

# St. John Mennonite Church

## Staff

Tyler Macke, *Pastor*  
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Lisa Gratz, *Administrative Assistant*  
Lauren Macke, *Worship Coordinator*  
Dean Luginbill, *Custodial Supervisor*  
Dan Amstutz, *On-Call Visitation*

## Elders

Steve Dean, *Congregational Chair*  
Tyler Macke, Dan Amstutz, Scott Gratz,  
Randy Keeler, Neil Reichenbach, Jason Yost

## Ways To Connect at St. John

**Pioneer Clubs** - Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 pm | 3 yr. old-6th Grade  
**Jr. High Bible Study** - Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 pm  
**Sr. High Small Groups** - Sundays 6-8 pm  
**SJMuniversity** - A ministry for college students  
**Cell Groups** - Sundays 6 pm at your group location  
**Ladies Bible Study** - Tuesdays 9-11:15 am  
**ManIIMan** - Bible Study and Events for men

## Outreach Opportunity

### Housing For College Chorale Students

The Chorale from Grace University of Omaha, Nebraska will be in concert at Yoder Hall, Bluffton University, on Monday, March 21 at 7 pm. Lodging and breakfast the next morning is needed. The choir members may be picked up at Bluffton University after the concert on Monday night and dropped off at Ebenezer Mennonite Church at 9 am on Tuesday morning. The church will be open at 7 am if you need to drop them off earlier. If you can help, there is a table with sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact Corinne Lee at 419-302-6244 or [daclee@roadrunner.com](mailto:daclee@roadrunner.com).

## This Week Please Remember Don & Brenda Ernst | SEND in Huslia, AK

Don is currently transitioning from church planter in Huslia to a new role as regional coach for the village missionaries. Their plan is to move this summer or fall to Mat-Su-Valley where they will be more centrally located to visit the area missionaries. Please pray for them as they transition to this new role. Also, Brenda requests prayers for her father that has recently become very ill.

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(our website is mobile friendly)



# THE LIFE Of Christ

## Welcome to St. John Mennonite Church

We're glad you joined us today as we worship God together and learn from His Word. If you are visiting, we invite you to stop by the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall for a cup of coffee and pick up a welcome bag.

## Today

### First & Second Service

Welcome & Greeting  
Praise & Worship  
Intercessory Prayer  
Offering  
Message  
Response  
Sending

### Kids Worship Service

8:30 & 11 am | Fellowship Hall  
\* Parents pick up your child  
after service.

Q&A • 9 & 11 am  
Constitutional Amendments  
Conference Room

Absentee Voting  
Church Office

Membership Lunch  
12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

## March 13, 2016

## Tonight

Sr. High Small Groups  
At Your Group Locations

## Service Times

First Service - 8:30 am  
Sunday School & ABF Classes - 9:45 am  
Second Service - 11:00 am



**"Join with Christ in Building His Church"**

## A Few Family Matters

### Sanctuary Renovation—Fund Drive

We are accepting donations to replenish the Trustee's Fund, with the goal being \$25,000. Please write 'Sanctuary Project' on the memo line of your check.

### Congregational Meeting • Sunday, March 20 • 6 pm | SJM Sanctuary

Join us in order to understand more about the happenings at St. John.

- Devotion
- Minutes Approval
- Acceptance of New Members
- Vote—Constitutional Amendment
- Search Updates—Lead Pastor, Children & Family Ministry
- Reports—Audit, Finance, Facilities, Technology, Children's, Youth,
- Visitation & Care, Leadership & Discipleship
- Old Business/ New Business
- Congregational Concerns & Closing Prayer

*Absentee Voting will be available in the Office on Sundays, March 13 & 20.*

### Q&A on Constitutional Amendments

TODAY • 9 am & 11 am • Conference Room

### Easter Choir Practice • March 14, 21 • 7-8:30 pm | Choir Room

In preparation for Easter, St. John will be hosting a **Passion Week Service**, Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm (*this service does not take the place of the Community Good Friday Service, which is at Grace Mennonite Church this year*). The choir will be singing in the Passion Week Service as well as Easter Sunday. **If you are gifted in acting or musical ability and are interested in serving God's people at St. John in this way**, please contact **Lauren Macke** at [laurenmacke@icloud.com](mailto:laurenmacke@icloud.com) or call at 419-303-3878.

### College Care Packages

Want to donate? See the table in the Fellowship Hall.

### Minutes/Financials Available

The February 8, 2016 Council Minutes and the January, 2016 Financial Report are available in either of the brochure holders. If you would like any additional financial reports or documentation that was noted in the minutes, please contact Dave Tuttle (Treasurer).

**Youth Ministry** details at [www.stjohnmennonite.org](http://www.stjohnmennonite.org)

Save  
The  
Date

*Sr. High*

**Summer Mission Trip • June 23-30, 2016**

**Sr. High Small Groups • TONIGHT • At Your Group Location**  
**Jr. High Bible Study • THIS Wednesday | SJM**

**This  
Week**

### Monday, March 14

Elder Meeting • 6 pm • Conference Room  
VBS Meeting • 7 pm • Office 207  
Easter Choir Practice • 7 pm • Choir Room

### Tuesday, March 15

Ladies Bible Study • 9-11:15 am • MP Kitchen

### Wednesday, March 16

Pioneer Club • 6:45-8:15 pm • SJM  
Jr. High Bible Study • 6:45-8:15 pm • SJM  
P.O.W. • 6:45 • Rooms 207 & 208  
ManIIMan • 6:45-8:15 pm • SJM | Northview

### Sunday, March 20

*"Jesus's Friends" | John 15:15*  
Preschoolers singing in 2nd Service  
Absentee Voting in the Office  
Kids Worship Service • 8:30 & 11 am • Fellowship Hall  
Sr. High Small Groups • At Your Group Locations  
Congregational Meeting • 6 pm • SJM | Sanctuary

**Upcoming  
Events**

### Passion Week Service & Communion

#### Wednesday, March 23 • 7 pm | SJM

Join us in worship and contemplation of the Sacrifice that saves us from our sin and secures our salvation!

### Community Good Friday Service

#### Friday, March 25 • 7:30 pm | Grace Mennonite Church

The service will be a **Service of Shadows** where we will commemorate Jesus' last days on earth with Scripture, Reflection, and Song. Everyone is invited to this service.

**Children's Ministry**

[sjmkids@gmail.com](mailto:sjmkids@gmail.com)

**TODAY**

### Kids Worship Service

8:30 & 11 am | Fellowship Hall

**Note**

#### 1st Service Kids

Meet in Fellowship Hall

#### 2nd Service Kids

Meet in Basement RM 303

### Palm Sunday

Next Sunday, March 20  
Preschoolers (2—4 yr. old)  
singing in 2nd Service.

### Pioneer Club | "Parables" Wednesday • 6:45-8:15 pm

#### COMING! March 30 Pioneer Parables Program & Party!

6:45-8:15 pm | SJM  
ALL PARENTS are welcome to  
join us for our final night of  
Pioneer Club until fall!

### Kids Musical!

May 1, 2016  
*"Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace"*

# Sermon Notes

March 13, 2016  
**The Life Of Christ**  
Gary Harpst

Jesus Opposes the Religious  
*Luke 18:9-14*

## Lead Pastor Search Update

After multiple conversations and seeing various applicants rise to the top of our list, God moved us to seek out a couple specific pastors. At the same time, God was moving these individuals in different directions. While it would be easy to look at this as a setback, we choose to embrace the perspective of answered prayers. As such, we have “cast the net” again to reach new applicants for consideration in our search. We realize that the pastor search committee is tasked with surveying available applicants and narrowing the list of qualified individuals, but ultimately we are thankful that God is in control of selecting our next lead pastor. We want to ask the church to give thanks with us because God is moving in mighty ways. Pray for the heart of the individual God is calling to minister at St. John. Keep praying for God to be revealed while we wait patiently for his clear direction. In last week’s message, we were personally challenged to ask God how he was using a time of waiting in our own lives to refine us and to reveal his character. The same question can be asked as a church body. How is God refining us as a church while we wait and how does he want to reveal himself to us?

## Kids Musical • May 1, 2016

The children are presenting a “stomp” musical and we are in need of some “instruments”. The following is a list of USED items we would greatly appreciate:

- Cookie Sheets
- Metal Cake Pans
- Metal Wash Boards
- Wooden Spoons or Wooden Drum Sticks
- Toy Xylophone
- Wooden Stick Brooms
- Tire Hub Caps and Rims
- Metal Trash Cans

If you have any of these used items and are willing to donate, please drop the items off in the Church Office. Questions? Contact Candice at 419-969-4782 or Marcia at 419-371-3445.

## Focus for Prayer

Janice Newton  
Joe Habegger  
Esther Gambrell  
Aaron Wannemacher

Future Children’s Director  
Future Lead Pastor  
Search Committees