FAMILY SPIRIT CLASS

Starting on October 15 the Family Spirit Class will start a six week study on the 500th anniversary on the start of the Reformation with Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg.

Our class has already viewed the movie Martin Luther (1953 film that received two academy award nominations) and during this six week study we will also view the 2003 movie, Luther. Each week our study will include documentary films related to Martin Luther and the Reformation. Weekly handouts will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

The class meets on the 2nd floor across from the youth area at 9:30 am. Please call Doug Sweet if you have questions. (554-6047 or e-mail DougSweet@WingsMinistry.org)

ST. JOHN’S FALL FESTIVAL

The St. John’s Community Fall Festival is coming up on Sunday, October 29th from 4:00-6:30PM. It is quite a popular event that brings in many first time visitors through the doors of our church.

There will be hot food, carnival games, a costume parade, karaoke, and Cotton Candy, but we need additional volunteers to help greet people, pass out candy, show visitors around, and oversee games we have assembled to make sure everyone is safe, welcomed, and having a good time. It will be an amazing fun filled afternoon!

You will find a sign up sheet for specific tasks in the Welcome Center, Office, and at the Abide worship service. You can also email Jarrod jconyers@stjohns-abq.org if you can be there to serve. Thank you for your help!

WANT A LITTLE HAUNTED HISTORY?

On Saturday, October 28th, POLO (Persons of Leisure and Others) will experience a Ghost Tour of Albuquerque’s Old Town Plaza.

Details and sign-up sheet are available in the Hospitality Center.

Don’t be scared --- sign up today!

PRIMETIME SINGLES

Our Third-Sunday Lunch-Out on 10-15-17 will be at Tomato Café (5920 Holly Street) one short block north of Paseo Del Norte and west of San Pedro.

MEMORY CAFE ALBUQUERQUE

Memory Cafe Albuquerque meets Saturday, Oct 14th at 3:30 in the “Son”Shine Cafe. SW Canines will bring their therapy dogs to interact with us and show us their tricks. We will also have a return visit from our favorite celtic harpist.

Our community pay forward activity will be the making of wrap around bracelets so children who come to Santa’s Secret Shop at Breakfast with Santa can purchase small gifts for sisters and mothers there. This is a benefit for the children at Casa Angelica and is held at St. John’s every year.

Memory Cafe is for those affected with Alzheimer's and their care partners. More info at www.stjohns-abq.org/memory-cafe/
HARRY GULLETT: PICTURES FROM ISRAEL

Harry Gullett enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1971, was commissioned a 2nd Lt in 1973. He served from the Vietnam War through Desert Storm including three years as Marine Officer Instructor at UNM 1987-1990. He has commanding engineering units from Platoon through a Marine Wing Support Squadron. He retired from active service in December 1993, joining Sandia National Laboratories as a member of the technical staff, advancing to Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff in 1999. He is the contributor/editor of numerous Department of Energy infrastructure reports to Congress and environmental studies documenting a path to sustain the nation’s nuclear deterrent.

He has visited Israel four times, twice as tourist, as a surveyor and digger at the Mount Zion Dig 2015 (IAA/UNC-C) and most recently led a tour in November 2016. He is leading another small group tour to Israel in March 2018.

He holds Masters Degrees in Industrial Engineering, Business Management, and International Studies as well as post graduate certifications in Education, Project Management, and Fire Protection. Currently he is pursuing a Master of Arts Degree in Biblical Archeology at Trinity Southwest University.

The October 18th photos will be Jerusalem and the Via Dolorosa, the Mount of Olives and the Temple Mount.
How to get beyond its old bloody weirdness.

There are many of us there are put off by some of the stories we read in God’s word. The Bible is often criticized for propagating a world view that is outdated, violent, and primitive. What, as people of faith, do we do with that? Let’s explore this and other themes as we dig into the Bible together this Fall.

There is a whole progressive counter narrative happening among even some of the most challenging passages I hope you discover. This is going to be a fun adventure for first time or long time Bible readers. Join us every Wednesday night this Fall from 6:00-7:00 in Room 260. Bring your Bibles.

NEW Sound Choirs

You can register online, or use one of the brochures found throughout the church. NewSound is for children ages 4—5th grade. (We have a family music program for younger children and their caregivers, too.) NewSound provides a weekly opportunity for children to discover and develop their innate musical abilities. NewSound participants engage in both choral and instrumental music, as well as learning about the Christian faith.

All choirs meet Wednesdays from 5:15 PM—6:00 PM. For more information, contact Therese Macali (newsound@stjohns-abq.org or 440-344-3011) or go to musicatstjohns.org.

New this fall, Sonrise Choir (Youth) will rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM! So, parents, join your youth for dinner and attend the WNL program while they rehearse.

NEWSOUND Family Music

Our Newsound Family Music is back with more offerings for children and their families. Newsound Family Music is for children 3 months—age 4 and adult caregivers. These classes allow adults and children to participate in music through singing, chanting, moving, dancing, listening, and playing simple instruments. Children and adults who participate in musical activities develop a lifelong musical bond.

Registration and schedule information will be available next week!
Presented in Honor of Sean King, who recently spoke and presented his inspirational life story in Moscow!

Sean is a Freshman at CNM and was invited to be a guest speaker at an educational seminar and share his personal perspectives on the topic of “Autism.” Wow Sean!

Your church family is proud of your courage and witness in sharing your inspirational message of hope and faith in overcoming difficult challenges with other communities around the world!

RESULTS OF THE 2017 ASBURY PIE CAFE MINISTRY EFFORT

Thank you to all the church volunteers who made pies, stored pies, baked pies, delivered pies, and bought pies (or pie slices) in support of the 2017 Asbury Pie Cafe ministry during the New Mexico State Fair. Of the approximately 2030 pies sent to the Cafe, St John's provided 400 pies. A total of 1869 pies were sold, 54 less than last year.

Additionally, many thanks go to the volunteers who worked at the Cafe taking orders, cashiering, serving drinks, serving pies, and serving grill items. Special thanks goes to: Doris Bpwen who led the pie making effort at St. John's and kept track of Cafe food inventory; to Jenn Shields who coordinated the cafe workers among the participating churches; and to Jenn, Leticia Quinlan, and Carol Nuzum who each worked multiple shifts to ensure the Cafe ran smoothly. If you see Doris, Jenn, Leticia, and Carol be sure to give them a "hug of thanks" for the extra efforts they put in to making the 2017 Cafe operations a success.

The Cafe again netted $50,000 in available funds to give to 12 local food-related ministries. St John's is pleased to recognize Meals on Wheels as a recipient of $9,500. Their Executive Director, Shauna Frost, will speak about Meals on Wheels at church services on November 12th. Be sure to mark your calendar...you won't want to miss this presentation!
**PRAYER QUILT:** Bill Weir (friend of David and Joyce Apple) is the recipient of the prayer quilt hanging in the Hospitality Center. Please stop by and tie a knot on Bill's quilt as you say a prayer for him.

**PRAYER QUILTS:** Do you know someone in need of additional prayers and you would like to bless them with a prayer quilt? If so, please contact Donna at donnabruce@comcast.net or 883-1373 to put that person on the prayer quilt list. A prayer quilt is hung for two weeks and people tie a knot in the strings of the quilt as they say a prayer for the recipient.

**OCTOBER PRAYER CALENDAR:** Click Here to obtain your October prayer calendar that can help you with your daily devotions.

**COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS:** Seeking Volunteers to help serve communion and/or to coordinate communion servers at the 8:15 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Services. Please contact Claudia Giese if you are interested in helping out, either by email, cgiese@stjohns-abq.org, or phone, (505) 883-9717 Ext. 128. Thanks!

**COFFEE TALK:** Come join Associate Pastor Melissa Madara for a cup of coffee and casual conversation about anything - or nothing! Melissa will be keeping "office hours" at Epiphany Espresso (3600 Culter Ave NE, at Green Jeans Farmery) every Friday morning from 10am-noon. Feel free to stop by! Questions? Email Melissa at mmadara@stjohns-abq.org.

**WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING:** In October we will be remembering our unity with Christians around the world as we celebrate communion. Our special gifts this month will go to students like Kennedy Bowie who lost her father when she was 8. and her family struggled to even find enough to eat, but with the help of her church, Lotus UMC in Maryland, and a World Communion Scholarship, Kennedy is on her way to giving back to her community as a physician. Far away in Nigeria, Obinna T. Emeh grew up without electricity or clean water. Yet, today with the help of the Global UMC via a World Communion Scholarship, he is studying to be an engineer. Nelson Mandela once said "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." Please give generously any time during October.

**PRAYER GARDEN:** The cement pouring has been completed and the cross has been put in place. Next step will be the laying of pavers, plants and bushes planting and spreading the mulch. Anticipate completing the garden in 2 weeks.

**COLUMBARIUM:** Foundation for the niches has been laid down. We will be waiting for delivery and setting of the columbarium sometime in December. We will then do the fence and gate to finish the project.
WAYS WE CAN SERVE: See what's happening in October for missions at St. John's! Download your copy here.

THE STOREHOUSE: In October, we'll collect high-protein items, such as canned tuna, chicken, and other canned meats, as well as peanut butter. We thank you for your generosity!

BOARD GAMES AND STUFFED ANIMALS: During October, we will collect UNWRAPPED, NEW board games and NEW stuffed animals for ages 0 - 18 years for the Albuquerque Methodist Children's Home (MCH) Christmas Shop where families in need can "shop" for gifts for their children. St. John's will be providing stuffed animals, board games, puzzles and card games. Bring your donations to the Hospitality Center or the Family Life Center.

SUPERMARKET GROCERY SHOPPING CART: We're looking for a supermarket grocery shopping cart to place in the Family Life Center for food collections (similar to the one currently in the Hospitality Center). Do you know a grocery store manager whom you might approach about "gifting" St. John's with one? If so, please contact Donna at donnabruce@comcast.net.

WINGS FOR L.I.F.E.: Life-skills Imparted to Families through Education (WFL), meets every 1st and 3rd Monday evenings at St. John’s. Set-up begins at 5:00 PM, get to know you mixers at 5:30 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM, and then the speaker and after-dinner programming for children is until 7:30 PM. Volunteers are needed for the following:
1. Prepare an entrée, salad, fruits/vegetables for 78 attendees each week (A perfect project for a Sunday School class)
2. Help with the set-up and food preparation
3. Come and eat dinner and share around the dinner table
4. Help with the after-dinner tutoring program for Pre-K and K-12 youth

Volunteers can help weekly, monthly, or once a year. Everyone is welcome and bring the whole family for a FUN hands-on mission experience. For more information contact St. John’s member Ann Edenfield Sweet, 505-554-6698, or AnnEdenfield@WingsForLIFEInternational.org.

PLEASE SAVE LABELS! McCurdy Ministries, a United Methodist supported ministry in Espanola, now participates in the “Tyson Project A+” Program. On Tyson frozen products, you will find "Project A+" labels to cut and save. Each submitted label earns 24 cents for McCurdy! Also, please continue saving “Labels for Education” from Campbell's products. McCurdy hopes to collect enough Campbell's labels to purchase another van before Campbell's suspends the program at the end of 2017, so let's help them achieve that goal! McCurdy also asks that we continue saving “Box Tops for Education,” and as we do so, check the expiration dates on the labels; they cannot use expired labels. Please place all three types of labels in the collection box located in the Hospitality Center. Thank you!
ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY: The online church directory is ready for members to use. Here’s how to gain access:

- Go to stjohnsabq.shelbynextchms.com
- Click on “Forgot Password” under the “Login” button.
- Enter the e-mail you’ve given to the church, or try typing in your user name (which is your first name, a period, and your last name—for example, john.schwarting). A password will be sent to the email address you have in the directory.

You can also contact Chris (c2cockrell@stjohns-abq.org) to receive a temporary password. Once you have your password, return to the login screen and type in your user name and password. That’s all you need to do to enjoy this great tool for staying in touch.

YOU MATTER TO US! In our large congregation, a person may be hospitalized, go to a rehabilitation or nursing facility, or have some other personal crisis in their life, and the pastoral staff and members of the congregation may not learn about it until much later. We ask you to help us by calling the church office or one of the pastors if you become aware of a difficult situation (health or other issue) in someone’s life. Please call 883-9717 and let us know or, if it is an emergency, call the Emergency Pastor Contact Number at 331-8121.

PRAYER SHAWLS: The Needle Arts group has been busy, and there is a basket of prayer shawls and lap robes in the Welcome Center. If you know someone who needs a warm hug of comfort, healing, or encouragement, please consider giving them a shawl or lap robe that has been made with prayer. We like to know where these items go, so please put any info you can on the clip-board provided. Thanks.

ONLINE GIVING: You can now choose to give to the church electronically by using a debit or credit card.

DISTRICT WORSHIP CONCERT TODAY: Join us over at St. Stephen’s UMC (4601 Juan Tabo Blvd, 87111) on October 15 from 3:00-7:00PM for the Justin Gabino Concert with our own Burying Caesar headlining the event. The cost is FREE! No regular youth group.

FALL RETREAT REGISTRATIONS OVER DUE: The District Fall Retreat is coming up Nov 3-5, but the RSVPs were due by October 8th with a $30 deposit. Scholarships are available for any amount. Don’t forget to turn them in ASAP!

UNDERGROUND SUNDAY! All 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders, be ready. Today is the first gathering of our monthly Jr. youth group during Sunday school. All students and children go to your usual Sunday classroom and we will come get you.

WHAT SOUTH PARK CAN TEACH US ABOUT THE BIBLE: Adults and students of all ages, come join us Wednesday for our next class on “Opening Up the Bible; how to get beyond its old bloody weirdness.” Room 260, 6:00-7:00.

PLEASE HELP THE FALL FESTIVAL: We need volunteers to greet, pass out candy, & run games and we need candy donated. If you got candy to spare bring it to the office. Sign up to help in the Office, Welcome Center, & Abide or email Jarrod jconyers@stjohns-abq.org.
THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
10:00 AM Memoir Writing Group, Room 241

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
10:00 AM Needle Arts, Rooms 241/243
1:00 PM Quilting, Rooms 241/243
5:30 PM Parents’ Night Out, Nursery

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
3:30 PM Memory Cafe, SonShine Cafe
5:00 PM Jazz Vespers, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
8:15 AM Communion Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service, FLC
9:30 AM The Underground, Room 260
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
2:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16
10:00 AM Men’s Bible Study, Room 241
10:30 AM Joy Singers, Choir Room
4:00 PM Wings for L.I.F.E., FLC
6:30 PM Cub Scouts, Room 242
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, Rooms 245/257
7:00 PM Emotions Anonymous, Room 241
7:00 PM Men’s Bible Study, Room 231

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17
9:00 AM NewSound Family Music, Room 242
9:30 AM “Restless,” Room 231
9:30 AM “Seamless,” Rooms 245/257
10:00 AM Naomi Circle, Room 241
1:00 PM “Pray Like Jesus,” Rooms 245/257
4:30 PM New MexiChords, Robing Room
6:00 PM Bells of St. John’s, Bell Room
6:30 PM “Seamless,” Rooms 245/257

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18
11:30 AM Men’s Small Group Luncheon, Room 241
4:45 PM WNL Dinner, FLC
5:00 PM NewSound, Room 231
5:15 PM NewSound Family Music, Room 242
6:00 PM Kids’ Bible Club, Room 236
6:00 PM Opening Up the Bible Intergenerational Class, Room 260
6:00 PM Sunrise Rehearsal, Choir Room
6:00 PM WNL Class, Rooms 149/151
6:00 PM Yoga Class, Rooms 245/257
6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal, FLC
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
6:30 PM SPRC, Room 231
7:00 PM New MexiChords Board Meeting, Bell Room

ST. JOHN’S UMC TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS
122 REV. CRAIG COCKRELL Senior Pastor
121 REV. JOHN SCHWARTING Executive Pastor
124 REV. MELISSA MADARA Associate Pastor
125 MATT GREER Music and Worship
126 JARROD CONYERS Youth Director
127 TRISHA O’KEEFE Contemporary Worship Leader
133 BRANDIE SPLETZER Children & Families
141 TIM NIZUM Food Ministry
129 CARMEN VARGAS Director of Preschool
136 CHRIS COCKRELL Communications
123 GRISELDA SANDOVAL Bookkeeper
128 CLAUDIA GIESE Associate Music Director for Outreach
138 FRONT DESK Receptionist
929-7373 DEE DEE HEFFNER Care Volunteer
331-8121 PASTOR 24-HOUR HOTLINE
315-4542 CUSTODIAN’S ON-CALL
331-8121 JOHN SCHWARTING’S CELL PHONE

ST. JOHN’S WELCOME STATEMENT
“We are people of varied opinions and backgrounds. We worship in varied ways. We live and think in varied ways. We are drawn together in the everyday challenge to be more like Jesus. None of us is perfect. None of us has all the answers. We hope to lead with love and grace. We try not to judge. It is our wish that every person will discover the support of friends and the comfort of home with us. Welcome!”

ST. JOHN’S PERTINENT INFORMATION

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Office Hours:
M-TH, 8:30 AM—4:00 PM
facebook.com/stjohnsumc
twitter.com/stjohnsabq
youtube.com/connectatstjohns

Sunday Worship Services
Communion Worship (Sanctuary): 8:15 AM
Contemporary Worship (FLC): 9:30 AM
Traditional Worship (Sanctuary): 11:00 AM

Jazz Vespers Worship Service
2nd Saturday of every month at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary