

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, August 30—Sunday, September 5

08/30	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry	Learning Commons
08/31	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Festival Singers	Church
		8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
09/01	Wednesday	10:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Gomer residence
		Noon	RSM Cares Food Pantry	Shepherd of the Hills
		6 p.m.	Laundry Love	Lake Forest
09/02	Thursday	8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
09/04	Saturday	5 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chrysostom Chapel
09/05	Sunday	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church and ZOOM
		9 a.m.	Godly Play and Nursery	

ALL THE ST. JOHN'S NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

BOOK IT ON MONDAYS! AUGUST GATHERING CANCELLED

Our women's book club, Book It On Mondays!, **will not meet Monday, August 30**. Instead, we will meet next on **Monday, September 27 at 7 p.m.** and return to using ZOOM for now. Carol Atkins will lead our discussion of *The Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig. The ZOOM link will be sent mid-September. Also, you will receive guidelines for choosing our 2022 reading selections. We will make the 2022 selections at our October gathering.

NEXT RSM FOOD PANTRY COMING SEPTEMBER 1

If you have a heart for helping our hungry neighbors, join us this **Wednesday, September 1** at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 30605 Avenida de las Flores in Rancho Santa Margarita. We can use help all day (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or for just an hour or two! Contact Roger Bradshaw, parishbradshaws@me.com. Distribution is from Noon-4 p.m.

WOMEN — SPECIAL AUTHOR PRESENTATION IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 18 beginning at 11 a.m. we will gather at the home of Kathy O'Connor in Pasadena (aka The Bishop's Residence, 3435 E. California) for lunch and a presentation by author Lian Dolan discussing her book, *The Sweeney Sisters*, a hilarious, heartfelt story about books, love, sisterhood, and the surprises we discover in our DNA. You can purchase her book on www.amazon.com or check out her website, www.liandolan.com. Cost is **\$25 per person** and there is a limit to the number of people who can attend. Send your check to the church office or pay via Pay Pal online, www.stjohnsrsm.org, look for "Donate" under Online Giving. RSVP to DJ Gomer, djgomer60@gmail.com and carpooling is needed, so if you can drive, please let DJ know. If you have not received your full COVID-19 vaccine, you must wear a mask.

SEPTEMBER 1 IS LAUNDRY LOVE LAKE FOREST TIME

It's time again for our Laundry Love ministry at Sparklean Laundry, 23532 El Toro Road in Lake Forest Wednesday, September 1. Please pray for our Laundry Love leaders and our guests for the evening. Washing begins about 6 p.m. If you have any questions, email Juan Chacon, one.chacon74@yahoo.com. Check with Juan if you want to join the team in person.

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2021

Commemorate or celebrate a loved one or friend by sponsoring altar flowers. More than one donation can be submitted per week. Just send the commemoration along with your name and mail it to the Church Office or drop off on Sundays while at church. The suggested flower donation is **\$60**. Let's make sure we have a beautiful sanctuary adorned with flowers each Sunday!

RSM FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS WELCOME ALL THE TIME!

St. John's is a part of a team of volunteers helping to feed our neighbors in need on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 30605 Avenida de las Flores, RSM. Weekly, the people of St. John's gather items used in the monthly distribution including canned protein-based items such as soup, chili, beans; pasta, pasta sauce; peanut butter, jelly, and also grocery store gift cards. Bring your food donations to Church on Sundays. Questions? Contact Roger Bradshaw, parisbradshaws@me.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES AGAIN SEPTEMBER 1

Our Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study are back together after a short summer hiatus. Join us at DJ Gomer's home this **Wednesday, September 1**. If you would like more information about our Bible Study, please contact DJ Gomer, djgomer60@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL ACOLYTE FAMILIES!

Acolyte families? What is that? An "acolyte family" is an opportunity to serve at church on Sundays with members of your family. Parent and child, grandparent and child, spouses, siblings, you get the idea. We'd love to see YOU up there with a member or two of your family. An easy training session and you're on your way to serving as part of the Altar ministry. No age limit, although our younger members should be old enough to carry something (cross, gospel book, or candle). If you're interested in serving, contact Patti Peebles, sjecyouthgroup@gmail.com.

ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S BBQ AND BISHOP VISITATION

Sunday, September 12 we will have one service at **9 a.m.** with The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce officiating and offering the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. At the end of the service we will gather for our annual BBQ in the Cardinal Café. Sign ups for the BBQ will be handled via email this year. You can sign up to attend and to bring needed food items by logging on to our website, www.stjohnsrsm.org, and click on the link for the annual BBQ.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. JOHN'S CHURCH'S ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP EVENT AND FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 6 from 6-8:30 p.m. is the date and the Cardinal Gym is the venue for our annual fundraiser featuring members from our music ministry offering "From the Stage: Music from the Great American Songbook." This event will feature great food, a wine wall, a silent auction, and wonderful entertainment. Plans are well underway so put this date on your calendar — you won't want to miss it! Ticket sales begin in September.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH!

Join us after the service on the lower courtyard (Learning Commons Courtyard) which is the perfect spot to hold coffee hour where tables, comfortable seating, and shade abound. We even have an elevator you can use to get there! If you have a desire to be part of this ministry, please chat with one of our clergy when you come to grab your coffee and greet your friends! We will need a couple of people each week who are willing to prepare the coffee, etc., set up, and clean up at the end. You can also contact Gary and Dena Graves, capgary@cox.net, at the same email address.

ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITIES

If you get nervous speaking in public but want to participate in the active life of the parish, then Altar Guild is for you. Joining Altar Guild is an opportunity to serve at church behind the scenes a few hours a month. We set up for the worship services and clean up afterwards at your convenience. Families are especially welcome (no age limits) and men are sought to help with occasional heavy lifting. Here is an opportunity to introduce your children to volunteer service. If you are interested in learning more, contact Christy Morinello, auntchristy4@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

If anyone is interested in attending and becoming a Godly Play teacher, please reach out to Chrissy Hennings, children@stjohns-es.org 949.291.6141 ASAP. We are also looking for door greeters to be available on Sundays to welcome the children into Godly Play and to be a helping hand to the teacher. Please let us know if you can help out and would like more information!

WE ARE STILL HOSTING EVENING PRAYER DURING THE WEEK!

Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. for Evening Prayer or Compline on ZOOM!