



2018

January

COME WORSHIP with us!



8:00am - The Word

9:00am - Traditional Worship Service

9:00am - Faith Zone/Nursery

10:30am - Worship at St. Clare Friedensheim Chapel

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need help with ushering and communion on Sundays at St. John's being a greeter at Friedensheim. Contact Shelly Isley at shellyisely@yahoo.com for communion or Lois Kaster at (608)325-4848 for St. Clare Friedensheim or Donna Geissbuhler at (608)214-1290 for ushers.

Coming in January: Faith or Works? A Four-Week Bible Study

Are we saved through righteous acts or through faith in Christ? How to answer this question is one the longest-running controversies in Christian faith. In fact, it goes all the way back to the Bible itself. So which is it? We will look closely at two short letters in the Bible that lay out the two sides of this ancient argument: Paul's letter to the Galatians and the letter of James. Join us as we explore

what these two writers have to say about faith vs. works. The class will run from January 9th through January 30th. We will meet Tuesday mornings at 9:00. The class repeats in the evening at 7:00. You may come to either session each week as your schedule allows. There is no book and no experience required. Just bring a Bible and an open mind! Let Pastor Kathleen know if you plan to participate. You can call the church office at 325-2165 or e-mail her at krinear@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!



Women's Ministry is hosting a

sign making class on Thursday, January 18th. The class

will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The cost to make your sign will be \$40 which

includes all tools, materials and instructions. The signs sizes are either 12X14 or 7X24. You can sign up on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/177369642852984/> or by going to <https://www.luminatedinspirations.com/products/st-johns-ucc-valerie-blum-january-18th-5-30pm> These links will also be on our website. Designs choices and payments need to be made by January 14th. If you need help signing up or have a design in mind that is not listed please email valstjohns@tds.net or call Valerie Blum.

Neighbors in Need Offering
Sunday, January 21, 2018

We will receive the **Neighbors in Need** offering on Sunday, January 21st. You will find special envelopes in the pews on that day.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a UCC mission offering that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. You can learn more about the work of the CAIM and the JWM by visiting the national UCC website at ucc.org.

Please note: This offering is typically received on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. This past October, we chose instead to collect money for hurricane relief. Thank you, as always, for your generous support of these special offerings!



The following are the Prayer Tree Team Leaders for the month of January. **Jan.**

7 Kathy Bartelt

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Jan. 14 Kris Winkler

(608) 325-9326 kriswink56@gmail.com **Jan.**

21 Gloria Rieder

(608) 325-6854 glorchen@tds.net **Jan.**

28 Denise Riese

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Scrip! We are at the end of another year and are so grateful for the support you have given the Scrip program. It generates extra money for our church and is used to carry out our mission in a variety of ways. If you are in need of a gift/Scrip card we will be in Fellowship Hall after the 9am service. **Again, thanks.**

-Stewardship Report-

| November | Year to Date |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Income</u> | <u>Income</u> |
| \$27,205.16 | \$423,875.39 |
| <u>Expense</u> | <u>Expense</u> |
| \$33,921.90 | \$386,212.76 <u>Offering</u> |
| <u>Offering</u> | |
| \$25,513.81 | \$267.398.07 |

-January Anniversaries-



This anniversary list consists of church members, celebrating at least 50 years of marriage and more.

1-2-55 Gobeli, Ivan and Marlene
1-9-54 Krahenbuhl, Karl
1-13-63 Lanz, Sally
1-17-60 Whitehead, Milo and Barbara
1-26-47 Wells, George and Marilyn
1-28-45 Kundert, Delbert & Gudrun
1-30-49 Gruenewald, Norman & Mildred

-Birthdays-

To make our special birthday list you will need to reach the young age of 70. The names with the * are members who have reached the young age of 90.

1/3 Beverly Blumer
1/3 Richard Budsberg
1/4 Susan Abrams
1/4 Rose Beach*
1/4 Roy Vetterli
1/8 Letty Studer
1/8 Karen Wyss
1/11 Karen Sutter
1/13 Kathryn Friedrich
1/13 Rosemarye Showers
1/14 Mary Ann Krebs

1/15 Wilma Vogel
1/17 Bertha Digman*
1/18 Sam Dutenhoefer
1/18 Phyllis Studer
1/23 Nancy Bacon
1/23 Mildred Gruenewald
1/26 Dorothy Cromwell*
1/26 Diana Weckerly
1/27 Jean Tullett
1/29 Richard Feller
1/29 Lawrence Kranig
1/31 Robert Marian
1/31 Royletta Moon

-Memorials-

Fred Studer

Marilyn McElhaney
Ann Prophett
Dennis & Debra Stoneback
Mike & MaryAnn Krebs
Henry & Melva Tschanz
Dave & Janeen Babler
Keith Ginner
Pete & Sara Leutenegger
Gladys Steiner

Marie Rinehart

Henry & Melva Tschanz
Herb & Yvonne Tornow
Dave & Janeen Babler
Lois Olson
Richard Boll
Family & Friends

Roger Voelkli

Jean Tullett
Dan & Barb Gelbach
Ernie & Joyce Steinmann
Terry & Laura Hughes
Family & Friends

Dolly Stoneback

Kevin & Kris Winkler
Gloria Rieder
Randy & Sue Armstrong
Jim & Cathy Crubaugh

Trey David Ingold

Charles & Ruth Ingold

Daily Scripture

Mon., Jan. 1 New Year's Day

Matthew 25:31-46

Tues., Jan. 2

James 3:13-18

Wed., Jan. 3

James 4:1-10

Thurs., Jan. 4

James 4:11-17

Fri., Jan. 5

Luke 6:27-31

Sat., Jan. 6

Matthew 2:1-12

Sun., Jan. 7 The Baptism of Christ

Mark 1:4-11

Mon., Jan. 8

Romans 4:1-12

Tues., Jan. 9

Acts 22:2-16

Wed., Jan. 10

John 1:29-34

Thurs., Jan. 11

2 Corinthians 10:1-11
Fri., Jan. 12 Acts
13:16-25

Sat., Jan. 13

Matthew 25:1-13

Sun., Jan. 14 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

John 1:43-51

Mon., Jan. 15

2 Corinthians 6:14—7:1

Tues., Jan. 16

Acts 5:1-11

Wed., Jan. 17

Luke 18:15-17

Thurs., Jan. 18

Revelation 18:11-20

Fri., Jan. 19

2 Peter 3:1-7

Sat., Jan. 20

Luke 10:13-16

Sun., Jan. 21 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Mark 1:14-20

Mon., Jan. 22

1 Corinthians 7:17-24 **Tues.,**

Jan. 23

Acts 5:33-42

Wed., Jan. 24

Mark 3:13-19a

Thurs., Jan. 25

Romans 9:6-18

Fri., Jan. 26

Revelation 2:12-17 **Sat.,**

Jan. 27

Matthew 8:28—9:1

Sun., Jan. 28 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Mark 1:21-28

Mon., Jan. 29

Acts 21:17-26

Tues., Jan. 30

1 Corinthians 7:32-40

Wed., Jan. 31

Mark 5:1-20

Called 2 Serve

January Serving Group #9

George Abrams, Susan Abrams, Larry Allen, Debra Allen, Wanda Austin, Tony Beaver, Lisa Beaver, Hannah Bechtolt, Christine Beer, Dale Bertalot, Richard Budsberg, Pat Budsberg, Evelyn Coleman, Dale Grossen, Gail Grossen, Jacqueline Gruetzman, Lawrence Leitzinger, Christine Leizinger, Marilyn McElhaney, Connie O'Brien, Scott O'Brien, Arthur Payne, Brenda Payne, Nick Prechel, Brent Quade, Mitchell Quade, Donald Rothenbach II, Ashley Schiferl, David Schmid, Holly Schmid, David Smith, Patra Smith, Roxann Snyder, Donald Steiner, Donna Steiner, Jeremy Steiner, Amy Steiner, James Stocker, Stewart Strait, Christie Strait, Stephen Streiff, Sharon Streiff, Karen Sutter, Jeffrey Thomm,

Rhonda Thomm, Mary Von Kaenel, David Wald, Marcia Wald, Alan Weckerly, Diana Weckerly, Lori Wild, Doris Wilde, Christopher Wuebben, Melissa Wuebben, Marci Ziltener, Marshall Zwygart, Lori Zwygart.

Communion Teams

Usher Teams

Sunday, January 7

8:00am Team 8
9:00am Team 1

Sunday, February 4

8:00am Team 2
9:00am Team 3

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| January 7* | 9:00am | 7 |
| January 14 | 9:00am | 1 |
| January 21 | 9:00am | 2 |
| January 28 | 9:00am | 3 |
| February 4* | 9:00am | 4 |
| February 11 | 9:00am | 5 |
| February 18 | 9:00am | 6 |
| February 25 | 9:00am | 7 |

2018 Usher Teams

Usher Team 1:

John A. Kundert, Ron Anderson, Greg Boll, Pete Koch, James Kundert, Jeffrey Kundert

Usher Team 2:

Henry and Melva Tschanz, Lee Binkley, Randy Nimmer, Gene Hilfiker, Roger and Donna Hoesly, Helen Miller, Mitchell Grossen

Usher Team 3:

David and Holly Schmid, Bryan Buri, Shelly Isely, Walter Rufener, Jodee Stamm, Marlea Steiner, Kevin and Kris Winkler

Usher Team 4:

David Wartenweiler, Brian and Donna Geissbuhler, Daniel Hager, Richard Hager, Ross Hamilton, Gerald Karlen, Frederick Kelley, Kenneth Klassey, Jeffrey and Kathy Rufer,

Usher Team 5:

Troy and Paula Ludwig, George and Barbara Cromwell, Wendy Ellingson, Darrell and Margo Indergand, Lois Kaster, Mitchell Quade

Usher Team 6:

Charles Koch, David L. Deininger, Keith Ginner, Steven Koch, Donald Rothenbach, Donald Steiner, David Wald, Fritz and Rose Wenger,

Usher Team 7:

Tim Binger, Jim and Cathy Crubaugh, Glenda Fritsch, Joan Miller, Keith and Peggy Riese, Kimberly Wilhite

Communion Servers 2018

Communion Team # 1

Dan and Debra Kattiger, Paul Beach, Lee Binkley, Chandra Deprez, Paula Elmer, Stuart and Terri Grossen, James Kundert, Jeffrey Kundert, Diane Phillips, Mark Witke

Communion Team #2

William and Elaine Bethke, Joel Dutenhoefer, Joe Kundert, Randy and Janelle Massey, Ed and Sandra Rabotski, Jodee Stamm, Kimberly Wilhite, Brian and Cindy Zimmerman

Communion Team #3

Jane and Dennis Ganshert, Tony Beaver, Sherri Dahlk, David L Deininger, Shirley Eells, Keith Ginner, John A. and Jean Kundert, Traci Pickett, Timothy Schmidt, David Wartenweiler

Communion Team #4

Jim and Cathy Crubaugh, Gerald and Paula Beckman, Wendy Ellingson, Richard Hager, Gerald Karlen, Jane Paradowski, Ann Prophett, Gary and Rhonda Rufenacht

Communion Team #5

Charles Koch, Glenda Fritsch, Tony and Tonya Gratz, Stanley and Wendy Heinzelman, Steven Koch, Joan Miller, Mary Schmid, Fritz and Rose Wenger, Randall and Pam Wyss

Communion Team #6

Dennis Stoneback, Rosemary Forcade, Jack Oostdik, Peggy Meier, Leslie Rasmussen, Kirstin Rood, Marlea Steiner, Ryan Stoneback, Michael and Angie Werth, Kevin and Kris Winkler

Communion Team #7

David and Holly Schmid, Rita Benkert, David and Mary Deininger, Shelly Isely, Randall Nimmer, Athleen Schenk, Shawn Steinmann, Henry Tschanz

Communion Team #8

Brian and Donna Geissbuhler, Randy and Sue Armstrong, Marlene Bergemann, Ann Bush, Barbara French, Dave and Lana Haffele, Walter Rufener, Mark Steinmann



Calendar - Dec. 31 - Jan. 6

Sunday, Dec 31

8:00am The Word at SJUCC
9:00am Worship at SJUCC
9:00am Faith Zone and nursery
10:30am Worship at Friedensheim
6:00pm AA

Monday, Jan 1

Office Closed

Tuesday, Jan 2

5:30pm Nominating
6:00pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday, Jan 3

1:00pm Sewing Ladies
4:45pm Junior Choir
6:00pm Confirmation Meal
6:30pm Confirmation Class
6:30pm Senior High YF
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, Jan 4

9:30am Woman's Circle
7:00pm AA

Friday, Jan 5

Saturday, Jan 6

9:00am Harmony Choir

****Take Note****

No Faith Zone & Nursery on Dec. 31st

Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Monroe Community Blood Drive

United Methodist Church
2227 4th Street

**Monday, January 29, 2018
11:15 AM to 5:30 PM**

EXCITING NEWS!

Pastor Todd Hackman, Pastor Kathleen Rinear and Monsignor Larry Bakke of St. Clare of Assisi Parish are pleased to announce a new Faith Community Nursing Program beginning in January 2018. This collaborative program will reach members of both faith communities and address issues of health, wellness and disease prevention within the context of the values, beliefs, and practices of each congregation.

The Faith Community Nurse (FCN) is a professional practice of nursing role requiring Registered Nurse Licensure and FCN certification. We are pleased to announce Vicki Keilhauer, RN as the FCN hired to work with both of our faith communities. Vicki's professional background of 17 years encompasses the care of diverse patient populations and their families in the hospital, clinic and home settings. She currently works part time at Freeport Health Network as an in-patient nurse and a community outreach advocate while pursuing a Nurse Practitioner degree. Her spiritual background includes teaching faith formation to the youth of St. Clare of Assisi Parish and administering Holy Communion to the homebound. She is looking forward to working with and learning more about the community at St. John's United Church of Christ.

The progressive plan for the FCN position will involve collaboration with the health ministry team from each faith congregation to identify health interests and then help plan individual programming to address specific needs. Programming may include health screenings and fairs, education, training, support groups and individual visits. Through programming, advocacy and resources, the FCN can promote the relationship of health and spirituality to care for the whole person; body, mind, and spirit.

More information will be forthcoming in church newsletters and bulletin articles. If you would like to contact Vicki or learn more about the FCN role, please call Brandi at 325-2165.



Organizing Beautiful Tunes for Christmas!

With thanks to Kelly Monette and David Monette for the tuning expertise! Mitch Quade

St. John's Christmas Cheer Boxes. Thank you everyone who made cookies and breads to go into the Christmas Cheer Box to our members. Also, a big thank you to the Creative Christian Women's group for continuing to support this church project. A huge Thank You to Helen Miller, Steve & Sharon Streiff, De Paulson, Sue George Abrams, Kirsten, Lizzy & Karlee Boll, Sherry Anderegg, Shirley Schindler, Dave & Mary Deininger for delivering 45 Christmas Cheer Boxes to our members. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas greetings and visit.

Thank you to **Domenic & Sheryl Vita** for adopting craft supplies for the Faith Zone.

Thank you to **Bill & Joan Schmid** for adopting a confirmation bible.

Thank you to Martha Etter Luedeking for the beautiful white poinsettias for the German Service.

A BIG "Thank You" goes out to everyone that helped with our November Family Promise hosting week.

**The hosting calendar has been released and we will be hosting four times.
-The hosting dates for 2018-**

January 28 - February 4

April 29 - May 6

July 29 - August 5

October 28 - November 4



Hospital

If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, please contact the church office (325-2165). This will insure your pastoral care needs are met in a timely manner.

Do You Need a Ride to Church?

The Monroe Cab is willing to bring you to the 9am or 10:30am service. Please call the Monroe Cab at 325-6993 well before the service to arrange for a ride. When you mention that you are going to or from St. John's or Friedensheim, your fare will be paid by the church.

Employment Opportunity

***St. John's UCC has the following positions open:**

Director of Music Ministry - Seeking a musically gifted professional to enrich the worship and spiritual life of the congregation. This is a 22 hour/week salary position. Duties: preparing and providing worship service music, rehearsing and directing choirs, soloist/ensemble performances, preparing coordinated schedules of all performers year long and serve as primary musical resource for church funerals, weddings, and special worship celebrations. A Master's Degree in Music or Associate of the American Guild of Organists is preferred.

Youth Choir Notes

Congratulations and a big **THANK YOU** to members of the Youth Choir and Faith Zone for sharing their acting and musical talents for the Christmas Eve morning service. Our play helped to lift everyone's spirits for the birth of Jesus. Everyone did a great job. Thanks also to all the adults who helped with set construction and especially take down on Sunday morning. We were done in thirty minutes! We will now begin rehearsing new music for the season of Epiphany and Lent. The Youth Choir would welcome any and all new singers who wish to join the group. We practice on Wednesday afternoons in the Choir Room from 4:45 – 5:30. We sing in worship once or twice a month. We are planning a Youth Choir and friends Roller Skating Party in January. Watch for more information in the coming weeks. Also, there will be a parent signup sheet in the Choir Room to be present during Wednesday afternoon rehearsals. Please sign up when you are picking up your children or on Sunday mornings. We need one adult every week. Thanks!

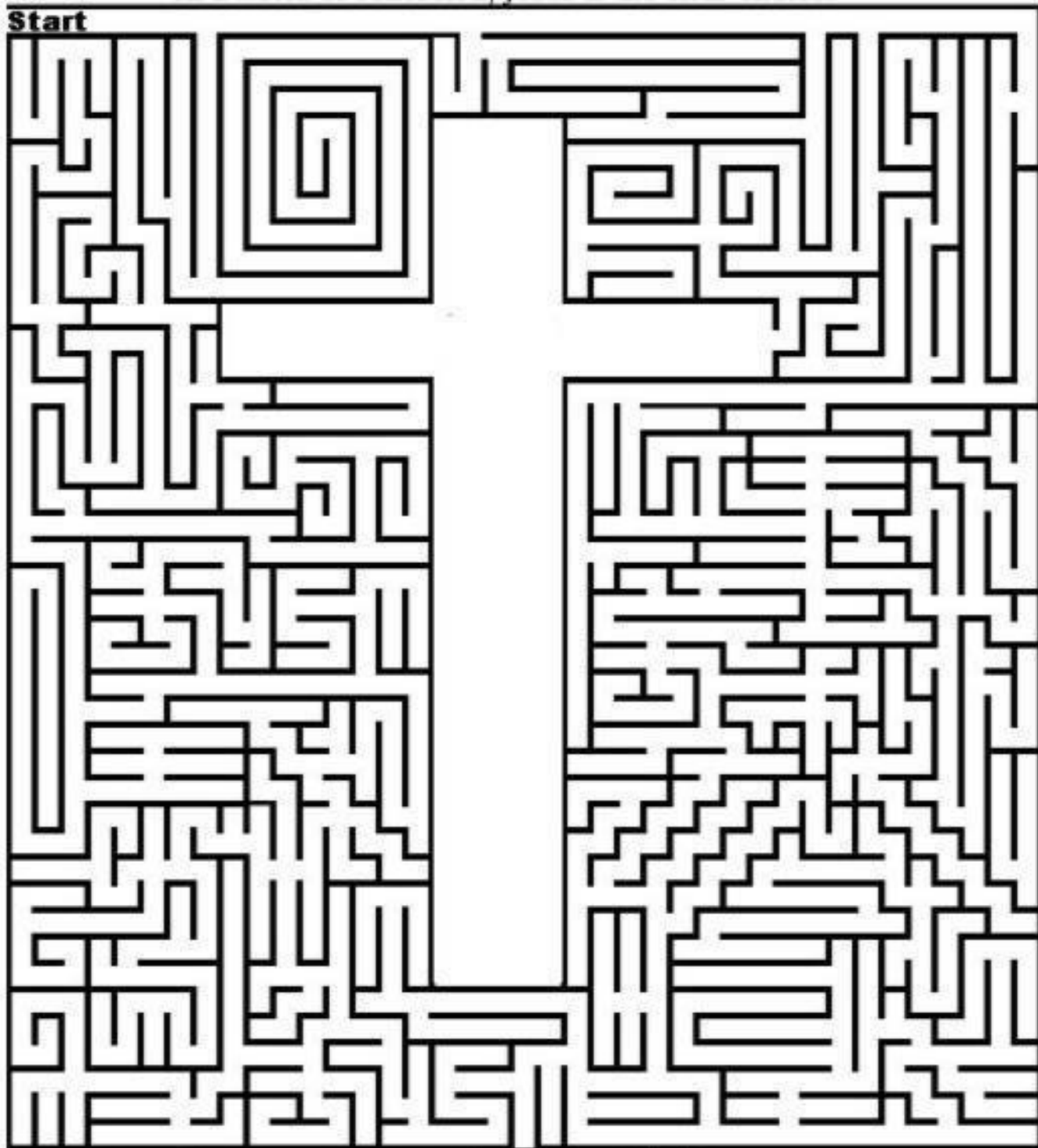
Youth Choir Schedule for January:

Wed. Jan. 3 4:45 Rehearsal Wed,
Jan. 10 4:45 Rehearsal
Wed. Jan. 17 4:45 Rehearsal
Sun. Jan 21 8:30 Rehearsal
9:00 Sing in Worship
Wed. Jan 24 4:45 Rehearsal
Wed. Jan 31 4:45 Rehearsal

The Youth Choir is tentatively scheduled to sing Feb. 11 and Feb. 18. Please save the dates.



Start



Our mailing address is:

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Monroe, Wisconsin 53566 Phone
608-325-2165

E-mail: stjohnsucc@tds.net
Web Site: www.stjohnsuccmonroe.org
Facebook: facebook.com/stjohnsmonroe

Church office Hours

**8:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Thursday Friday-
9am to Noon**

If your address, phone number or email address changes, please notify the office or email Brandi at brandicstjohns@gmail.com so we can keep our mailing list accurate. Please know that it costs the church money when the post office notifies us of your change of address

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