

## Events for the week of May 5th

### MONDAY

6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. **Bible Study** Wesley Lounge

### TUESDAY

10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **Bible Study** Wesley Lounge

6:30 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Library

6:30 —8:30 p.m. **Praise Team Practice** Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. **Admin Council Meeting** Coke Lounge

### WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. **Vison & Mission Discernment Process Meeting** Fellowship Hall

### THURSDAY

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. **Thrift Shop Open**

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Girl Scouts** Rm. 203

6:30 p.m. **Nominations Committee Meeting** Coke Lounge

### FRIDAY - “Pastor Jeff’s Birthday”

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **Food Box Giveaway**

### SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. **Thrift Shop Open**

9:30 a.m.—11:00 p.m. **Choir Practice**

### SUNDAY (May 12th) “New Member Sunday”

9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Chapel Worship**

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. **Traditional Worship**

## Church Office Hours

**M-TH 9:00 –1:00**

**We are CLOSED on Fridays.**

*Please respect Pastor Josh’s Sabbath  
on Mondays.*

*Messages can be communicated  
to Stephanie in the office.*

## St. John’s Staff Directory

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MAY 5TH, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

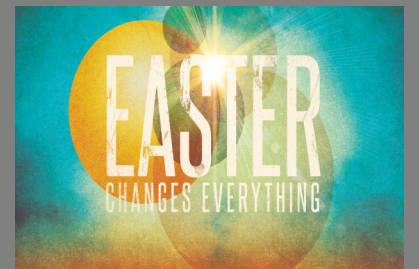


St. John's  
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*Come as you are and be transformed by the love of Christ!*

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*The Easter Season, also know as the Great  
Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and  
continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is  
the joyous and celebrative season of the  
Christian year. It focuses on Christ’s  
resurrection and ascension and on the  
givings of the Holy Spirit.*



## GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** “Just As I Am”

arr. Wood

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joshua Berry

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Larry Grantham

**L:** We come with joy to this celebration of God’s love!

**P:** Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your love.

**L:** We come with hope to witness to God’s power!

**P:** Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve you, Lord.

**L:** We come with a willingness to proclaim God’s presence to all.

**P:** We thank God for this invitation to worship, witness and serve. AMEN.

**\*OPENING HYMN: UMH #581** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

**OPENING PRAYER:** Larry Grantham

Loving, creative God, we praise and bless you for your mighty acts of creation. As we gather here this day we hear your message of power and love through the witness of Jesus Christ as he prepared his disciples for his departure. He gave to them the words of encouragement about living in your love, and through that love being witnesses to the whole world of your peace and hope. Be with us this day, Lord. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word. AMEN.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** “If We Truly Believe” Besig

Let us come to the table of our Lord,	We are joined as one in communion with our Lord
He bids us pause and leave our troubles here.	by this gift which He alone can give.
As we bow in pray’r, the comfort of these words	Take and eat, this is His body;
gives us strength to lay aside our fears.	take and drink, this is His blood;
“Take and eat, this is His body; take and drink,	Freely given for you and for me.
this is His blood: Freely given for you and for me.	Take and eat, this is the promise;
Take and eat, this is the promise; take and drink,	take and drink, this is the love;
this is the love; This is the hope that can set our spirits free,	This is the hope that can set our spirits free,
if we truly believe.”	if we truly believe.
As we rise to go in diff’rent ways,	Lord, we truly believe.
Although we all have sep’rate lives to live,	

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow; Praise Him, All Creatures Here Below;  
Praise Him Above, Ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Rev. Joshua Berry

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH #175 “Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee”

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 15: 9-17 Larry Grantham

**MESSAGE:** “True Friendship” Rev. Joshua Berry

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** UMH #887 “From Romans 8:35, 37-39”



St. John’s is planning a road trip to Sight & Sound in Lancaster to see DANIEL!

July 31st—\$136 per person  
(Dinner is not included in the price.)

Call Ruth Rhoades at 302-841-0351 to secure your seat.

Payment can be mailed or dropped off to the church office.

**The UMM thank everyone for their support of Pig in a Poke!**

**Their next meeting is Tues. May 14th at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Come join for food, fellowship, and fun!**

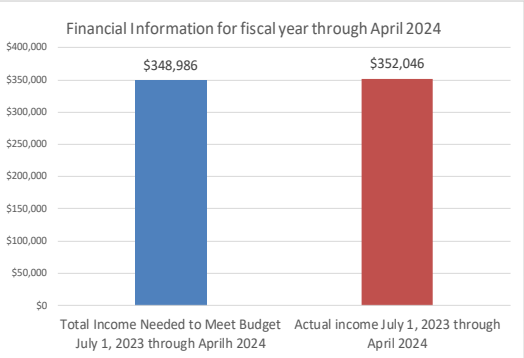
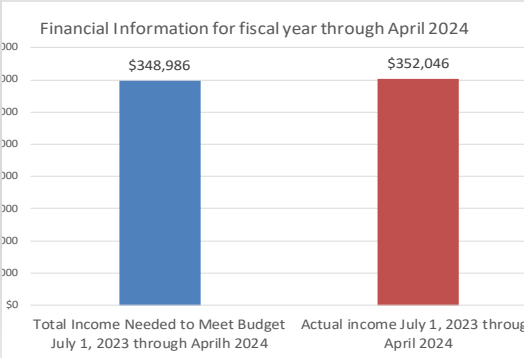


**St. John’s Attendance & Financial Update**

St. John’s Seaford Budget Income:	<b>\$4,123</b>
Designated Non-Budget Income:	<b>\$3,788</b>
Chapel Offering:	<b>\$865</b>
Preschool:	<b>\$1,544</b>
Total Deposits:	<b>\$10,319</b>



**Attendance (4/28)**  
**9:00 (78) Chapel: (17) 11:00 (59) Total: 154**





### St. John's Connections Team

The Connections Team has been busy making contacts with those who are ill, shut-in, or experiencing loss. If you have a loved one or a friend who needs some encouragement or to know we care, please contact Sandy Baker by phone at 302-629-8204 or by email at [sbakero306@gmail.com](mailto:sbakero306@gmail.com).

**Thank you for continuing to help us spread the love of God!**

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Health:** Dot Whaley, Rose Willey, Lake and Edna Scott, Joan Hart, Diana Trice, Bev Palmer, Linda Conner, Bob and Angel Adams, David Sagers, Jeanne Conner, Jenn Marnock, Butch Vandegrift, Ellie Everton, Bob and Shirley Colona, Chad Tate, Karen Kittila, Dixie Baker, Roberta Glenn, Marion Holt, Stephanie Simpson, Karl and Karen Dickle, Harold Damaska, and Michelle Thomas.

**Continued Prayer:** Dawson Lankford, Gail Phillips, Carolyn Godfrey, Joyce Allen, Audra Stambaugh, Teena Diehl, Bob Hudson, Fred Danielson, Barbara Truitt, Nancy Fraser, Quentin and Mary Welch, Robert and Ethel Ellingsworth, Bob Freeborn, and Jane Tate.

***Our prayer chain and office went through and updated our prayer lists. If a name was removed and you wish to have it placed back on the prayer list, please reach out. We would like to keep our list as updated as possible! So, if you add a name please reach out to update us when it can be removed—we love to hear about answered prayers!***

### Prayer Chain Coordinators

**Elaine Vincent: 302 629-2396 or 302 245-5204**

**Joan Harper: 302 236-0426**

**Gail Phillips: [spiritlady06@gmail.com](mailto:spiritlady06@gmail.com)**

**Church Office—302 629-9466 ext. 112 (please leave a message)**

***We take your requests for all prayer concerns seriously and feel blessed to serve you!***

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The commandment that we have from Christ Jesus is that we love one another, treating each other as beloved brothers and sisters. Abide in God's eternal love. Let its power and joy penetrate your hearts and spirits, preparing you for new growth in the Spirit. **AMEN**.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray:

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever Amen.*

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: UMH #526** “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

**\*BENEDICTION:**

Rev. Joshua Berry

**POSTLUDE:** “Praising The Almighty”

*Broughton*

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

*THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY*

In memory of Bill and Irene Blades  
by Ted and Bev Blades

*And*

In Memory of Tom Crockett on his birthday  
given by his loving family

*Visioning and Discernment Process*

✓ **1. Complete Spiritual Gifts Assessment**

*While many of you have completed the assessment, those who have not may do so prior to our first meeting. Copies are available at the usher’s stand.*

**2. Answer the Question—”Who Are We?”**

We will spend about 4 weeks answering the question **Who Are We?** We will be doing this by looking at our spiritual gift assessments, looking back on our history as St. John’s, as well as our history as the United Methodist Church. Our hope is to uncover what is important to us as a church and what we are passionate about.

✓ **April 24th and May 1st**

**May 8th, May 15th, May 22nd, May 29th**

**6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

**Please join us!**

**We are meeting weekly on Wednesdays until the job is done!**



**The Seaford Community Food Closet here at St. John’s will receive donations from the annual USPS food drive on Monday, May 13th.**

**Any volunteers who are able to help sort these donations from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm that day in our Fellowship Hall would be greatly appreciated!**