarily those who look or think or act like us, but all who yearn for a better and more just way of being in the world united in the belief that love is always the answer.

We are intentional about welcoming those who may have been hurt or turned away from church because of who they love, skin color, finances, addiction, disability or simply because they asked too many questions. We dream of a community in which the phrase “all are welcome” is not just a commitment but also a visible reality. We are committed to opening our doors as wide as possible because we pattern our lives after Jesus’ teachings and his message of radical welcome and inclusive love.

Church for some, is as familiar as coming home; for others, church is as foreign as visiting a different country. Our response: We get it—and it’s “all good.”

We come from varied backgrounds and faith experiences; we are young and old, married and single, we have a growing number of children and youth of all ages and are committed to growing ministries and opportunities for everyone to find their place to belong. We love our tradition and rituals, but we love people even more and ask that you open your heart today and let God do something wonderful.

So, once again, Welcome Home!

May you never forget that you are loved,

Priest Lisa

OTHER NOTES FOR TODAY

Our Nursery is open 9:30-11:45am (infant-3yrs old) and is located in the back Sunday School hallway.

There is no Sunday School today. All children are encouraged to worship with us as well as stop by the Children’s Table in the Entrance Hallway to pick up some worship “supplies.”

If you are visiting today, please fill out one of our “**Get Connected**” cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the service. We would like to say thank you for worshipping with us today!

FINDING A PLACE TO BELONG....

Everyone approaches a new community at their own speed; some are ready to jump in right away, others need to ease their way in. We are fine with both and everything in between. Please trust yourself and the love that brought you here. Here are just some of the ways in which you can plug in to our community at St. John's.



- **Fill out a "Get Connected" Card** - These cards may be found in the pew rack and this is the best and quickest way to get connected in the way(s) you choose.
- **Sign Up to receive Priest Lisa's Weekly Message** and emailed "Journey Notes" - go to our website (www.stjohnsplymouth.org) and click on "Get Connected" on the bottom right of the home page.
- **Check out the "Sign-Me-Up Board"** in the office hallway to see how you can get involved - either as a participant or a volunteer.
- **Pick up an Annual Report Booklet** in the hallway toward the parking lot. This booklet lists the many ways in which our parishioners get involved...available events and volunteer opportunities.
- **Come to a Bible Study Group** - There are four great opportunities each week during the school year.
 - Tuesday Women's Bible Study9:30am
 - Wednesday Women's Bible Study.....9:00am
 - Thursday Men's Devotional Group.....10:00am
 - Saturday Men's Bible Study7:30am
- **Explore our website** - Find the Journey Pages, Weekly Bulletins, the current schedule, etc. online at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.
- **Check out our Music Ministry** - Consider joining Grace Choir, HouseBand, or Handbell Choir. Contact Liza Calisesi Maidens, SJP's Music Director for more information.
- **Attend a Community Support Group** - St. John's is home to several support groups that meet regularly.
 - Al Anon..... Saturdays 8:00am
(Family/friends of recovering alcoholics)
 - Narcotics Anonymous..... Mondays 7:00pm
 - Overeaters Anonymous..... Thursdays 8:30am
 - PFLAG..... 2nd Sundays 3:00pm
(Parents & friends of lesbians & gays)
- **Connect with a Small Group** - Fun and fellowship
 - Prayer Group.....Wednesdays 7:00pm
 - Quarter to Forty (Young Adults).....2nd Fridays
 - Prayers & Squares (Quilters).....2nd Wednesdays
 - Stock Club.....3rd Mondays
- **Check the calendar** on the back of Journey Pages or on our website for updated event dates and times.

THE STAFF OF ST. JOHN'S

Rev. Dr. Lisa Tucker-Gray ~ *Rector*
 Liza Calisesi Maidens ~ *Director of Music*
 Phyllis Ikegami ~ *Parish Administrator*
 Jayne Watson ~ *Director of Family Ministry*

Sherry Bass ~ *Children's Coordinator*
 Laura Hoehner ~ *Youth Coordinator*
 Janet Sigmon ~ *Nursery Staff*
 Deborah Chinitz ~ *Nursery Staff*

ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:00am ~ Traditional Service 10:00am - Blended Traditional/Contemporary Service

Wednesdays: 10:30am - Midweek Worship Service

Note: Holy Communion is served weekly at all services

FAMILY MINISTRY

FAMILY LIFE DINNER & OPEN DISCUSSION SUNDAY, APRIL 23 ~ 5:45 – 7:30PM

Take the night off from cooking! Join us as we gather for fellowship, dinner and idea sharing. We will have a catered dinner for all family members. Then parents will have dessert and discussion about SJP Family Ministry programs with Jayne Watson, our Director of Family Ministry and Priest Lisa. Children and youth groups will each have their own activities on hand after dinner. **RSVP on the sign up board OR email to jayne.ga@gmail.com.**



YOUTH SUNDAY ~ SUNDAY, MAY 21 ~ 10am

Each Spring we celebrate Youth Sunday. SJP Youth will lead us in the Sunday service showing us the Liturgy through their eyes. This service is a unique opportunity for our young people to focus on themes that are relevant to them, and to share their perspectives on a variety of topics.



save the date SJP ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 4 AT 11:15am

This is a wonderful event to celebrate and enjoy the beginning of summer with others at SJP! The picnic will be held on the church lawn following the 10am service (the parish hall if it's raining).

save the date VACATION BIBLE CAMP AUGUST 14-18 ~ 9am-12pm



We have a fun filled week of crafts, music, games and biblical lessons in store children ages 3-11. **Registration for campers is now OPEN.** Click [here](#) to register. All SJP children, their friends and community are welcome! Cost for the week will be \$25.

Adult and youth volunteers are vital to a successful VBC! Click [here](#) for information on registering as a volunteer. Contact Jayne Watson at jayne.ga@gmail.com with any questions about the camp.



FRIDAY, JUNE 23-FRIDAY, JUNE 30

6th-12th graders are invited to participate with Christ Church Grosse Pointe on a pilgrimage to Alabama to visit key sites in the Civil Rights movement, and also travel to Koinonia Farms in Americus, GA, a Christian community and farm that inspired the creation of Habitat for Humanity. Contact Jayne Watson, our Director of Family Ministry at jayne.ga@gmail.com or click [here](#) for more information.



SJP SPRING CLEAN UP Day Many HANDS NEEDED! SATURDAY, APRIL 22 ~ 9AM – 11:30am

Many hands make light work! We would like all SJP members to come play in the dirt after a long winter! We will rake leaves, prune branches, and clean up the garden beds. Please bring your garden tools. **Please sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway.** Please contact Anne Lanier at 313-318-5967 with questions.

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN PRESENTS... SATURDAY, MAY 6 ~ 9AM – 4PM

At this year's Ministry Fair, the Diocese is pleased to welcome keynote and wrap-up speaker, Heidi Kim, the Staff Liaison for Racial Reconciliation for the Episcopal Church. Heidi and our Diversity and Inclusion Task Force will help us continue our theme: "Waters of Reconciliation: Who is My Neighbor?" There is a full day of workshops. More information and/or to register, please go to www.edomi.org/ministryfair/



ST. JOHN'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music unites, uplifts, connects, and brings beauty to a world that greatly needs it. All are welcome to take part in the Music Department at St. John's. There are opportunities for all, at all levels of musical experience.

- **The Choir** rehearses at 9am in the Choir Room before worship, and immediately following worship from 11:15am-12:15pm - no weekday rehearsal. The Choir sings each Sunday from September - June.
- **Houseband** rehearses a few Wednesday evenings throughout the month and plays most Sundays from September - June.
- **Handbells** rehearses a few Wednesday evenings throughout the month and plays on a variety of Sundays from September - June.
- **Youth Music Program** is a growing program that meets throughout the year in preparation for specific Sundays. Save the Date for Vacation Bible School! August 14-18 from 9am-12:30pm, both teens and adult helpers needed.
- **SJP Festival Choir** there are opportunities throughout the year to become a member of the Choir for one day! **Sunday, June 4th is Music Ministry Sunday** (and the All Parish Picnic!) It will be another opportunity for anyone who wants to sing with the Choir to join us for the day.

If you have any questions, please be in touch with Liza Calisesi Maidens at lmaidens@stjohnsplymouth.org.



TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION
In Memory of John Sanders
LAST WEEK'S PALM DEDICATION
In Memory of Jean Fenwick Sigmon

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

We offer prayers today for those who have requested inclusion on our prayer list. Please visit our prayer station located in the Narthex to add names of those you wish to include. Prayers will continue for 30 days.

Ali	Corinne
Devin	Gretchen
Jeff	Lexy
Sharon	Jenny Bicknell
Gerry Bing	Cheryl Crouse
Jeff Holland	Janis Kljun
Jean Laing	Kathy Peters & family
Becky Skoug	Carl Spradlin
Jessica White	The Dewey Family
Family of Tim Julien	
Family of Captain Andrew Becker	

For those in uniform

Matthew J. Mitchell - U.S. Navy Chief
 Thomas Dolce - U.S. Air Force
 Carly Bair - U.S. Navy
 Joe James - U.S. Army
 Ian Smith - U.S. Navy
 Sierra Cavallaro - U.S. Marines
 Dylan Racine - U.S. Army



SERVING TODAY - APRIL 16

Preacher Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray

Altar Guild Jan MacLeod,
 Beth Wideman,
 Pat Sonntag, Vicki Pratt

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright, Ralph Reeves
 10:00 Valerie Sanders, Richard Dessin, Ken Sanders
 James Boileau

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
 10:00 Meganne Skoug, Karen Sole, Ella Binder

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
 10:00 Dave Smith, Robert Hurley, Sal Cavallaro,
 Sue Skaggs, Sydney Good

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Preacher Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray

Altar Guild Beth Wideman, Tracy McCord,
 Maribeth Sala-Gietzen

Lay Ministers

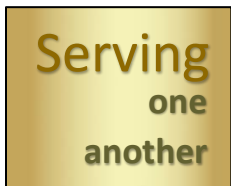
8:00 Ralph Reeves
 10:00 Larry Brandenburg, Patricia Ponte, Becky Nickels,
 Ken Sanders, Lynn Rison

Acolytes

8:00 Emma Reeves
 10:00 Michael Zuckerman, Amelia Dowswell

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
 10:00 Patricia Ponte, Jane Libbing, Martha James



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

TODAY - April 16

Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
 NO Continental Breakfast - Gathering.....
 Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:30-11:45am
 NO Sunday School.....
 NO Middle School REMIX
 Coffee & Tea.....11:15am

MONDAY, April 17

Office Closed.....
 Stock Club7:00pm
 Narcotics Anonymous7:00pm

TUESDAY, April 18

Women's Bible Study9:30am
 Food Pantry2:00-4:00pm

WEDNESDAY, April 19

NO Women's Bible Study.....
 Midweek Worship Service.....10:30am
 Prayer Group.....7:00pm

THURSDAY, April 20

OA Meeting.....8:30am
 Men's Group (departs for St. Leo's).....8:30am
 Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm

FRIDAY, April 21

SATURDAY, April 22

Men's Bible Study.....7:30am
 Al Anon Meeting8:00am
 SJP Spring Clean Up Day.....9:00-11:30am

SUNDAY, April 23

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
 Continental Breakfast - Gathering.....9:00am
 Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:30-11:45am
 Sunday School.....9:30am
 Coffee & Tea.....11:15am
 Choir Rehearsal.....11:30am
 Family Life Dinner.....5:45pm
 HS Youth & Remix-Family Life Dinner.....5:45pm

Dates to Remember

Vestry Meeting.....Tuesday, April 25
Parish Council Meeting.....Tuesday, May 2
Property Commission Meeting.....Sunday, May 7
Newcomer Welcome Brunch.....Sunday, May 7