



# OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

ST. JOHN UNITED  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
10207 Lincoln Trail, Fairview Heights, IL  
618-397-6323

Website: [www.stjohnfairview.org](http://www.stjohnfairview.org)

Email address: [stjohnuccfairview@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnuccfairview@gmail.com)

Pastor Rosemary Captain

## Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I'm sure you have seen the banner over the door when you leave the sanctuary. And sometimes Nancy hangs short banners on the sides of the sanctuary. It's all about **"BE THE CHURCH"**. The words tell us how we can serve God as we live each day. "Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Forgive often. Reject racism. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life." I'll let you decide if we at St. John are "hitting" these marks.

**One thing I know for sure is that this month of October we are definitely "Being Our Church."** **October 2** is World Communion Sunday. Talk about diversity, we will be singing polkas with new words thanks to Mary Lou Baum and Nancy Eisenhower. On **October 9** the **choir** will sing the message from Luke 17:11-19. On **October 16** we will celebrate a Baptism. On **October 23** we will have our annual Pet Blessing out of doors. On **October 30** we will receive a new member to our church family. **October 15** is the Annual Meeting of the Illinois South Conference. Your delegates are Sue Williams and Judy Schmitt. And on **November 20** we will celebrate **Totenfest**, remembering all those who passed to eternal rest since last year. And then guess what? The following Sunday **November 27** is the first Sunday of **Advent**. Wow!

I'm excited! Are you?! Who says you can't have fun in church?

You don't want to miss a single Sunday as we celebrate "Being Our Church", and serving God as a church family. Peace to you all, Pastor Rosemary

## Memorial:

Missed last month: Polli Allen in memory of Terry Allen, Raymond & Norma Taubig and Rich Taubig

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:**

- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 10/9 Janice Petroff   | 10/23 Doris Stewart    |
| 10/15 Lew Thomasino   | 10/25 Caitlin Turnbull |
| 10/15 Gemma Thomasino | 10/27 Terry Randle     |
| 10/18 Pastor Rosemary | 10/27 Morgan Myers     |
| 10/20 John Arbeiter   | 10/28 Melinda Stidham  |
| 10/20 Cole Underwood  | 10/29 Russ Hartmann    |
| 10/21 Silas Thomasino | 10/30 Chuck Kistler    |



**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

- |       |                             |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| 10/15 | Melinda & Mike Stidham # 11 |
| 10/20 | Becky & Larry Riess # 32    |
| 10/20 | Chris & John Arbeiter # 21  |

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY ( I missed last month)**

- |      |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 9/10 | Sharon & Chuck Kistler # 39 |
|------|-----------------------------|

**BIBLE STUDY RETURNS**

Beginning on October 6 at 6:30 pm, we will begin a new season of Zoom Bible Study, picking up where we left off in "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time" by Marcus J. Borg. We changed the evenings to Thursdays instead of Tuesdays to accommodate others. Let me know if you are interested in receiving the Zoom invitation.

I look forward to our wonderful discussions. Pastor Rosemary

**ST. JOHN PRAYER LIST:** Urban Baum, David Seneczyn, Warren Neff, Cheri Schutzenhofer, Theo Mally, Jane Riess, Betty Massey, Gary Whitkas, Sandy Fort, Ron Bopp, Becky Ballard, Peggy and her family (friends of Judy Schmitt), Rosemary Williams, Mary (friends of Nancy's) Jackie Canterbury, Virginia Ganschinetz (scheduled for surgery October 4).

**A HELPFUL SUBSTITUTE:** While Ginny is out, Donna Isselhard has volunteered to fill in for Ginny. We are still searching for a permanent part-time church secretary. Do you know anyone who is interested in part-time work. (approximately 9 - 12 hours a week). The hours are flexible.

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Jeanette Brown

5904 Perrin Road

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Terry Kissel

Colonnade Senior Living

700 Weber Road, Apt 105

O'Fallon, IL 62269



## USHERS

October 2 – Tom and Jan Miller

October 9 – Chuck Kistler & Sue Williams

October 16 –

October 23

October 30 –

## EVENING CIRCLE

October is arriving with cooler weather, changing leaves, pumpkins, and finally Halloween.

Our Evening Circle meeting will arrive on Oct. 9th after church in the L-room.

Our officers for the new year are: Eileen Gammon and Carol Bulva Co-Chair

Secretary - Sue Williams

Treasurer - Virginia Ganschinietz

All St. John ladies are welcome to attend. November thank offering envelopes will be handed out. Any new ideas for our meetings or mission projects are always welcome.

"Nothing is impossible with God in the month of October. So, believe in yourself and welcome this beautiful month with grace." - Unknown

Eileen Gammon, Co-Chair

## CHOIR

October is full of events! October 2 is World Communion Sunday and our Polka Communion service. We will also be collecting for Neighbors in Need. On Sunday, October 9, choir will begin its season. We are looking forward to getting back into the chancel to bring the message to you in music.

YOU are always welcome to sing with the choir. My goal is to fill the sanctuary with sound! We rehearse and sing once a month, so I'm not asking for a weekly commitment. We'd love to have you.

Nancy Eisenhauer



## BLESSING OF THE PETS

October 23, 10 am in the back yard. In case of rain, we'll move into the L Room.

# October

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Polka Communion Service 10 am Fellowship time to follow	3	4	5	6 Zoom Bible Study 6:30 pm AA Meeting	7	8
9 Choir rehearsal at 9 am Worship at 10 am Choir sings	10	11	12 Church Council 7 pm via Zoom	13 Quilter's Daytime Meeting Zoom Bible Study 6:30 pm AA Meeting	14	15 Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting
16 Worship at 10 am	17	18	19	20 Zoom Bible Study 6:30 pm AA Meeting	21	22
23 Pet Blessing and Worship at 10 am	24	25	26	27 Zoom Bible Study 6:30 pm AA Meeting	28	29
30	31					