



ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May - June 2022

THE GOOD NEWS

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9 a.m. - Adult Christian Education
(In-person and Zoom)
9 a.m. - Youth Christian Education
Parish Hall (In-person only)
10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(In-person and Livestream)

Visit StJohnsMLB.org for links

TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice in Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study led by Father Eric
(online) - email office@stjohnsmlb.org
for link and details

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. - TGIF (Men's Breakfast and
Bible study), La Loma Coney Island,
1180 Aurora Road, Melbourne.
Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for more
information

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

For some reason, we often assume that God has done something for us if it seems miraculous, or at least extraordinary. Squeaked through the test without studying like you should have? God helped me. Got a new job I never thought I would qualify for? Thanks be to God! Bought the week's groceries with the paycheck I earned? did that. God wasn't really a part.

Sometimes we forget how dependent we are on things that are completely beyond our control. You didn't create your life, you didn't give birth to yourself, you didn't design your mind and the intricacies of your body. You were designed and created by God and brought into the world by human parents entirely without your influence. You didn't create this world either, with all the air, water and food we need to survive and thrive.

*For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very
well. Psalm 139:13-14*

I didn't earn a paycheck on my own. God made me and gave me the abilities I have. I didn't grow the food or build the grocery store or design the car. God has been at work in me and in many others to make all this possible. Remembering this helps us keep humility and thankfulness in the forefront.

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There are holidays in May and June that call our attention to God’s work through those who have gone before. May 8 is Mother’s Day and June 19 is Father’s Day. We give thanks for those who brought us into this world, and who, perhaps more than any others, have shaped the people that we are today.

May 30 is Memorial Day, when we celebrate those who have sacrificed their lives so that we might live in prosperity and freedom, drinking deeply from all the good things that God has made available to us. Without them and their sacrifice, we would know nothing of the opportunities we have today.

June 19 is also Juneteenth, a holiday celebrating the freedom of all formerly enslaved people. The Emancipation Proclamation had been signed by President Lincoln 2½ years early and the Civil War had ended about 2 months earlier, but especially in Texas, many slaves remained. It wasn’t until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston on June 19, 1865, and began enforcing emancipation. Politics and laws have real impact on our lives and the lives of others.

There is no “self-made man (or woman).” We are the result of God’s design and the gifts, skills and abilities He has given us. We are shaped by our mothers and families, and enjoy the opportunities our society affords (or takes away) thanks to the sacrifice and hard work of literally millions who have gone before.

So, as you enjoy these holidays, and all that you enjoy in this life, remember to give thanks to God for all that he has given you, and for all those who have gone before. And pray that, by His continued grace, we might each make a meaningful addition to that long tradition.

In Christ,

Fr. Eric Turner
Rector



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“Good News” July - August 2022 Schedule & Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of “The Good News” (July - August 2022) will be Tuesday, **June 14**. Please email (preferred) your submissions to office@stjohnsmlb.org or get them to the church office by June 14, 2022.

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KEEPING UP WITH ST. JOHN'S ONLINE



St. John's Chat is an email "list" that allows you to keep up with the latest news at St. John's, prayer list updates, etc. You can also share things with others at St. John's. To subscribe, please just send your email address to Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org.

If you are on **Facebook**, you can also search "St. John's Episcopal Church" and like the page. Then you will get updates in your newsfeed, which you can respond to, or share with your friends.

St. John's **Weekly eNews** is a weekly (clever, huh?) email newsletter giving information on upcoming activities, what will be happening on Sunday, and other things. It generally includes a reflection from Fr. Eric on the lessons for the coming Sunday along with links and other information. This comes out every Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. To subscribe, please send your email address to Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org.

St. John's now has a **YouTube Channel** which is where we post worship live streams and sermons. Visit [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for St. John's Episcopal Church, Melbourne Florida, then follow us! You can also find links to all past and upcoming worship services by visiting stjohnsmlb.org and clicking on Worship Live Stream.

And, of course, there is **St. John's Website** at stjohnsmlb.org. You will find a variety of information there including schedules, the church calendar, archives of the "Good News", Sunday Ministry schedules, the latest eNews and much more. Poke around!



GUIDED BY SCRIPTURE



TGIF, our men's breakfast and Bible study gathers every Friday, 8 a.m. at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne.

Christian Education

Adult Christian Education gathers in person, in the Chapel (to the right, just before entering the Parish Hall), at 9 on Sunday morning and is also available via Zoom video conferencing. If you would like to join by Zoom, the link is available on the church website. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Live Stream. You may also email the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link. We are studying the Gospel of Mark, the shortest and earliest of the accounts of Jesus, raw and fast moving. Join in any time!

Youth Christian Education (middle and high school), under the leadership of Katie Wilson, is gathering in the Parish Hall, at this time in-person only.



GROWING SERVANTS OF CHRIST

Daughters of the King



The St. John's Chapter of Daughters of the King is approaching a milestone in our young history:

our Installation of Officers will occur on May 22, 2022 when we install our new officers who were unanimously elected from our first "official" slate of nominations. Mary Highland will be President, Charlene Turner will be Vice-President, and Jackie Bond will be Secretary/Treasurer.

Sarah Kendall, our retiring President, will remain an integral part of our Daughters of the King chapter. She has worked tirelessly to reinstate our chapter after years of dormancy and inspired us to become more spiritually connected with each other. She maneuvered her way through all the National's paperwork, encouraged each of us to become a Daughter who reached out to God in prayer, and became our voice within St. John's. She held us together through Covid, always encouraging us to pray and to find ways to serve.

Under her direction, we initiated our New Life Mission service project of donating non-food items to this ministry that equips homeless mothers with skills to transform their families in a Christ-centered environment. We invite the parish to join us in donating to this ministry by leaving donations on our table in the Parish Hall.

Soon we will be undertaking our Congregational Care project where we discern how we can help our own parishioners with different factors with which they may need help: transporting them to a doctor's visit, giving the care-giver a break while sitting with someone, checking-in phone calls, grocery shopping/meals, and a myriad of other ways in which we can offer help. The Daughters thank our parish for allowing us the privilege of praying for them. Prayer requests remain confidential at all times as we pray for individuals, St. John's, Fr. Eric, and all ministry leaders.

Any women interested in finding out more about the Daughters may talk with Sarah Kendall, President, or any Daughter. Interested women may attend any of our meetings for more information. Our meetings are in the Chapel the first Sunday of the month after the church service.

There is a Prayer Box in the sanctuary next to the candles for prayer requests. As always, confidentiality is our utmost priority and prayer requests are not shared with anyone, including Fr. Eric. If you want Fr. Eric to be aware of your prayer request, please advise him separately.

The Daughters thank the congregation for allowing us to pray for their prayer concerns, their overall support for our Order, and their donations to our New Life Mission service project, a ministry for abused women and their children. There is a table for donations in the library section of the Parish Hall. We continue to pray God's blessing on St. John's.

A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

Worship Volunteers are needed for a variety of rolls, including LEMS (reading the lessons and/or leading prayers), ushers, audio/visual, chalice bearers (when we begin using again), and more. We will train you! All that is needed is a willing heart! Please contact Linda Fletcher at lcalvert1956@yahoo.com or the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org for more information.

Mother's Day



Mother's Day we will mark with flowers for all the ladies. Bring mom and make her day!

Memorial Day



Memorial Day Weekend
On Sunday, May 29, we will celebrate Memorial Day with outdoor worship at our altar in the park followed by a picnic. Burgers and hotdogs provided, please bring a side or dessert to share. Don't miss it!

Leadership Training at St. John's

Leadership training is designed to bring new people into various leadership roles in the life of St. John's providing some basic training and framework for Christian leadership in a church family and ongoing support for those in leadership roles.

It is intended for vestry members, leaders of various ministries, Bible studies, etc. and anyone who would like to explore a leadership role.

We normally gather the first Thursday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel and on Zoom. Upcoming gatherings will be May 5 and June 2. Please email the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org for the zoom link or visit stjohnsmlb.org > Calendar.

SHARING HIS LOVE

Outreach Focus

May



The Outreach offering for May has been designated for Nana's House. This Brevard County Ministry's mission is "to provide a safe, secure, loving home where children can come and experience God's love and healing." Nana's House has completed all 8 houses in their Gated Community as well as a two-story staff apartment, the community pool, and garden. Four of the houses are occupied and they are in the process of placing families in the remaining homes. Three onsite staff members oversee the daily operations of the gated community and coordinate activities and events with the Director. They have recently partnered with One More Child. Through this new relationship, they will be able to extend the reach of Nana's House to foster families outside the gated community. Visit nanaschildrenshome.com for more information. Anything in the blue or lavender envelopes, or clearly marked for outreach in the month of May will go to Nana's House.

Kim Frodge, Founder and Director of Nana's House will be at St. John's 10 a.m. service on May 1 to talk about this ministry.

June

DIOCESAN MISSIONS: The Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida supports two families in foreign missions.



Serving in San Paolo, Brazil are the Rev. Steven and Mary Dass, ministering among homeless children and adults in the 'red light district' of Sao Paulo Brazil. They are tangible witness to God's

love for these hurting people who are ignored by most of society. This is not funded through the Diocesan budget. You can learn more about them on their blog at spmercyministry.com.



Serving in support of other missionaries are the Rev. Loren and Linda Fox. The Foxes live in northern Thailand, working in various parts of Asia.

Linda coordinates member care for missionaries and their families working in some of the most difficult corners of Asia. Fr. Loren coordinates strategy and leadership development – focused on planting churches among seven unreached peoples who currently live outside the reach of the Church. To learn more: send an email to ReachUs@EngagingTheAdventure.org.

Outreach offerings for the month of June will be divided between the Dass and Fox families.

A Message from the Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP

Bringing Assets to Life with an Endowment Fund through the Episcopal Church Foundation

St. John's has established an endowment fund – money that will be invested to provide a reliable source of income to the parish for generations to come. The Vestry intends the fund to be managed in perpetuity as a true endowment, meaning the principal will not be invaded. The endowment fund is intended to generate permanent income that will, over the long-term, directly benefit St. John's programs and ministries that are over and above what was funded through the annual operating budget of the church. Income earned and appreciation on the investments will be used in the following ways:

Undesignated General Endowment Fund (for special needs and ministries as identified by the vestry).

Designated Fund to incorporate The Mission Outreach Endowment Fund, The Building and Property Maintenance Endowment Fund, and The Youth Program Endowment Fund.

Who will administer the fund? The Endowment Committee, three members appointed by the Vestry. Additionally, the Rector and Senior Warden are ex-officio members without vote.

The Means of Making a Gift to the Endowment Fund. You can make a gift of any size to the St. John's Endowment Fund in a variety of ways such as:

Cash
A Bequest in a Will
Life Income Gifts

Retirement Accounts
Life Insurance
A Life Estate

For more information on making a gift to the St. John's Episcopal Church Endowment Fund please contact any of the members of the St. John's Endowment Fund Committee: Please call the church office at 321-254-3365, or email office@stjohnsmlb.org for assistance.



Vestry Notes

New vestry members Jamie Hamilton, Mike Milner and Lee Steininger were welcomed. A discussion covered matters such as operating with mutual respect, confidentiality and transparency, and the St. John's Mission Statement.

The following vestry officers were nominated and elected:

Jr. Warden: Kathy Oas
Treasurer: Steve Bradley
Secretary: Katie Wilson
Fr. Eric appointed Linda Fletcher as Sr. Warden

Additional positions were elected that are not legally established officers:

Assistant Jr. Warden: Deborah Miller-Caldwell
Assistant Treasurer: Susan Badgio

A Vestry planning day is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2022, 9am to 1pm at Kathy Oas' home.

Vestry Notes (con't)

A discussion was held regarding the finance reports printed in the weekly bulletin. It was noted that while transparency is essential, sometimes just the raw numbers don't present the complete picture. It was also noted that when it is printed every week it can begin to be ignored. It was agreed to print the information once a month when the report is completed by the treasurer, and supplemental information will be provided as appropriate.

Kathy Oas reported the following: the organ pipe room door replacement has been completed, the flat roof on Nick House was cleaned and a silicone sealer was applied. Repair of the damaged sidewalk leading to Nick House will begin soon.

Jamie Hamilton was thanked for his work on re-wiring and upgrading the Parish Hall lights to LEDs.

The Vestry held a Planning Mini-Retreat on March 19, which was mostly a brainstorming session. Advertising strategies, the Hispanic ministry and the new website in development were reviewed. The idea of restarting some sort of music or concert program possibly with a meal done as an outreach into the community was agreed to, hopefully beginning in the fall. A special emphasis on high school musicians is part of this idea. A variety of advertising possibilities were discussed and will continue to be researched.

Due to printing and production schedule, notes from the April vestry meeting were not available at printing time. These will be included in the July – August issue.

ST. JOHN'S STEWARSHIP SUMMARY - February 2022				
	February Budget	February Actual	2022 YTD Budget	2022 YTD Actual
Income	\$ 19,147	\$ 16,426	\$ 36,297	\$ 31,439
Expenses	\$ 17,640	\$ 18,170	\$ 39,867	\$ 42,585
Net	\$ 1,507	\$ - 1,744	\$ - 3,570	\$ - 11,146
Outreach	For February: \$ 1.633 for Viet Nam and All Veterans of Brevard*			

*Please see the follow-up on February Outreach following these Vestry Notes

ST. JOHN'S STEWARSHIP SUMMARY - March 2022					
	March Budget	March Actual	2022 YTD Budget	2022 YTD Actual	2021 Year End Actual
Income	\$ 18,840	\$ 20,556	\$ 55,137	\$ 51,995	\$ 225,683
Expenses	\$ 17,178	\$ 17,378	\$ 57,045	\$ 59,963	\$ 219,661
Net	\$ 1,662	\$ 3,178	\$ -1,908	\$ -7,968	\$ 6,022
Outreach	For March: Ukraine \$2,525 & Family Promise \$783				

Figures provided for the most recent month for which they are available

Vestry Notes (con't)

FOLLOW-UP ON FEBRUARY OUTREACH – Viet Nam and All Veterans of Brevard

Late in February, it was reported in [Florida Today](#) that the director of Viet Nam and All Veterans of Brevard (VVB) was arrested and charged with financial impropriety, the nature and scope of which remains unclear.

The Outreach team was targeting the Veterans Transitional Facility (VTF) which is a part of VVB. At that time, it was announced in church that the Outreach Committee would evaluate the situation to determine a way forward. In the meantime, the funds would be held in St. John's Restricted Account. (\$1,633.00 was collected in February for this ministry.)

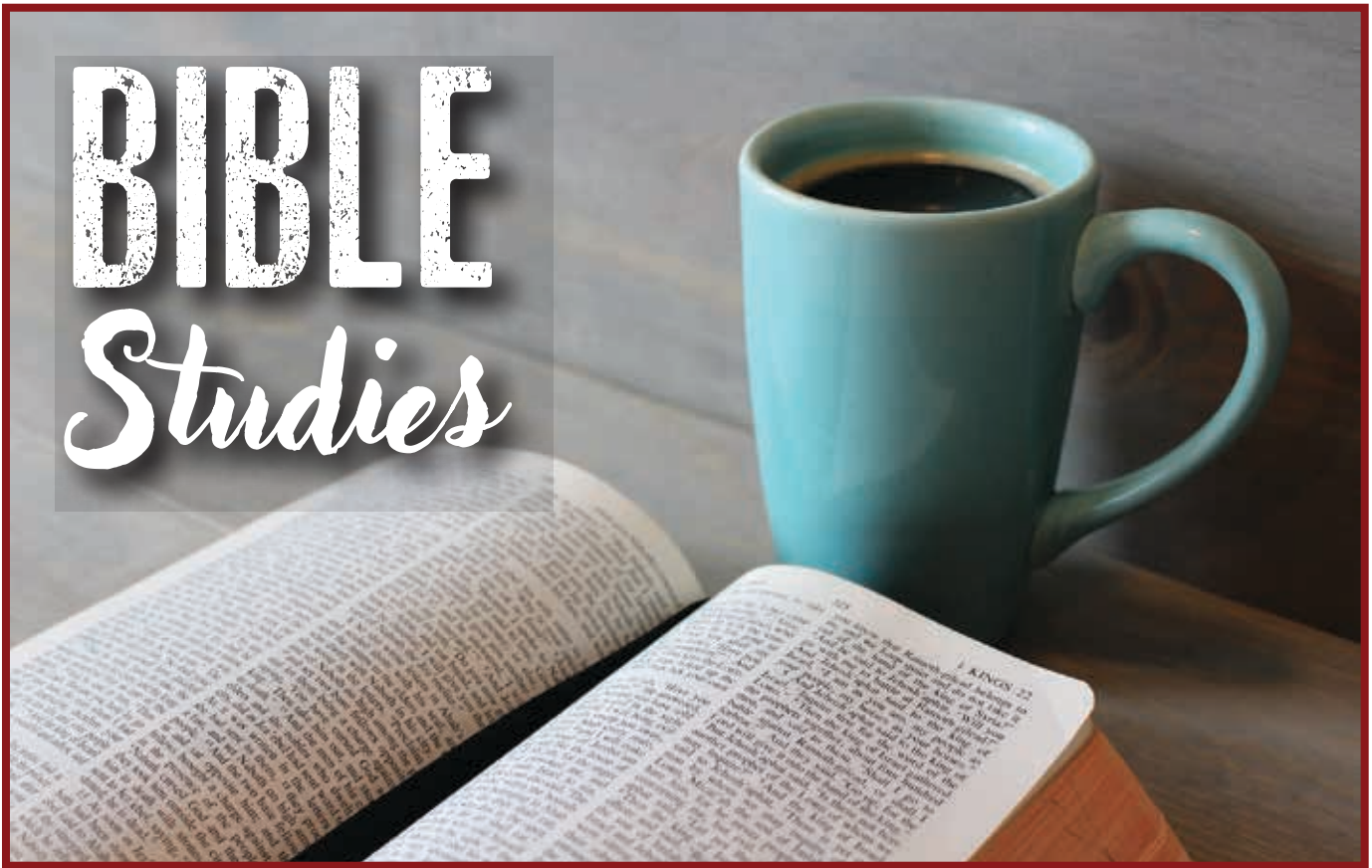
Outreach Team member Skip Alcorn had further conversations with Tom Berry, Managing Director of the VTF (on Fee Ave.) and who spoke at St. John's on February 6. The alleged impropriety involved only the larger Viet Nam and All Veterans of Brevard, and the VTF account is separate.

Due to the fact that the VTF receives funds from the Veterans Administration, they are audited weekly (yes, weekly) by the VA. The Outreach Team is satisfied that the VTF continues to operate appropriately and is sufficiently insulated from potential liability in the alleged impropriety in the larger VVB.

It was our intent to support the veterans in need at this facility and we do not want to see them lose support due to allegations that they are not a part of. One of Mr. Berry's suggestions was that we provide gift cards directly to the residents. This ensures that the funds go directly to the people we wanted to help.

The Outreach Team decided that this was the best option, so we will use the \$1,633 to purchase Walmart gift cards which Mr. Berry will distribute directly to the residents. At last check, there were 16 veterans housed at the facility, one of whom has a new baby, so each will receive \$100, with \$133 going to the veteran with a baby.

Thank you for your generosity to our veterans, your patience, and your trust in the Outreach Team to chart the way forward.



Guided by Scripture

We hope that you are able to find one that meets with your regular schedule!

Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. NOW ONLINE ONLY. Contact Fr. Eric at 321-615-0205 or email eric@stjohnsmlb.org for more information.

Friday morning: TGIF – Men’s breakfast and Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m. We are meeting in person at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Adult Christian Education – Sunday morning Adult Christian Education gathers in person and via Zoom at 9 a.m. in the Chapel. For the Zoom link, visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Live Stream or email office@stjohnsmlb.org.

Staying in Touch with Parishioners

Family Dinner Night



Family Dinner Night



Join us Sunday, May 15, 6 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's, at the corner of Wickham and Lake Washington. Come on out and enjoy good food and fellowship! Everyone just pays their own way. Invite a friend, it is a great way to introduce others to your friends at St. John's.



Meet Our Furry Friends



Meet Christine Bamberger's Border Collies. "Harry was adopted first and then Charlotte, an eight week old puppy when she came into the house and immediately started rough housing with Harry. Up until then all our previous Border Collies usually ignored one another so it was a surprise that she interacted with Harry as she did. When we throw the frisbee or tennis ball in the yard for exercise, Charlotte catches it, drops it on the ground by Harry who then returns it. People watching the two have asked if this is a trick we taught them but no, it is just them interacting together."



"Mom, you will need to get your own tea, I am far too busy today." Nearly 13 years ago, when Kasper and his 3 siblings were discovered abandoned under a truck, our new graphic artist, Karen, rescued these four kittens (5 weeks old). She decided they

should rule her life, in addition to giving them all the love and attention she could muster. Kasper is now a promising graphic artist himself.

We would love to see your furry (or feathered) friend in one of the upcoming newsletters. Email a photo along with the little one's name to office@stjohnsmlb.com. You may also drop the photo at the office.

Staying in Touch with Parishioners (con't)

Furry Friends



Pet Cemetery at St. John's

Did you know St John's has a pet cemetery? My wife and I have recently refurbished it and it is located on the East side of the sanctuary. Please call St. John's if you would like to have your pet laid to rest there.

We find comfort in being able to visit our pets right by St. John's.

- Steve & Ginny Bradley.

Seaside Stitchers



The Seaside Stitchers meet in the parish hall on the first Monday, and the third and fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join them for a very enjoyable morning. Inexperienced or an excellent seamstress, they would love to welcome you to their group. If you are new to sewing you will enjoy the instructional classes.

You may also be interested in the Seaside Knitters. Contact Shirley Muzzy (321-254-2206 or shirleymuzzy@aol.com) for more information.

Loaning of Church Items

If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Kathy Oas, Jr. Warden, first as there might be an event on the schedule where these items are needed. And, of course, we need to keep track of the church's property. Please contact Kathy at kmoas40@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

Staying in Touch with Parishioners (con't)



May

Jim Lacy – 5/3
Will Lester – 5/5
Charlie Williams – 5/7
Floyd Trogdon – 5/7
Lillian Collins – 5/9
Carl Smith – 5/9
Mary Highland – 5/14

Frank Hernkind – 5/16
Steve Bradley – 5/16
Carol Hawkins – 5/23
Bill Renner – 5/23
Ruth Renner – 5/26
Bill McDonald – 5/29

June

June Stitzel – 6/1
Christine Bamberger – 6/4
Elias Hambel – 6/10
Josh Seymour – 6/11
Carole Taylor – 6/12
Susan McDanel – 6/17
Teckla Greene – 6/21

Berry Trogdon – 6/27
Murray Ludwig – 6/28



May

Jim & Amy Lacy – 5/3
Jim & Brenda Williams – 5/7

June

Terry & Mary Highland – 6/10
Bill & Susan McDanel – 6/17
John & Dorinda Campbell – 6/20
Elizabeth Murray & Doug Ludwig – 6/21
Hal & Sally Martin – 6/26

Sunday Ministries

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
Ushers	S. & G. Bradley	B. Chernault J. Hamilton	L. Fletcher J. Bond	S. & G. Bradley	B. Chernault J. Hamilton
LEM	R. Huffman	J. Bond	K. Oas	J. Hamilton	J. Bond
Altar Guild	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett	K. Oas	M. Salmon
Counter	G. Bradley	K. Wilson	G. Bradley	G. Bradley	K. Wilson
Audio/Visual	B. Kendall	B. Kendall	B. Kendall	B. Kendall	B. Kendall

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	July 3
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
Ushers	S. & G. Bradley	B. Chernault J. Hamilton	L. Fletcher J. Bond	S. & G. Bradley	J. & J. McLaughlin
LEM	K. Oas	R. Huffman	D. Miller-Caldwell	J. Hamilton	J. Bond
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett	D. Miller-Caldwell	M. Salmon	K. Oas
Counter	G. Bradley	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	G. Bradley	K. Wilson
Audio/Visual	B. Kendall	B. Kendall	B. Kendall	B. Kendall	B. Kendall

- May 1 Daughters of the King, Chapel & Zoom, at 11:30 a.m.
- May 3 Outreach Meeting, Zoom 7 p.m.
- May 5 Leadership Training, Zoom 7 p.m.
- May 8 Mother’s Day celebration, 10 a.m.
- May 15..... Family Dinner Night at Beef ‘O’ Brady’s, 6:00 p.m.
- May 19..... Vestry Meeting, Chapel & Zoom, 7 p.m.
- May 29..... Outdoor Worship and Picnic in the Park, 10:00 a.m.

- June 2 Leadership Training, Chapel and Zoom 7 p.m.
- June 5..... Daughters of the King, Chapel & Zoom, at 11:30 a.m.
- June 7 Outreach Meeting, Zoom 7 p.m.
- June 16 Vestry Meeting, Chapel & Zoom, 7 p.m.

ZOOM and Livestream Links: All Zoom meeting and Livestream event links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar or by sending an email to office@stjohnsmlb.org.



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