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May 3, 2024

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Fellowship Hour at 9 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 am
Sunday School 10:00 am
In-Person, [Facebook Live](#), or [Virtual](#)
15370 Olive Blvd Chesterfield, MO 63017 (636) 532-0540 ([Website](#))

The Calendar ... Looking Ahead

05/05/24 Service

Liturgist: **Jane Lindberg**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellow & Lockup: **Nora Amato**
Children's Time: **Rev. Katie Jo**

05/12/24 Service

Liturgist: **Merilee Dauster**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellow & Lockup: **Nora Amato**
Children's Time: **Rev. Katie Jo**
Special Music: **Piano Duet**

05/19/24 Service

Liturgist: **Carolyn Golfin**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellow & Lockup: **Nora Amato**
Children's Time: **Rev. Katie Jo**
Special Music: **Flute**

We pray **Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina, Kathy Scherr, Corryne Sontag, Larry Sontag, Barbara Tretter and Gloria Vaclavik**. Please let us know your prayer concerns

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and encouragement during this past year. **June Evers** has reached this post-transplant milestone with great results and can be moved from the regular prayers list to a prayer of thanksgiving! Thanks be to God for his good works, healing and love. **Donna Switzer**



Global Ministries requests that we pray with **Congo** this week.

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

... Looking Ahead

5/4		20th Annual Tab Top Pandemonium
5/5	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
5/5	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
5/5		Global Ministries Pray for Republic of Congo
5/9		Ascension Day
5/9 & 10		ECC Mother's Day Parties
5/12		Global Ministries Pray for Palestine
5/13	4:30 PM	Christian Education Committee
5/14,15,15		ECC Last Days
5/17	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter (subscribe)
5/19	10:00 AM	Celebrate the Graduates Sunday
5/19	10:00 AM	Strengthen the Church Offering
5/19		Global Ministries Pray for Venezuela
5/20	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
5/23	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship at Spiros
5/26	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes (rsvp)
5/26	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
5/26		Global Ministries Pray for Japan
5/27		Memorial Day Office Closed
5/28	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
5/31	8:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter (subscribe)

<https://www.stjohnsucchesterfield.org/fellowship>

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities



Kari Stecher	05/01	Kathryn Wickenhauser	05/18	Elise Wickenhauser	05/22
Beverly Behan	05/03	Todd Armstrong	05/19	Marilyn Norton	05/27
David Dauster	05/05	Ruth Notch	05/20	Brett Siebert	05/27
Hayden Hewgley	05/11	Paul Switzer	05/20	Laura Ayers	05/28
Madison Billings	05/17	Mike Kelly	05/21	Kynan Brown	05/28
Josh Hawkinson	05/17	Joshua Billings	05/22	Mary Heitmeyer	05/29



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SANCTUARY WINDOWS

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Every time we enter the sanctuary at St. John's we are greeted with a calming, yet vibrant setting. This is due in part to our beautiful **sanctuary windows** – the reserved, almost muted, windows on the sides, which then draw our eye to the brilliant Communion or Rose window above the altar.

After 60 years, the windows need special care.

We know you value the integrity of the sanctuary and these windows and **hope you consider making a special financial gift** so we can **LET THERE BE LIGHT!**

PLEASE ATTEND one of our information sessions offered before and after worship (see bulletin for dates). **PICK UP** our informative flyer. OR **CONTACT** Phil Difani, Larry Sontag, Helen Stortz or Laura Ayers for more information. See **YOUTUBE** video: <https://bit.ly/4aYqGcD>



New putty required throughout



repair windows with cracked glass

April Early Childhood Center Update

April was an awesome month here at ECC. Our art show was held on April 18th. It was a huge success despite the stormy weather. Glad to see so many of our families came to visit.

The children are enjoying playing on the new playground equipment installed by Ken and other volunteers of the church. Thank you so much for your hard work during this project.

We are actively enrolling for our summer camp and fall school year. We have openings in our Kids Day Out Program (Two year olds) through Rainbows (Age 4-5). If you know anyone seeking a school, please send them our way.

Next month, we look forward to our Graduation and Cheers event on May 14th and 15th.



Graduation Celebration! May 19 Help us celebrate all of the graduations & accomplishments of our students. If someone in your family graduated this year from high school, college, trade school, graduate school, or any accomplishment you want to brag about—send us a **paragraph** with **where** they are **graduating from**, what their **post-graduation plans** are, and a short list of accomplishments they achieved during the education (if you like). Send the information to the church office at stjohnsucconlive@gmail.com by **May 1st**.

20TH ANNUAL TAB TOP PANDEMONIUM

Saturday, May 4, Park Avenue Ronald McDonald House 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We already collect aluminum tabs for RMH, but you can also recycle keys and electronic devices. RMH turns these into a monetary donation. More information is available at rmhcstl.com/tabtop.



Table Fellowship the 4th Thursday of the month. Table Fellowship will meet on **May 23rd at 5:30** (to take advantage of their special "come-early" pricing) at Spiro's restaurant. The group is growing, and all are welcome! Come join the fun! Please [rsvp](#) or sign up in the narthex or let Jane Lindberg know you're coming.



Bunko Women's Fellowship All are welcome. Join us for Bunko in Fellowship Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month For more information contact Jan Boehm
Tue, May 28th, 6:30pm – 8:30pm



Volunteers needed to make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.
Next Dates **May 26th 2023**



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 (updated 4/22/2024): Our most pressing needs are Canned Chicken, Salsa, Salad Dressings, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, BBQ Sauce.**
We also need Kid Friendly Cereal, Peanut Butter



July 15 - 19, 2024
(9 AM - Noon)

SAVE THE DATE for **Vacation Bible School** with Celebration Sunday, July 21st
Volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/LPVVC2VmNzKNgmyQ8>
Seeking adults and youth (5th grade+ Fall '24)
Can't be there that week? That's ok – we have lots of earlier opportunities!
Child Registration here: <https://forms.gle/HwhrwhA4n1BynJrV6>
Children 3 years (by July 1), to 4th grade (Fall '24)
Register Early as we reserve the right to close registration at any time so we can maintain a safe program.
This is always a fun week for all! We need and welcome your help! ?'s: 314-795-9322 (Laura) / ChristianEducation.SJUCC@gmail.com

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Or Text to 833 502 0657 and follow the easy directions. *Thank you!*

Council Meeting Bullet Points:

Our Stained-Glass windows need help. Please attend one of the small-group meetings we are planning. These windows have not had any maintenance since the 1960's when they were installed and we would like to let you see the issues with the wood framing and support for the windows (the glass itself is still beautiful).

Stained Glass Information Meetings

5 MAY 9:20 – 9:50am

12 MAY 9:20 – 9:50am and 11 – 11:30am

19 MAY 9:20 – 9:50am and 11 – 11:30am

26 MAY 9:20 – 9:50am

Monday (April 29) come and meet with representatives from the Missouri Department of Conservation to discuss ways to enhance the experience of Container Gardening.

Rally Day is on the calendar for September 8th. It is a joyous day and we are looking for some members to help with different parts of it.

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Mon - Thu 9 to 1, Friday off. Meetings, emergencies, etc., often cause changes to this schedule.

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