

St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

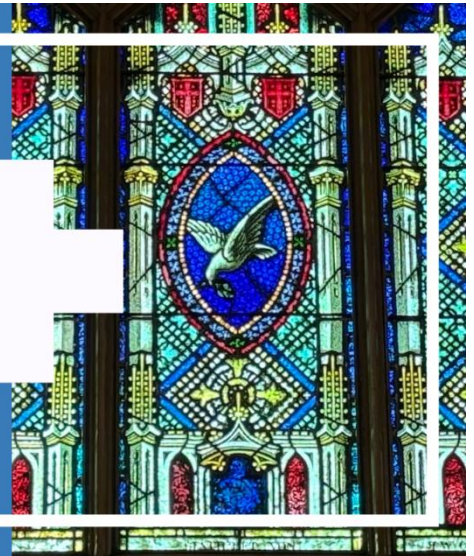
ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday, November 1

8:00, 9:30, & 10:45 AM

Monday, November 2

6:30 PM



CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Today, with the crosses hanging above us of those loved ones who are saints in heaven, and the crosses of the newly baptized saints hanging below, we have the opportunity to truly walk alongside our brothers and sisters in the faith through the peaks and valleys of their lives - literally birth (rebirth!) and death.

On All Saints' Day we are so clearly the family of God in worship, claimed by Him in our Baptism, and living for the day when we worship at His throne in eternity. Each week, St. John's gathers around Word and Sacrament and we are reminded of our new life in Christ. In this place...this congregation...this family, we mourn and rejoice with each other and support each other as we walk in faith.

Thank God today for the saints sitting around you, for the new saints we have welcomed into the family of God at St. John's, and for the lives and example of the saints in heaven who cared enough to pass on a living faith in Jesus Christ to you.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"For All the Saints"

LSB 677, vv. 1-3



All: 1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
Choir: 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
All: 3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Today we remember the saints in heaven who, together with us, stood at the foot of the cross; who heard the Easter truths at the empty tomb; who have gone before us to the place where goodness and mercy will follow them all their days; and where they dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Orma Louis Kraai
Robert Eugene DeMaris
William Harold Noll Sr.
Hildegard Marie Grev
Donna Mae Kloos
Todd Franklin Nikolai*

*Gary Albert Anderson
Bernadene Emilie Gnan
Orline Rose Minnie Moore
Willie Krohn
Alice Val Schlefsky
Ryan William Davis*

*Gordon Lee Thomas
Mary Alice Snorek
Ida Louise Schwartz
Sonja Jean Deis*

HYMN

“For All the Saints”

LSB 677, v. 6

Congregation in harmony.

The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;
Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;
Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest. Al -
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER

Gracious Father, we give You thanks that You kept these our loved ones in true faith, by Your Word and Sacraments, through this life and into the beginning of the next.

Keep us also by the same powerful means, that we may boldly confess Your salvation until our end, and be reunited with them and all the saints at the last.

Through Christ, our hope and our salvation.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

“For All the Saints”

LSB 677, vv. 7-8

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Though we remember today the saints who have gone before us to heaven, God has made each one of us saints through our Baptism. As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

Holy and merciful Father,

I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in Jesus, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

The Lord hears your repentant confession. By His grace you are declared the children of God for the sake of Jesus Christ. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

RESPONSE

“God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594, v. 1

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

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Please be seated.

CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM MILESTONE

(As each name is called, those who were baptized in the past year and their families are invited to come up to the baptismal font and light a candle in remembrance of their baptism.)

Each cross displayed over the water on the baptismal banner bears the name of a new saint – one who has been given new life in Christ through baptism since last year's All Saints' Day Celebration.

*Collins Odie Achtenberg
Hudson Morgan Busker
Hollis Craig Jeurissen
Theodore William Engelhardt
Charlotte Jane Engelhardt
Bode Samuel Messenger
Finley Noelle Lewis
Clara Joy Thuente
Alaina Nicole Olson
Otto James Peterson
Hannah Grace Simpson*

*Declan Dale Miller
Brody Blayne Miller
Henry Joseph Stockey
Charlotte Rebecca Walter
Evelyn Ann Murray
Welsey Louis King
Casey Mark Struble
Sophia Grace Dare
Bo James Crawley-Reid
Bennet George Hoffner*

In Holy Baptism, these new saints in Christ were clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all their sin. "You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." (Galatians 3:26-27)

CHORAL RESPONSE

"O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near"

PRAYER

Gracious Lord, we give thanks that in Holy Baptism we receive forgiveness of sins, deliverance from death and the devil, and eternal salvation. On this baptismal anniversary, bless these newly baptized continually by Your Word and Spirit that they may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and finally share with all Your saints the joys of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN “O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near” LSB 599, vv. 5-6

O Father, grant that by Your grace
They may Your will each day embrace;
With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
Till they at death Your name confess.

Then robed in white before Your throne,
Your holy saints, by You foreknown—
Predestined, called, and justified,
Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.

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FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

arr. Greg Scheer

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship”

LSB 949

Heav’nly hosts in ceaseless worship
“Holy, holy, holy” cry;
“He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord Most High.”
Praise and honor, pow’r and glory,
Be to Him who reigns alone!
We, with all His hands have fashioned,
Fall before the Father’s throne.

All creation, all redemption,
Join to sing the Savior’s worth;
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us,
Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, pow’r and glory,
Honor, might, dominion, praise,
Now be His from all His creatures
And to everlasting days!

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+ Sermon Notes +**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For the gift of faith and new life granted to Your new saints this year, we give You thanks and praise. Surround all the newly baptized saints with a great cloud of witnesses who can encourage and support them in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

On this All Saints' Day we remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us.

(Silence is kept to remember and give thanks for Christian relatives and friends - the cloud of witnesses - who have gone before us.)

For the faith they shared with us, we give thanks to You, Lord. May Your Holy Spirit lead us each day to be people who are ready to share the hope within us with the next generation as we await the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We also pray for the saints among us who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit... Strengthen their faith in You, and give them what they need to sustain them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, in this time of so much political unrest and uncertainty, we pray for our nation, our state and our local community. Guide Your people as they elect representatives to govern our land. Give us wisdom and discernment so that in all things our lives may conform to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING

PREFACE

LSB 208

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with endurance the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with Orma, Robert, William, Hildegard, Donna, Todd, Gary, Bernadene, Orlene, Willie, Alice, Ryan, Gordon, Mary, Ida, Sonja and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

LSB 210

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Please be seated.

COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood. This we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. For further readings in Scripture, we suggest Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

• **Communicants will receive elements in a continuous fashion.**

• **If you would like the pastor to bring communion to you, please inform an usher anytime during the service.**

• **Children of all ages may join their parents and receive a special blessing.**

• **For those who desire it, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center ring of the tray of individual cups.**

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN (8:00/9:30)

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

LSB 676

Choir sings verse 1, congregation joins on verse 2.

If this much-loved Norwegian hymn is unfamiliar to you, please follow along in the LSB hymnal.

Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand; Who is this band Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame, Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring As they all sing With angels shining bright.

Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest.

O blessed saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord, Who with His Word Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod; You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song; O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song!

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LSB 667, vv. 1-4

These saints of old received God's commendation;
They lived as pilgrim-heirs of His salvation.
Through faith they conquered flame and sword and gallows,
God's name to hallow.

They call to us, “Your timid footsteps lengthen;
Throw off sin’s weight, your halting weakness strengthen.
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were martyred;
Our lives we bartered.”

Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suffered,
He faced the cross, His sinless life He offered;
He scorned the shame, He died, our death enduring,
Our hope securing.

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By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign. **Chorus**

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth. **Chorus**

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name. **Chorus**

HYMN “Rise, O Children of Salvation” TLH 472

Saints and martyrs long before us Firmly on this ground have stood;
See their banner waving o'er us, Conqu'rors through the Savior's blood.
Ground we hold, where-on of old Fought the faithful and the bold.

Fighting, we shall be victorious By the blood of Christ our Lord;
On our foreheads, bright and glorious, Shines the witness of his Word;
Spear and shield on battlefield, His great name; we cannot yield.

When his servants stand before him, Each receiving his reward;
When his saints in light adore him, Giving glory to the Lord;
“Victory!” our song shall be, Like the thunder of the sea.

Please stand as you are able.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the holy supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “For All Your Saints, O Lord” LW 195, vv. 1, 2, 4

For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove in you to live,
Who followed you, obeyed, adored, Our grateful hymn receive.

For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove in you to die,
Who counted you their great reward, Accept our thankful cry.

For this, your name we bless And humbly pray anew
That we like them in holiness May live and die in you.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

+ Today's Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow

Liturgist: Pastor Barry

Organist: 8:00/9:30/10:45 Kristin Johnson

Pianist: 6:30 Gunnar Olson

Choirs: Women's Choir, 6th–8th Grade Girls Choir (10:45)

Choir Director: Dr. Katie Rolf

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte: 8:00 Caleb Kulzer/10:45 Josie Watry

Communion Assistants: 8:00 Gayle Degler, Chris Hammons,
Spencer Roxas

9:30 Chris Hammons, Brian Honebrink
Daniel Schlueter, Pete Stephan

10:45 Paul Dolan, Lyle Hilk

Elders: 8:00 Chris Mundahl/9:30 Tim Goltz

10:45 Josh Peterson/6:30 Bruce Bergo

Usher Team: 8:00 Jeff Rasmussen/9:30 Mark Young

Welcome Team: 8:00 Gayle Degler/9:30 Stender Family
10:45 Gretchen Dolan

Tech Crew: 8:00 Adam Breczinski, Zach Brooks,
Andy Erdmann

9:30 Martin and Meity Sihombing

10:45 Caden Gilmore

Coffee Hour: Oliver Family

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:00/9:30/10:45 AM | All Saints' Festival Worship with Communion

9:00 AM | Coffee Hour

9:00 AM Baptismal Milestone Celebration

9:30 AM | Education Hour and Sunday School

6:00 PM | Youth Night

7:00 PM | Sunday Night Basketball

Upcoming Week

Monday, November 2	5:30 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, November 3	6:30 PM Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, November 4	9:30 AM Moms in the Word
	6:00 PM Confirmation Public School
	7:00 PM Rehearsal: Advent Choral Vespers
Thursday, November 5	9:30 AM LifeLight Bible Study
	1:30 PM Ladies Aid Meeting
	6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting
Friday, November 6	6:30 PM AA
Saturday, November 7	9:00–3:00 PM Fall Bazaar
Sunday, November 8	8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 AM Traditional Worship
	9:30 AM Education Hour & Sunday School
	6:00 PM Club 56
	7:00 PM Sunday Night Basketball

Thank you for worshipping with St. John's today!

If this is your first time at St. John's, we invite you to fill out a CONNECTCard located at the Welcome Desk or by using the QR code. We look forward to CONNECT-ing with you.



Weekly Word Preview

Read all these stories at stjohnschaska.org/word, scan the QR code, or pick up a printed copy at the back of the church.



Join Us Saturday, November 7!
Come shop the St. John's Fall Bazaar from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM! Browse 50+ vendors featuring handmade goods, gifts, décor, and more. Admission is free, and concessions will be available

throughout the day. Bring a friend and enjoy a day of shopping right here at St. John's!



Raising Disciples is a place for St. John's parents to connect with one another and talk through parenting issues we're facing today. Each topic runs for several weeks and is designed to help parents think biblically about

family life, faith, and the challenges that come with raising children. All parents are welcome.