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FEBRUARY:

Sunday, Feb. 26: Burying Alleluias and Burning Palms – after 10:30 service. Bring palms and palm crosses to be burned, place in container at the church garden entrance.

NEW Service "Connections" Group: “The Casserole of Life,” monthly, on 4th Fridays. Prepare and serve HOT Lunch for clients of Next Step Homeless Services. Meal prep that morning in the big kitchen off the parish hall, [from 8:30 to 11:30](#). Serving meal at 11:30. Open to anyone who wants to pitch in. [starts Friday, Feb 24](#)

Vino League: *Next gathering Feb. 24, 7pm.* Beth and Jody Carson are hosting this month! The theme is rosé! Shades of pink, and flavors of citrus and berries.

Please bring an appetizer, entree, or dessert that pairs with your wine selection. Get creative! Be prepared to tell us a bit about your wine, such as, vineyard or grapes/region, bouquet, lingering flavors, pairing options, why you chose your pairing, etc.

If you have any questions please contact Kandi 479-414-5719 or Beth 501-690-5852

28th Annual Shrove Tuesday Shrimp Boil: At Trinity, Van Buren, *Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 5:00pm—8:00pm.* Adults \$15, Kids (ages 5-11) \$5. You can get your tickets at the church office or at the door.

Girl’s Night Out Changed: Since *February 28th is Shrove Tuesday*, this group will not meet in February, but will meet on *Tuesday, March 28th*, at Grub’s Bar and Grill Restaurant, at 6:00 p.m. Email reminders for reservations will be sent out later.

Laymen’s League: We will meet at noon on *Thursday, Feb. 23* in the Parish Hall.

MARCH:

LENTEN RETREAT- *Sat. Mar 4, 10:00-4:00* at St. John's. "Women at the Cross" with Retreat speaker, Helen Hargreaves. \$10 with registration. Forms on hallway bulletin board and on Home Page of website, www.stjohnfs.org

1st Sunday Breakfast: *Sunday, March 5 from 9am—930am* in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday Night Lenten Services: *Wednesday, March 8.*

Time: 5:30pm – 6:30 Holy Eucharist & Program

6:30pm – 7:00pm – dinner

Downtown Churches Lenten Lunch – Monday, March 6: will be held at here at St. John's. The Rev. Kim Cloninger will be preaching.

Lunch: 11:45—12:15

Service: 12:15-- 12:45

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Mindstretchers: *Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00pm in* the Skinner Building. Subject: What is Epigenetics and What Does it Have to do with Cancer Treatment. Speaker: Becky Williamson, PhD.

Girl's Night Out: *Tuesday, March 28th,* at Grub's Bar and Grill Restaurant, at 6:00 p.m. Email reminders for reservations will be sent out later.

Saints Alive: *March 31 at 6:00pm at* the home of Jean Sparks, 2607 Dallas Cir., Fort Smith. Menu: Taco Bar. Bring a side dish or dessert and your favorite beverage.

OPPORTUNITIES:

The Boys Shelter Incorporated: is a non-profit organization that helps special boys between the ages of 13-18 years of age adjust to life's responsibilities through the hands of Family teachers. The Shelter works with boys that have been described as pre-delinquent, educationally handicapped or slightly educationally disturbed. The program teaches young men to have a more successful lifestyle. Through the value of dignity it also teaches them to be proud of themselves. Nita Newman, of St. John's is a volunteer there. The boys call her "Grandma" as she lovingly prepares, serves, and shares meals with them, helps them with homework, and assists on field trips. **DONATIONS NEEDED:** Boys clothing (gently used acceptable); household cleaning supplies, personal toiletries, kitchen paper products. *Place items in labeled collection basket found with others in front hallway. THANK YOU!*

Come get in on the fun! Remember to sign up to host Saints' Alive for 2017: There is a new signup sheet on the bulletin board. **The host provides the place, dishes, silverware, ice and an entrée,** with everyone bringing a dish and beverage of choice. The host chooses what weekend and what day to have it that month and the time. Please call Karen Rouse at 479-763-1050 if you have any questions. August, November & December are open. Pick your date!

CONNECTIONS GROUPS: *For Service, Social, or Study opportunities:* Online Sign Up- www.stjohnfs.org Home Page. Or Forms are on the Hallway Bulletin Board. See a complete list in the *Holy Babble* that is being mailed out today.

Youth:

- March 4: STARFISH (6-12th) & Dolphins (3rd-5th) both meet – 12-2:00. Lunch together, then divide into two groups. “Purple is for PREPARATION.”
- March 10-12, WINTERSTAR (6th-12th) at Camp Mitchell. Register on-line at <http://eycarkansas.org/winterstar/> Van going from St. John’s. Scholarships available: contact Jeannie. *Deadline to register is Friday, March 3.*
- March 12 – STARFISH, Sack Lunch Program Prep/Lunch & prep.

New Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am—4:30pm.
Saturday hours, 9:30am—12:30pm.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Rector’s Class: Wednesday nights, at 5:00pm in the Skinner Building, or Sunday mornings at 9:15am in Chambers Hall.

EfM (Education for Ministry) Thursday nights, at 5:30pm in the Skinner Building.

WORSHIP MINISTERS – Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:00 service:

Usher: Bill Chandler.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Chris Glasco; *2nd Lesson*, Muggy Murray; *Prayers*, Becky Ibison; *Chalice*, Becky Ibison & Muggy Murray.

Altar Guild: Connie Smith.

Hospitality: Muggy Murray.

Announcements: Jean Kolljeski.

10:30 service:

Ushers: Ron & Karen Lawson.

Lay Ministers: *1st Lesson*, Sherri Tickler; *2nd Lesson*, Ron Lawson; *Prayers (Baptismal)*, Angela Covey; *Chalice*, Harold MacDowell & Brent Ward.

Acolytes: *Server*, Will Robinson; *Asst. Server*, Wyatt Robinson; *Crucifer*, Andrew Buergler; *Clergy*, Cole Meyers; *Torches*, Sam Cloninger & Walker Cloninger. *Parent helper*, Meyers.

Children's Chapel: Lori Burton & Karen Vicéns-Nash.

Altar Guild: June DeWitt & Sanna Sullivan.

Hospitality: Jaz & Steph Myers.

Announcements: Ron Lawson.