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FELLOWSHIP

Foyer Dinner Groups

Interested couples and singles sign up to become part of a small dinner team of 6-8 people. Each household takes a turn at hosting the monthly meal. Parishioners are assigned to teams in the late fall, and meals generally begin in January. Sign-ups begin at the end of summer and run through October. Contact Bill Ashworth washwort@gmail.com

Newcomer Welcome Ministry

Volunteers greet and shepherd newcomers to the church. They also sponsor events to share who we are as a community and help potential members envision how they might become part of St. John’s. Contact C.J. Joplin-Jack jplnjck@icloud.com

Hospitality Ministry

Volunteers host Coffee Hour following services and special community celebrations. Volunteers offer instruction to other groups sponsoring Coffee Hours and monitor coffee hour supplies. Contact Chris Williamson cwilliamson@stjohnsboulder.org .

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Hiking Ministry

Members meet Mondays for gentler hikes and/or Fridays for more challenging treks, enjoying the beauty of God's Creation on our Front Range mountains, foothills, and plains. Great way to meet other St John's people and stay active. Contact Sue Morse sue.morse30@gmail.com

FORMATION

Family Faith Formation - Children

Children meet weekly in three classrooms according to age (nursery for pre-K, K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade classes). They gather together for learning, fellowship, music, and crafts. Adult volunteer teachers and helpers always welcome and greatly needed! All volunteers are required to complete the "SafeChurch" training and a background check. Contact Lu Walters lwalters@stjohnsboulder.org

Youth Faith Formation - Teens

Teens (6th-12th grade) meet each week during the 9:30 service in the youth room, which is located on the ground floor of the education building. Youth meet to learn about the Christian tradition and talk about how it influences our lives and how we live in the world. If you would like to learn more or volunteer, please contact our Youth Director, Chris Williamson, at cwilliamson@stjohnsboulder.org

Adult Formation

Adults meet at 11:15 am following the 9:30 service to explore various theological subjects. For current topics, contact Pastor Julia at jdominick@stjohnsboulder.org or The Rev. Dr. Marc Smith at cotterboatworks@aol.com

Bible Study

Adults are currently meeting via Zoom on Wednesday morning in the fall and spring for clergy- and lay-led study of books of the Bible. For a current study schedule, contact The Rev. Dr. Marc Smith at cotterboatworks@aol.com

Catholic Connections

St John's parishioners with a Roman Catholic background gather regularly for facilitated discussion about their faith, theological differences and similarities between the two denominations, and books or articles read together. Contact Ren Feldman reynoldruslan@gmail.com or Cate Colburn-Smith colburnsmith@gmail.com

St John's Intentional Community

Inspired by monastic communities, members adopt a rule of life and meet weekly for worship, prayer, study and to share the journey to "connect more deeply with God in ourselves, in each other, and in the whole of life, right where we are." Contact Bob Morse bob.morse@comcast.net or Nancy Iverson iversonnancy@gmail.com or Eben Carsey ecarsey@comcast.net

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Bibles and Bagels

An early Wednesday morning on-line small group gathering to study and discuss the scriptures appointed for the upcoming Sunday (ie the Lectionary). Contact Bill Ashworth washwort@gmail.com

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Acclaimed seminary-developed four-year curriculum of in-depth Christian learning, covering theology and church history. Small discussion groups meet weekly via Zoom during the academic year. Contact Pamela White. pswhite@earthlink.net

LEADERSHIP

Finance Committee

Members meet monthly to review the financial statements and investments of the church, offer counsel to the Vestry regarding formation of the annual budget, monitor stewardship (the fulfillment of pledges made during the fall campaign) and work with clergy to ensure sufficient church resources are available to fulfill the church's mission. (Committee membership currently full.) Contact Mhari Peschel mharipeschel@yahoo.com or Bob Morse bob.morse@comcast.net

Vestry

The Vestry is the close-knit and committed leadership council of the church. Members invest themselves in ongoing spiritual formation together and meet monthly to review, establish or amend the policies of the church and ensure its mission is resourced. Candidates stand for election each December/January and serve three-year terms. Those interested should contact a vestry member by November. We endeavor to offer a slate of candidates each year that represents the diverse demographics of our parish. Contact Sue Morse sue.morse30@gmail.com

PASTORAL CARE

Knitting Group and Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members knit prayer shawls for the ill or bereaved, blankets for newborns and scarves for teens and for those experiencing homelessness. Training is available. The knitted articles are blessed and given as parishioners request or as the team sees need. To volunteer or to request a shawl, contact Marti Dever m.taylordever@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Team

After Sunday worship, volunteer drivers deliver bouquets created from the altar flowers to the homebound, ill or bereaved. The Pastoral Care Team also prepares and delivers food to parishioners during times of need. In December the Team organizes the Christmas cookie bake/delivery to parishioners who are unable to join us in person for worship and at Easter delivers lilies and other flowers from the altar to those who are unable to attend worship in person. Contact Betsy Shears betsyshears@gmail.com

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Eldercare Network

This ministry of relationship matches volunteers with homebound parish elders, for regular or periodic check-ins by phone. Volunteers must be approved by clergy and trained in the Safeguarding God's People program. Contact Pastor Julia Domenick jdomnick@sjohnsboulder.org

Eucharistic Visitors

At the request of clergy, lay Eucharistic Visitors bring consecrated bread and wine from Sunday worship services to parishioners who are unable to attend church due to illness. The Eucharistic Visitors then share communion with the parishioners in an abbreviated service. Training is required and provided by the Diocese of Colorado. Eucharistic Visitors also meet several times a year for updates and discussion. Contact Alan Nelson ralannelson@gmail.com or The Rev. Dr. Marc Smith cotterboatworks@aol.com

PRAYER

Healing Prayer Team

Those called to the laying on of hands and praying for healing are part of a team that responds confidentially to prayer requests. This ministry currently is working via email, Zoom and in-person as needed. Training is required and available. Contact Kathleen Ferguson kferg99@aol.com or Ren Feldman reynoldruslan@gmail.com

Daughters of the King

Those called to a daily practice of intercessory prayer (praying for the needs of others) are part of a parish network that responds confidentially to prayer requests. A commitment to a daily prayer practice is necessary. Additional training is required. Ministry meets periodically for fellowship and continuing education. Contact Kathy Ashworth kathleen687@comcast.net

Centering Prayer

Those called to practice or learn centering prayer meet in a supportive small group for learning, lectio divina, and periods of silent prayer.

Tuesday mornings 9-10:30am, contact Eben Carsey ecarsey@comcast.net

Wednesday evenings following Contemplative Evensong, contact Rev. Michelle Danson MADanson@me.com

SERVICE

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Garden Guild

The guild's mission is to maintain, preserve and enhance the church gardens for the enjoyment and peacefulness of both parish and community. Volunteers plant, weed, water and mulch during the growing season. All abilities are welcome. Contact Maryann Edwards clover4578@gmail.com.

Office Volunteers

When the church office is open (Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5pm), volunteers staff the front desk in four-hour shifts (9-12pm or 1-5pm) and greet visitors, answer the phone, help with office projects, and perform simple office tasks such as copying and mailings. Each volunteer establishes a regular schedule of serving. Contact Chris Williamson cwilliamson@stjohnsboulder.org

SOCIAL ACTION

Social Action Ministry (SAM)

Members communicate (primarily) via email to learn about immigration and racial injustice issues and take action, such as contacting legislators or supporting pertinent non-profit groups and initiatives with gifts of time or money. Members also work to teach others about these issues and to encourage them to action. Contact Marti Dever m.taylordever@gmail.com

Soup Kitchen

Volunteers work together in the parish hall and kitchen on the first Sunday of every month to prep, cook and serve a hot meal (plus to-go sack lunches) to about 100 persons who live without shelter. Volunteers work in shifts, morning to midday. Additional volunteer opportunities are available to assist St Benedict's Health and Healing and visit with guests. Contact Mark Biggers mark.biggers@hotmail.com

Whittier Neighborhood Pantry

Volunteers serve (on a rotating basis) once a week at the church's household and personal care products pantry, giving (Whittier Elementary) families in need the opportunity to restock at the pantry once a month, thus allowing their limited dollars for food to stretch a little further. The ability to speak Spanish is not required, but is highly desirable. Contact Christine Werking cwerking@comcast.net

Gun Violence Prevention Social Action Network

Members communicate (primarily) via email to learn about gun violence prevention efforts and to take action to support them, such as contacting legislators and attending rallies and other events that raise public awareness. This ministry is neither "anti-gun" nor "pro-gun" but, instead, focuses on prevention, safety and education. Contact Kathy Ashworth kathleen687@comcast.net or Beth Smith njbeth59@icloud.com.

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Climate Change Social Action Network

Members (including those from other local churches & faith traditions) work to educate themselves about the impacts of climate change, take action to advocate with legislators for sound climate policy and also educate others through seminars and guest speakers. Contact Nancy Iverson iversonnancy@gmail.com

Locally Haiti (formerly the Colorado Haiti Project)

St. John's has been a supporting parish of Locally Haiti, a community development organization initiated by The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, since 1989. Locally Haiti provides support for St. Paul's Parish in Petit Trou de Nippes, part of the Diocese of Haiti. Programs include support for parish programs, St. Paul's School, agricultural education, girl's empowerment, clean water, health and local leadership. Contact Dan Mellish dmellish@hotmail.com or see <http://www.locallyhaiti.org>

Community, Equity and Inclusion Working Group (Inclusive Communities)

Volunteers take actions to support and celebrate diverse cultures within our community, including Indigenous, Black and Hispanic communities. These actions include fundraising for Whittier Pantry which provides supplies for families in need whose children attend Whittier School, increasing membership and participation in the Boulder Chapter of the NAACP, engage in advocacy, education and action to improve social mobility and quality of life for Indigenous Americans in Colorado and educate our Parish about contributions of Hispanic, Indigenous and African American icons of social justice. Contact Marti Dever m.taylordever@gmail.com

Caring Neighbors Ministry

St. John's volunteers help provide meals and community support for unhoused people in Boulder. This includes assisting with [Boulder Bridge House's Community Table](#) grab-and-go dinners Monday-Friday, augmenting St. John's Soup Kitchen services, and offering services and support at the soon-to-open [Boulder Homelessness Day Services Center](#). This Ministry will encourage and train volunteers and other parishioners to safely and respectfully interact with people experiencing homelessness and abject poverty. Volunteers will collaborate with other Boulder faith communities to serve our unhoused neighbors. Contact Pat Daviou patdaviou1@gmail.com or Cate Colburn-Smith colburnsmith@gmail.com.

St. John's Food Insecurity Committee

The committee actively supports the monthly St. John's Soup Kitchen, leads parishioners and other community members in providing regular volunteer help at organizations such as food banks, food pantries, food rescue and meal programs. In addition, the committee coordinates special events aimed at lessening food insecurity in Boulder County. Whenever possible the committee works to provide volunteer opportunities for youth, children and family participation. Contact Wayne Grider wayne.grider@hotmail.com

WORSHIP

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Verger Guild

For in-person Sunday services, vergers are the "logistics wizards" who keep things running smoothly. For our Zoom services they serve in likewise fashion, helping maintain a quiet and secure environment. Training is available. Contact Mhari Peschel mharipeschel@yahoo.com

Acolyte Guild

Children ages 8 and up are eligible to serve as acolytes at our principal Sunday services, carrying candles or the cross in procession, and assisting at the altar. Training is available. Children serve in teams. This is a great opportunity to learn about our liturgy and faith and to grow in confidence and maturity. Contact Mhari Peschel mharipeschel@yahoo.com

Altar Guild

Teams of two prepare the altar for worship, care for sacred vestments and altar ware, ensure adequate Communion supplies are on hand, and attend to the cleaning and repair of church linens. Training is available. Contact Kathy Pieplow at Kathryn.pieplow@gmail.com or Marilyn Baker mhb7460@yahoo.com

Usher Guild

Working in teams of two, ushers greet Sunday morning worshipers as they arrive and help orient newcomers. Ushers pass the offering plates, guide people to receive communion and work with the verger to ensure a safe and smooth-running service. Contact Steve Scheidker scheidker@sbcglobal.net

Contemplative Evensong

A Cantor, Acolyte and Reader take turns leading a 30-minute service at 5:30pm Wednesday evenings in the chapel. Training is available. Contact Amy French amyfrancais@mac.com

Saturday Night Sacristan

Volunteers serve on a rotating basis at the bluegrass service on Saturdays at 5pm. For this intimate service, the sacristan acts as the usher, lector and Eucharistic minister and also assists the bluegrass musicians with their setup. In the summer months, the sacristan sets up refreshments on the patio as the musicians treat attendees to a post-service mini concert. Contact Mark Guzzi mdguzzi@gmail.com

Yoga in the Church

Led the second Monday of the month by Kundalini Yoga Teacher Jacob Rudolph, these yoga classes are fun and joyful opportunities to liberate suppressed energies, such as fear, anger, and hopelessness, and grow spiritually. Through the Presence of Christ and methodology of Kundalini Yoga, attendees will deeply de-stress as well as open up to their highest potential. Those interested in furthering their healing journey through the mind, body, and the path of the heart will find themselves right at home at Yoga in the Church. Contact Jacob Rudolph jrudolph94@gmail.com

MUSIC

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The St. John's Choir

St. John's Choir upholds the rich legacy of Anglican choral music, while embracing a diversity of musical styles. Our inclusive ensemble is committed to high standards of musicianship, and warmly welcomes all voices, regardless of prior experience. Our primary purpose is to support and elevate our liturgical worship. Additionally, we strive to serve our community through concerts and other performances, strengthening our bond through the gift of music. Contact Andrew Halladay ahalladay@stjohnsboulder.org

Choristers

St John's children's choir meets for different opportunities throughout the year. It is open to children reading-age through 6th grade. Young instrumental musicians also are welcome. Choristers offers an opportunity for children to learn the songs of our tradition and how the music connects to our faith, all while learning the fundamentals of music and singing in a small community of friends and peers. Contact Andrew Halladay ahalladay@stjohnsboulder.org

Handbell Choir

St John's handbell choir is a developing ensemble of both children and adults of varying musical abilities. The handbell choir assembles for various opportunities throughout the year. Contact Andrew Halladay ahalladay@stjohnsboulder.org

The St. John's Music Society

The newly-formed St. John's Music Society frequently holds concerts in the main church. These are opportunities to highlight artists from the local and greater Colorado area, as well as national acts. For more information on how to be involved and support guest artists, please contact Principal Organist, Aaron Hirsch ahirsch@stjohnsboulder.org