

*to St John Church of  
Christ*

# Bulletin

February 25, 2024

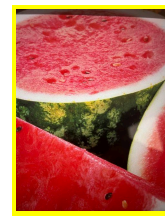
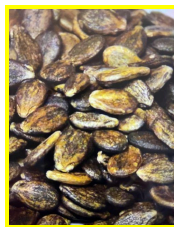
## For The Church



The false spring weather is making many of us think about starting to plant gardens. We're digging through our seed inventory and garden catalogs anticipating the crops we would like to grow, thinking of the produce we will enjoy eating later on. It all starts with a seed. I'm unable to manufacture or produce a seed. It comes from the plant that I desire to harvest. I'm unable to make it germinate and reproduce. I can only supply elements which help that growth process take place. My job is simply to plant the seed and provide the care that allows that seed to germinate and grow and be fruitful. I'm reminded in the parable of the mustard seed that the size of the seed is no indicator of the potential of the plant. In Mark 4:30-32 Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds, yet when planted grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants. We can never anticipate the potential of the seeds we plant. We just need to plant!

We also recognize that environment is important for the fruitfulness of our planting. We understand that the best environment leads to a successful harvest as illustrated in the Parable of the Sower from Mark 4:1-20, where some seed fell along the path, some on rocky places, and some among thorns. Only the seed that fell on good soil produced a crop.

Our church family and times spent in fellowship with one another create a nurturing environment for us which helps facilitate good and successful growth. Let's continue to be a blessing to one another as we go out into the world this week.



## In Our Prayers

Emersyn Milton  
Thomas Pruitt  
Shannon Bauer  
Elmer Schuette  
Carol Gingrich  
Madison Cole

Rick Rodness  
Susan Mayer (Chet's sister)  
Truitt Family  
Ronnie Harris (Zach's grandpa)  
Audie Thornburg  
Brayden Smith

Megan Duntz  
Chris Ortego  
Shari Soukup  
Alyson Rice  
Zeb Carter  
Juanita (Abby's Mother)

# Upcoming Events

## **Potluck [Next Sunday]**

Our monthly potluck will be next Sunday immediately following services. Plan to join us for a time of fellowship and good food!

## **New Ministry [March 10]**

We will be starting a new ministry on Sunday evening, March 10. This ministry is geared toward our young families, but anyone is welcome to attend. We will share a meal together (it will be provided) and have some fellowship time together. We plan to meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month starting at 5:30 PM. March 10 we will be at the Stafford Church of Christ. Childcare provided.

## **Women Walking with God [April 12-13]**

The annual WWWG Conference is scheduled to be held at the Maize Performing Arts & Aquatics Center this year. Registration is \$55 for adult women and \$35 for those 25 years & younger. The church will pay for your registration; contact Richard Brensing. For more information, go to the website: [WomenWalkingWithGod.org](http://WomenWalkingWithGod.org)

## **Save the Date:**

March 29-30 - LTC in Kansas City

April 7 - Congregation Singing Hosted Here

April 12-13 - Women Walking with God

## **Birthdays this week:**

Grace Reed - February 28

Orrin Feril - March 1

Dylan Huffman - March 1

# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom & Pam Turner

Song Leader: Quinn Palmer

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #153 - Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Mansel (Psalm 95:1-7a)

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #290 - Shine, Jesus, Shine

Song: #382 - Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Communion: Stan Aldrich

Song: #560 - Living by Faith

Lesson: Carl Feril

Song: #453 - Love Lifted Me (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Gary Hornbaker

**Sundays:** Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am  
Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am  
**Elders:** Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril  
**Deacons:** Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril  
**Minister:** Zeborah Carter