



## ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

Week of March 20, 2011

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### Midweek Lenten Worship Services

Wednesday, March 23, "Jim Freeman's Story," 7:15 PM, Sanctuary

This year, we are using a wonderful setting of evening communion called "Unfailing Light," led by St. John's inter-generational ensembles. Video stories will also be woven into this service. We invite you to bring a neighbor or friend and join us for this 30-minute worship experience of communion, song and prayer!



### Lenten Food Drive

Each Lent, St. John's makes a major commitment to feed the hungry in our local community by gathering food items for Clare House, a ministry that serves 70-90 people every day they open. Our goal this year is 4011 items. Please join our effort by picking up a brown shopping bag with attached flyer from one of the shopping carts by the Welcome Centers today and make your grocery shopping a "Mark of Discipleship!" Social Action Ministry Team is coordinating this year's drive. For more information, contact Sue Stroyan-Bennett at [sstroyan@iwu.edu](mailto:ssstroyan@iwu.edu).

### '40 Days of Discipleship' Continues!

We have received 70 pledge cards covering 140 Marks of Discipleship! It's not too late to jump in! Lenten packets and copies of Michael Foss' book Real Faith for Real Life are available at the church office. "Marks of Discipleship" sermons are available at [www.stjohnsbloomington.org/worship/worship\\_services](http://www.stjohnsbloomington.org/worship/worship_services).

Sunday, March 20 - Mark #3, Daily Bible Reading: Hearing God's Voice

Sunday, March 27 - Mark #4, Serving in and Beyond the Congregation: The Call to Christ-like Living

Sunday, April 3 - Mark #5, Nurturing Relationships: Our Call to Relationship with Spirit

Sunday, April 10 - Mark #6, Giving a Tithe and Beyond: Generosity, a Reflection of God's Heart in our Lives

### Transition Update

The Call committee has nominated a candidate and will be setting up an interview in the near future. Based on the interview, the committee will decide whether to go farther with this candidate. If either the candidate or the committee does not want to continue the process, we will contact the Bishop for additional candidate names and begin the process again. For updates visit [www.stjohnsbloomington.org/transition](http://www.stjohnsbloomington.org/transition) or see the notebooks at Welcome Centers.



## Prayers & Blessings

### Prayer request options at St. John's

Prayers need to be submitted by the person who's name will be used or an immediate family member. Submit prayer announcements to the church office, fill out a blue Prayer Request card located at Welcome Centers, or visit St. John's web site and click on "Need Prayer?"

- **Prayer Chain:** Shared only with St. John's Prayer Chain and our pastors
- **Pastors:** Shared only with the pastors
- **Public Prayers:** Shared with the pastors, Prayer Chain and Caregivers, verbal mention in worship, listed in the Weekly News and Eagle, and printed on the Prayer Focus flyer posted at Welcome Centers each week

### Keep in prayer...

Janet Klinzing, Janet Erickson, Lanette Tommerdahl, Curt Fink, Muriel Heit, Bruce Bertsche, Cheryl Kelley, Tim Reedy, Carmen Caster, Jake Husarik, John Lundy, Dave Walker

### Our seminarians...

Laurie Helms, Daniel Morris

### Serving in the Military...

Kelly Jacobs, Erik David Petersen, Andrew Roberts, Caleb Ploense, Andrew Black, Chris Busch

### Baptized...

Mackenzie Grace Wayne, daughter of James and Rachel Wayne.

### Altar flowers are given...

In memory of Doris Decker, given by Phil Decker and family.

In memory of our parents Mr. and Mrs. O.T. Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. William Bartels, given by Don and Ruth Gordon.

In memory of Carl Ipsen, given by his family.

## Reminder

**Transportation** is provided to the 9:15 AM worship services every Sunday. Call the church office no later than Noon the preceding Friday.

## This Weekend

**Saturday Evening Fellowship Group** - Weekly on Saturdays, 6:15 PM, Times Past Inn. No sign up required.

## This Week

**St. John's Quilters** - Tuesday, March 22, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall. Come any time between 9:30 and 11:30 AM. If you can tie a knot or straight pin the edge of a quilt, we can use your help. Also needed are home sewers to zig zag the pinned edges of the quilts. Contact info: Florence Conway, 663-6058. Next Quilters date: March 29.

**Kaffehuset** - Weekly on Wednesdays, fellowship at 10:00 AM, program at 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall. March 23 program: "What's going on at OSF?" presented by Dr. Paul Pedersen.

**Blood Pressure Screening** - Saturday, March 26 (every 4th Saturday of the month), 4:30 PM, Atrium. Screenings will continue after the Saturday Evening Service as needed. The next screening will be on Sunday, April 3 (every 1st Sunday of the month) at 9:00 AM on the Balcony.

## Children's Ministry (Joy Zone)

[www.joy-zone.org](http://www.joy-zone.org)

[julie@stjohnsbloomington.org](mailto:julie@stjohnsbloomington.org)

Sundays, 9:15 & 10:30 AM. **No Joy Zone on March 20 due to Spring Break!**

**Pandemia Vacation Bible School online registration begins April 3!**

## Jr. High Ministry

[www.stjohnsjrhigh.org](http://www.stjohnsjrhigh.org)

[rob@stjohnsbloomington.org](mailto:rob@stjohnsbloomington.org)

**No Genesis on March 20 due to Spring Break!**

## Sr. High Ministry

[www.stjohnsbloomington.org/srhigh](http://www.stjohnsbloomington.org/srhigh)

[steve@stjohnsbloomington.org](mailto:steve@stjohnsbloomington.org)

*No Extreme Faith Bible Study on March 20 due to Spring Break!*

**CHAOS Wednesdays**, 6:45-8:30 PM, Fellowship Hall.

**Extreme Faith Bible Study** - Sundays, 9:15 AM, SHYR (Senior High Youth Room, 174). Topic: FUEL Bible series.

*Sign up with Steve Terry for:*

**Nazareth Farm**, June 26 - July 2, one week of service, prayer, and community

**Work Camp 2011**, July 10-16, Grand Rapids, Michigan

## Serving the Community

**Midwest Food Bank 2011 Gala Dinner and Auction**

- Saturday, April 9, dinner at 4:30 PM, auction at 7:00 PM, Midwest Food Bank, 1703 S. Veteran's Parkway, Bloomington. Cost: \$50/person. Info at [www.midwestfoodbank.org](http://www.midwestfoodbank.org).

**Your old bikes are needed!** Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) - Saturday, April 16, with a Service Celebration at 1:00 PM at First Christian Church. This day of service includes a bicycle give-away where bikes will be provided to those who need them. OSF will be providing bike safety information and giving away 100 new bike helmets to people who do not have them, and the (West Bloomington Revitalization Project (WBRP) volunteers will be fixing up donated bikes to give back to kids in the community. If you have bikes that you would like to donate, please drop them off on Saturday, March 19 from 9:00-11:00 AM at the WBRP office (corner of Washington and Allin). Other items needed include:

- Food pantry items: drop off at Western Avenue Community Center; groups collecting more than 100 items will receive a Hunger Hero certificate!
- Books (any and all books!) for the Book Bike; drop off at Mid Central Community Action (corner of Stillwell and Washington)
- Art supplies: drop off at Milestones Early Learning Center (corner of Stillwell and Market) for distribution to westside youth programs

For more information or to help in any way with this event, call 829-1200 or visit <http://lifeisablankcanvas.org/responsibly/gysd/>.

## Adult Discipleship

**Sundays, 9:15 AM, Adult Discipleship Room (365)**

*Adult Forum - Questions for Jesus: Studies in the Gospel of Mark, led by Jan Neuleib*

Mar 20 - Mark, No. 2

Mar 27 - Mark, No. 3

**Sundays, 10:30 AM, Adult Discipleship Room (365)**

*Adult Forum - Marks of Discipleship*

Mar 20 - No. 3: Daily Bible Reading

Mar 27 - No. 4: Serving In and Beyond the Congregation

**Thursdays**

*There will be no Thursday Chapel during Lent*

*Moms' Bible Study*, 9:00-11:00 AM, MPRs (225/227).

Topic: *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. Childcare is available. Contact info: Debi Petrillo, 661-3252.

*Seniors' Bible Study*, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall, led by Pastor James E. Reents.

Mar 24 - Daily Bible Reading, your favorite Bible passages

Mar 31 - Serving In and Beyond the Congregation, Matt. 20:20-28

**Fridays**

*Mens' Bible Study*, 7:00 AM, Room 421



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# April at St. John's

## Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 2 (rain date, April 9)

Meet outside the Parish Life Center entrance at 8:30 AM where we will break into teams; we will finish at approx. 11:00 AM. Help us wash a few windows, rake leaves, trim bushes, etc. Sign up with the Sandy in the church office; if you have questions, contact Roger at 531-1040.



## Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, April 9, 8:00 AM - Noon, Fellowship Hall

Sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code 677), or call the church office or Lynn Carpenter, 663-9345. Sign up sheets are available at Welcome Centers but phone calls or online registration are preferred.

## Primetimers "Dinner by the Bite"

Sunday, April 10, beginning at 5:00 PM

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 4 locations beginning at 5:00 PM; dessert and fellowship will follow at 6:30 PM in St. John's Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$5/person. Those attending will be informed of their predetermined "host homes" prior to the event. RSVP to Karyl Reents, 661-2561 or [jk.reents@comcast.net](mailto:jk.reents@comcast.net) by Friday, April 1.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall

For all kids! Sponsored by St. John's Sr. High youth.



**Work Camp Chicken Dinner** - Thursday, April 28, 4:45-7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall entrance. Help support St. John's Work Camp mission trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan by ordering out! Tickets will go on sale in late March.

## St. John's Women Spring Event Salad Supper

Thursday April 28, 6:15 PM, Parish Life Center

Delores Sheehan, "The Laughing Lady," will present a program about the importance of laughter in our lives. Sign up at Welcome Centers or call Sandy in the church office by Tuesday, April 26.

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 30, 8:00 AM, Fellowship Hall

The guest speaker will be Mike Meece, Administrator of the Midwest Food Bank here in Bloomington. We'll learn about MFB's mission as a non-denominational, faith-based organization that provides food to over 225,000 people each month and about the many volunteer opportunities there. In addition, live from Zambia, we will be seeing and hearing from Pastors Chana and Strasser with exciting updates on the ELC-Zambia churches in Lusaka. This event is designed to interest a wide range of ages, so bring your sons, fathers, and neighbors. There will be signup sheets in the narthex and atrium areas, or you may call the church office to make your reservation.

There is no charge for the meal, but there will be a free-will offering.