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“St John’s Reformed Church strives to welcome all, to know and proclaim God’s word, to seek God’s will and to live by Christ’s example. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we welcome all of God’s children, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, cognitive or physical limitation, to feel free to worship and seek God’s amazing grace.”

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Important Hours:

Rev. Alisha Riepma-Hosier

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday-Office hours: 9a.m.-3p.m., and by appointment. Thursday-offsite, Friday-Sabbath Day (day off)
If schedule changes occur, the Administrator will be notified.

Kristi Colburn, Administrator

Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Deacon’s Food Pantry Distribution

Monday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

September Mission of The Month is to support SJRC’s Food Pantry.

The food pantry is sustained by the generosity of our congregation and others who donate non-perishable food items and money for Hannaford gift cards. The food pantry families are given a Hannaford gift card worth \$15 to buy perishable items at the store. Each week we indicate the number of families served and the non-perishable items that are low or out of. If you are unsure what items to buy, cooking oil, sugar and laundry detergent are always needed. There are helpful slips of grocery items on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Detach a slip and take it with you to the grocery store.

On September 15th, we will be sharing together in a Hunger Lunch immediately after the service. It’s a simple meal of soup and bread, as is served in so many soup kitchens around the country. We encourage you to donate what you would spend on an average meal at home or in a restaurant. All proceeds will benefit our church Food Pantry.

We pray for its continuance as clearly there is great need in our community. We hope that you will donate to this important ministry.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

Wisdom Series: Animal Sunday

10 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Children’s Program

Monday 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Deacons’ Fund Food Pantry
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn
7 p.m. Finance Meeting-fellowship hall

Tuesday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn
7 p.m. Property Meeting-fellowship hall

Wednesday 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Deacons’ Fund Food Pantry
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn
10:15 a.m. Bible Study-fellowship hall

Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn
12:30 p.m. Garden Group-fellowship hall

Friday 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn

NEXT SUNDAY

Wisdom Series:

10 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Children’s Program

ADVANCE NOTICES

Men's Breakfast meets on the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at the Elizaville Diner.

St. John's Monthly Prayer Service meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Prayers are offered for St. John's missions, for the local community, for those on the prayer list, for those who are unable to gather with the congregation for worship, for personal prayers, and for anyone in need of God's love. See James Walrath for information.

Blooming in Faith Women's Fellowship meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the FH. We gather for fellowship, prayer, and to create art. See Elizabeth Young for details.

Scudder Circle resumes meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All women associated with SJRC are invited to join. For more information, please see Mary Bayer.

Housewares Rummage Sale-Oct. 3,4, & 5 (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) Set up and donation drop offs will begin on Sunday, Sept. 29, after the worship service.

Mission & Outreach's Winter Coat & Boot Drive 2024 For the months of Sept. & Oct., we are collecting gently used winter coats, jackets, parkas, snowsuits and snow boots of all sizes to be given to the Food Pantry families. Items can be dropped off in the collection boxes located in the fellowship hall. New items are also welcome, but it is great to reuse as well.

SAVE THE DATES:

Nov. 10, Congregational 2025 Budget Question & Answer Meeting

Nov. 17, Congregational Meeting-2025 Budget & Consistory votes

Nov. 23, Christmas Bazaar & Property Clean Up

NOTICES

Zoom streaming of Sunday Services will be replaced with YouTube Live streaming on September 29th. On Sunday September 15 and 22nd, we will be streaming a sample on YouTube Live from 9:15 until 9:45 am so you can try out YouTube Live streaming. On the 15th and 22nd Zoom streaming will start a few minutes before 10:00 am. You access YouTube Live on our website by clicking on the YouTube Live icon, just like you do for Zoom. You will find YouTube simpler to use, we no longer need to admit each user individually. For more information, please see Doug Westcott.

Nursery Help Needed: We would like to offer Nursery Care every Sunday morning again. If you could help once a month, every six weeks, or once a quarter, that would be most helpful. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall or contact Desiree Albizu if you need to check your calendar. Thank you.

CLYNK Bags: Thank you to all who have been donating their returnable bottles and cans. The proceeds are used to offset registration fees for RCA Camps. Please no juice or gallon water jugs, they are not returnable.

Fresh Flowers in Church: If anyone would like to place fresh flowers in church there are a few easy ways to do it! 1. Purchase flowers, or 2. Cut flowers from your garden, or 3. Send the church office a donation (or put it in the offering plate) and they will be purchased for you. Vases are available in the kitchen cabinets to the left of the refrigerator. Flowers can be arranged in a single vase; however, double vases are best for communion Sundays. Flowers need to be in place by 9:45 a.m. If you want a dedication to someone near and dear to you, we will make sure it gets in that Sunday's bulletin. For questions, contact the church office or see Terry Laibach.

The Deacons' Victory Garden receives leftover, produce from members' and friends' gardens. Please donate monetarily in exchange for the produce found on the table in the FH. Proceeds support SJRC's Food Pantry. Leftover produce is then offered to the food pantry clients.

SJRC's Food Pantry

We served 23 families in the Food Pantry this week.

We could use donations of: tissues, peaches, corn, dry spaghetti, instant oatmeal (variety), corned beef hash, and shampoo. A huge thank you to everyone who supports this valuable mission.

SJRC Deacons & Volunteers