

MAY 5TH, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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United Methodist
Church

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Come as you are and be transformed by the love of Christ!

The Easter Season, also known 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 giftings of the Holy Spirit.



***OPENING PRAISE SONG :** “Alive and Breathing”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joshua Berry

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

April Stanley

***PRAISE SONG:** “God So Loved”

OPENING PRAYER

Sally Van Keuren

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.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:9-17
Sally Van Keuren

MESSAGE: “True Friendship”
Rev. Joshua Berry

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

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

HOLY COMMUNION

THE 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

COMMUNION SONG: “Goodness of God”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

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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Non-Staff Positions

Suzanne Black, Business Manager

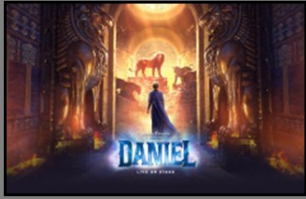
302 -629-9466, ext.111 (Tuesdays Only)

bookkeeping@stjohnsseaford.com

Pastor Linda Pevey, Bible Study

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302-236-5145



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!



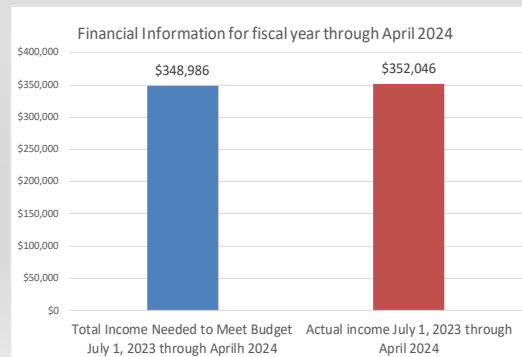
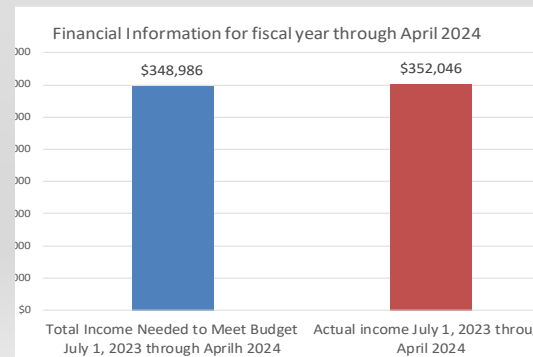
St. John's Attendance & Financial Update

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



Attendance (4/28)

9:00 (78) Chapel: (17) 11:00 (59) Total: 154



***CLOSING PRAISE SONG:** "He Loves Us"

***BENEDICTION:**
Rev. Joshua Berry

** Please stand if you are able.*



VBS is right around the corner and we would love to have your help.

It will be held June 24th, 25th and 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with dinner being served each evening. Our theme this year is Campfire Stories where the children will hear amazing and exciting stories that teach valuable lessons about God. Volunteers are always needed (for set-up, crafts, snacks, recess, etc.) as well as donations to purchase materials and food/snack items for the children. If you would be willing to help, please contact Joan Harper at 302-236-0426. Thanks so much!

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!



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.

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

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