



St. John's United Church of Christ

Rooted in Love

Oct 17, 2026

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK!

Sunday at 10 AM

Worship with us in-person or online!

Online Worship:

We are livestreaming our Sunday morning service.

You'll be able to join us live or watch a video later at your convenience.

You can find the
livestream here:



[Facebook](#)

You can find the **video**
here for your convenience:



[YouTube](#)

You can find more worship
information here:



[Website](#)

The Calendar ... Looking Ahead

Sat	10/17		Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Sat	10/17		Poinsettia Orders Begin
Sun	10/18	11:00 AM	Alzheimer Association Speaker "Brain Health" (RSVP)
Mon	10/19	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thu	10/22	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship Circle 7 Ranch (join us)
Sun	10/25	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	10/25	9:30 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	10/25	5:00 PM	Church Picnic at Stemme Farm (RSVP)
Tue	10/27	10:00 AM	Book Club "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali (info)
Tue	10/27	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night (join us)
Fri	10/30		Preschool Halloween Parade
Sun	11/1	10:00 AM	Family Worship Sunday with Communion
Sun	11/1		Daylight Saving Time ends
Tue	11/3		Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Wed	11/4		Angel Tree Begins
Thu	11/5	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Mon	11/16	10:00 AM	Chocolate, Chocolate, with Tour of the Hill

Please check your News Notes or [Website](#) for more information

We pray for

Please pray for Laine Angelo, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener,
Mike Kelly, Danny Mueller, Anita Paz and Kathy Sellenriek.

Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

Thank you for your prayers for Josh Kennedy and his family. He has been given a clean bill of health.

Global Ministries requests that we pray with the following countries this month.

10/04 Sri Lanka, 10/11 Mexico, 10/18 Democratic Republic of Congo, 10/25 Germany



For the full prayer [click here](#).

Announcements



This year missions team decided to do the **Crop Walk** to Stomp Out Hunger here in our neighborhood. We had **18 people walk**, and we **raised \$220** which will provide emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future. **Huge success.**

Sending Amelia to School

Our **children's offering** during worship is going to **Amelia Gutierrez Rios** who is a first grader at Salinas Innova school in the Santa Elena province of Ecuador. Enrollment in school costs the family \$150/month, plus books and supplies. There is no public school in Ecuador, so you pay if you want your child to go to school. Amelia's family cannot pay the price of her school tuition. Her father, Christian, is a substitute teacher, who has not been able to find a full-time position due to the poor conditions in his country. Christian has been a tour guide for members of IL South Conference when they did a mission trip to Ecuador. **We will partner with Zion UCC** in Marion, IL who has paid Amelia's school tuition and supplies for the last year.



Watch for the Angel Tree in the coming weeks. It will be loaded with ornaments identifying items needed for the Hope Chest for the children at Every Child's Hope. Please take an ornament or two, and purchase a new item noted on the ornament.

Please return the unwrapped gift to church by Sunday, November 29th with the ornament attached.

Mon 11/16 10:00 AM
Chocolate, Chocolate, with Tour of the Hill

If interested please see Carol Tindira or Helen Stortz for more information



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Happenings



(RSVP)

Alzheimer Speaker Sun, 10/18 at 11 AM

BUILDING BRAIN-HEALTHY HABITS

A volunteer educator from the Alzheimer's Association is coming to speak about tips to build healthy habits to help protect your brain.

Church Picnic at Stemme Farm Sun, 10/25 at 5:00 PM

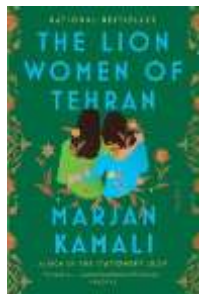
Dinner, S'mores and Hayride!

Brats, hot dogs, soda & water provided. Bring a dish to share!

Bring a chair and enjoy the bonfire. (RSVP)

Volunteers needed for set up Sat 10/24 at 10am





Join us for book club in the library here at St. John's

Tues, Oct 27th 10 am

"The Lion Women of Tehran" by Maran Kamali

Tues, Dec 8th 10 am

**"Last Christmas in Paris "
by Hazel Gaynor & Heather Webb**



Table Fellowship will gather at **Circle 7 Ranch** at 5:30 PM on **10/22**. **All are welcome!** "Come when you can. Come as you are!" So we can make reservations please call or text Jane Lindberg (314-882-2940) or sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary or use the ([link](#)).



([join us](#))

Ladies Game Night
Tue, **10/27**, 6:30 PM



10/25 at 9:15 am
in Fellowship Hall

Sign up for the following fun activities: Using your phone and the QR code. **HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE**

1. OPEN YOUR CAMERA 2. POINT IT AT THE QR CODE 3. TAP THE LINK THAT POPS UP



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Church Picnic Stemme Farm



Order your Poinsettia for the Sanctuary for Christmas before Nov 8th



4th Tue of the mth 6:30 PM



Women's Game Night



[Use this Link to Join Us](#)



4th Thu of the mth 6:30 PM



Table Fellowship



[Use this Link to Join Us](#)

Thank you for your service & generosity.



A great big Thank you to all those among the congregation who put together kits for the Festival of Sharing. I delivered to the collection site 7 family food boxes, 9 large bags of paper goods, and 5 bags of school supplies. I know they will be put to good use! Thanks, Jane Lindberg

Circle of Concern Bring your donations to church and place them in the grocery cart labeled "Circle of Concern." For monetary donations put "Circle of Concern" in the memo. **Our Current Needs in the Food Pantry:** are

Canned Chicken, corn, & mixed vegetables, pasta sauce, boxed potatoes, rice, baby wipes

View our [Amazon Wish List](#) or [Walmart List](#) for more items to fill our pantry Circle of Concern DOES NOT accept expired food.

10/18/26 Service Liturgist: Mary Polt Usher Team: Ken Ruff Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Chris Norton Special Music: Piano Duet	10/25/26 Service Liturgist: Craig Bielke Usher Team: Jim Pisoni Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Barb Ackerman Special Music: Choir, Vocalist	11/01/26 Service Liturgist: Danielle Dolan Usher Team: Larry Sontag Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Jackie Ruff Special Music: Violin
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Birthdays

Keith Walston	10/13	Pat Mueller	10/18	Nancy Kelly	10/29
Ruth Kohl	10/14	Phil Difani	10/25	Barbara Phillips	11/01
Angela Sontag	10/18	Jon Fair	10/28	Juliet Renth	11/02
Ken Mueller	10/18	Nora Amato	10/28	Jacob Renth	11/02

CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



Council

President: Jan Boehm Vice President: Laura Dierberg Ayers Treasurer: Warren Stemme Secretary: Phil Difani	Senior Ministry: Carol Tindira Mission: Jackie Ruff ECC Liaison: Chris Norton	Asset Management: Jim Pisoni Fellowship: Barb Ackerman Fellowship: Rosemarie Spray
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YouTube: video here:



 **Website:** Link



Giving Link



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Pictures

Pet Blessing



Gateway Housing Service Project

1. Thanks to **Rick Wagner, Brad Notch and Jim Pisoni** for representing St. John's at the **Gateway Housing Service Project** wheelchair ramp build on Saturday October 10th. It was a little more complex than previous builds but well worth the effort to see the joy and gratitude of the residents.
2. Five volunteers are needed for the Habitat for Humanity build on Saturday November 14th. Please contact Jim Pisoni at jpisonijr@gmail.com with any questions.



October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Alzheimer : "Brain Health" 	19 6 pm Council Meeting 	20 	21	22  5:30 pm Table Fellowship Circle 7	23	24
25  9:15 am Loaves & Fishes 9:30 am Mission Meeting 5 pm Stemme Church Picnic 	26  	27 10 am Book Club "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali 6:30 pm Women's Game Night 	28	29	30 10 am ECC Parade 	31 Halloween 

Poinsettias

Poinsettias are available for order and will be placed in the sanctuary in December. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. You may drop your order into the offering plate or in the church office with Katie. You may pay with one check (made out to ECC) but please fill out a separate line "Given ... in ()..." for each plant.

Given to the glory of God; in () memory () honor () celebration of:

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**Given by:

Total Plants _____ Total Check _____
All orders are due by Nov 8th.
() I will take the plants home
() I will Leave the plant(s) at church



Poinsettia QR code