



# St. John's Chimes

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

## YEAR OF THE BIBLE

### Sunday School Classes (PreK-Adult)

Today, after 10 AM worship, everyone is invited to join in our weekly "Year of the Bible" Sunday School classes. All year long, we'll be taking a deeper dive into the scripture we've read and experienced together, during worship and Sunday sermons. There are classes for everyone! PreK-5th grade will meet upstairs; middle and high schoolers will gather in the Youth Room, and adults will meet in Killeen Hall. Adult classes will be recorded and



available via Zoom so you won't miss a week of the "Year of the Bible!" Please register PreK-5th graders online:

[saint-john.org/get-involved/children/](http://saint-john.org/get-involved/children/)

### RSVP for Friday's SALT Program

Join us on Friday, September 22, for the next SALT luncheon. We'll get to know The Saint John's Bible! Speakers Kate Kile and Laurye Messer will share how this work of art will be used for worship, faith, and formation. RSVP online or call the office by 9/20. A



donation of \$9/person is appreciated for lunch. "SALT" stands for "Senior Adults Living Triumphantly," but all are welcome.

[saint-john.org/event/salt-sjbible/](http://saint-john.org/event/salt-sjbible/)

### Saint John's Bible Docent Training

The Saint John's Bible is here! And for the next year, our church family and the Tallahassee community will get to see, touch, and hear about this beautiful illuminated Bible. We'll do that best with your help. We're currently training docents to take the Bible to groups both within and outside the church. You don't have to be a biblical scholar or an art historian to be a docent. All you need is a willingness to share what you've learned with others! The next docent training is Tuesday, October 3 at 5 PM. To register, email [lauryemesser@gmail.com](mailto:lauryemesser@gmail.com).

## SAVE THE DATE

**THURS**  
**9/21**

### "SPUDS" Fall Fellowship Event

6:30 PM | HOME OF NANCY & ALAN ASKER

*SPUDS = St. John's Parishioners United for Dining & Spirit*

**SUN**  
**9/24**

### Club 45: September Gathering

4 PM | RUTLEDGE ROOM

*Club 45 = Monthly fellowship for 4th and 5th graders*

**THURS**  
**9/28**

### Introduction to Nonviolent Communication

6 PM | CHAPEL | BOOK READING & DISCUSSION

[saint-john.org/event/nvc-bigbie/](http://saint-john.org/event/nvc-bigbie/)

**FRI**  
**9/29**

### "Bach's Lunch" w/Tallahassee Bach Parley

12:10 PM | CHAPEL | MINI STRING CONCERT

[saint-john.org/event/bachslunch/](http://saint-john.org/event/bachslunch/)

**SAT**  
**10/21**

### New Members' Retreat

8:30 AM TO 1 PM | RSVP ONLINE

[saint-john.org/event/fallnm2023/](http://saint-john.org/event/fallnm2023/)

## NEW SERVICE

### Chorister-led Evensong

WEDNESDAYS | 5:30 PM

Join us on an upcoming Wednesday for our new weekly chorister-led Evensong.

This brief 30-minute service of sung Evening Prayer is held in Carter Chapel.

It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship at the end of the workday, and a great way to support the St.

John's Choir School. We also need volunteers to help ensure the success of this new ministry. Sign up online to provide snacks, serve as a second adult in a classroom, or chaperone events:

[bit.ly/sjcsvolunteers](http://bit.ly/sjcsvolunteers)



# Highlights

## FALL UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who completed our Invite Welcome Connect survey about welcoming newcomers. We've already put some of your ideas in motion! Are you loving the new St. John's mugs and the RedEye Coffee that we are now serving at our enhanced coffee hour? Please help us return mugs to the bins for cleaning and wear your name tag so we get to know our expanding church family! Last week we also debuted our "Joy and Wonder Station," where we give children agency in their church morning by selecting items to keep them occupied in the pews. Your survey feedback made it clear that we should welcome all ages. We want children and their parents to know they are welcome – and wanted – in worship at St. John's! There's news about our nursery online, and more about the Joy and Wonder Station including our process for regularly cleaning and sanitizing used bin items: [saint-john.org/fallhospitality/](http://saint-john.org/fallhospitality/)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our Blessing of the Animals is Growing!

Join us at Cascades Park on Sunday, October 1 at 3 PM for our annual Blessing of the Animals. At this year's event, we will also be collecting pet items for Elder Care Service, Inc. (dry & canned dog and cat food, cat litter, treats, toys, etc.). It's all so helpful for senior citizens who often can't stretch their budgets to afford these items or get to a store to buy them. To help with this year's event, please email Deacon Linda ([linda.liebert.hall@gmail.com](mailto:linda.liebert.hall@gmail.com)).

### Faith in Action: Second Harvest Volunteers

St. John's has a great relationship with Second Harvest of the Big Bend. We contribute funds from our operating budget to support Second Harvest's mission to feed our neighbors, we provide Market grants for special projects and initiatives, and many of our parishioners faithfully volunteer. If you haven't volunteered for Second Harvest in the past, now is a great time to start! This location serves 16 counties in the Big Bend, the most food insecure region of our state, and many of those same folks have been affected by Hurricane Idalia. They depend on Second Harvest for support and Second Harvest depends on volunteers! You can volunteer online ([fightinghunger.org/volunteer/](http://fightinghunger.org/volunteer/)), and choose the opportunity that best fits your schedule. Gather a group of fellow St. John's parishioners for an easy and fun way to help our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>11:30 AM</b> Sunday School (PreK-adults) <i>details on front</i>  <b>5 PM</b> Fall Parish Dinner  <b>5-7 PM</b> 3rd Sunday Youth Group (EYC)	<b>7 PM</b> Centering Prayer	<b>11 AM</b> The Knitters  <b>1:30 PM</b> Meditation	<b>2:15 PM</b> HS Hangout	<b>7 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>12 PM</b> Good Book  <b>12:30 PM</b> Contemplative Lunch  <b>6:30 PM</b> SPUDS Fall Gathering	<b>11 AM</b> SALT Fall Gathering <i>details on front</i>  <b>12 PM</b> Friday Book Study	<b>8 AM</b> Integrity Day Trip (Kayaking)

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This grid highlights a few of the ways to get involved at St. John's. For event details and weekly worship times, scan the QR code or visit [saint-john.org/events](http://saint-john.org/events)

