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**This is
YOUR CHURCH**

“St. John the Divine has been my
home church for 30 years now.
And like my own home and my own
family, we’ve just grown to love
each other and I love being here.
It is truly a home church.”

– Julie Baker

**St. John the Divine
stewardship 2018**

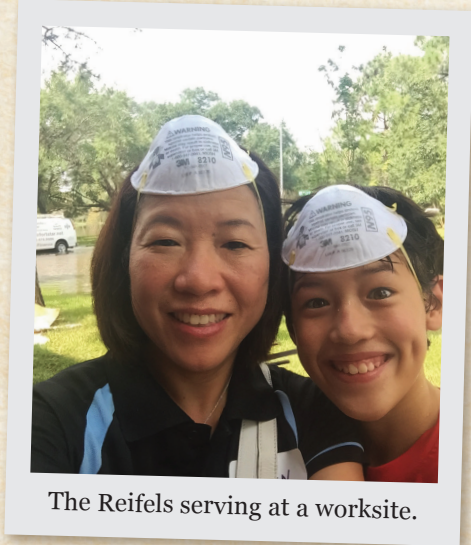
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THIS IS YOUR CHURCH

“St. John the Divine is a church where the people are loving ... what I see in St. John the Divine is people always stepping forward to help, and they show God’s love.” – Calvin Harris

YOUR CHURCH makes a difference

“We’ve got people, ourselves included, serving, going out mucking out houses, serving food, and that sort of thing. I don’t think I’d be doing that on my own. It’s because of God in this church that I’m doing it.” – Bill Donovan



The Reifels serving at a worksite.

YOUR CHURCH cares for you



Sharing the peace of the Lord.

“I feel like a church is not made up of the materials that constitute the building structure, but is made up of its people. And I love St. John Divine because I have experienced the love of God through so many members here.” – Sosheel Saleem

YOUR CHURCH prays

“Praying daily is a game-changer for me. I’m well into my faith, but to dedicate a time each day to sit in the Word has changed my life because I’m living in the Word of God.” – Karen Forgrave



Praying together in the Hall Life Center.



Church Family = Family



Ready to lead worship.



These boots were made for serving.



Spreading the light of Christ.

YOUR CHURCH is called

Over these last few months we have seen God at work in your church doing extraordinary things. God has mobilized hundreds to rescue those in distress, encourage those in need, and restore hope to those in despair. As the Psalmist wrote long ago, “*the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.*”

Yet his work in us is not done. There is still more we can do to strengthen our church, heal our city, and change lives for God in Christ. We are called to build upon foundations laid by those who have gone before. As we do so your church will be even more impactful to make our world better for ourselves and for our children.

The good news is that God helps us to live into that call. Together we will grow into being a people of unceasing prayer and vibrant worship. We will strive to make our community better as we serve those in need. We will pursue a deeper understanding of our faith and learn how to live that out in day to day life.

We will raise up servant leaders of all ages to grow the church and change our world. Together we will see God use your church to heal our amazing city.

YOUR CHURCH needs you

We need YOU to make this possible: your time, your gifting, your experience. We need YOU: your passion, your commitment, your prayerfulness. We need YOU: your presence in worship. And we need YOU to give of your treasure to make it possible for this church to remain strong, and even more, to grow into what it is God has called us to do. – The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

10 Days of Prayer kicks off

10/19

Harvest Sunday & Harvest Fest

10/29

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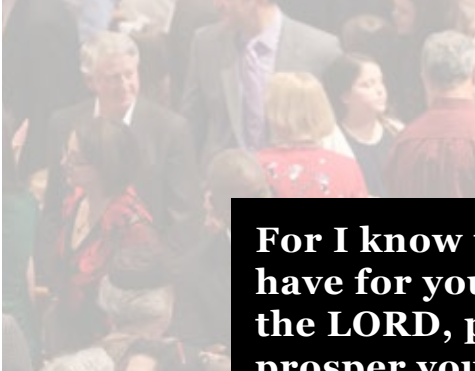
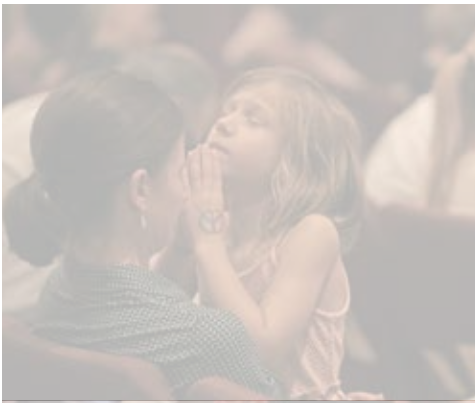
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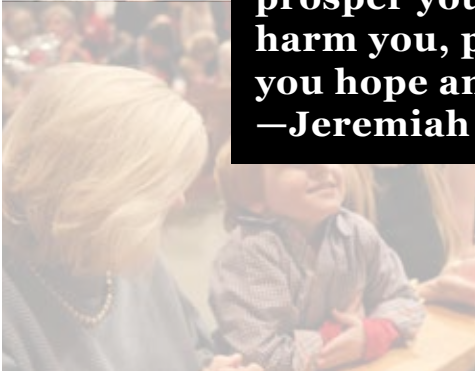
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**For I know the plans I
have for you, declares
the LORD, plans to
prosper you and not to
harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future.
—Jeremiah 29:11**



10 Days of Prayer

At St. John the Divine we put prayer first. Before planning, before service, before all that we do, we pray. Prayer is truly at the heart of our faith journey.

Will you join us in praying for our church? We've been talking about stewardship all month. We've shared the values God has called our church to embody, and God's call for us to move ever more strongly into the future he has ordained for us.

From October 19–28 we invite everyone to take time each day to read, think, and pray. Each day, let your prayer be guided by a short scripture passage and prayer prompt. Our hope is that through the Scriptures in prayer our whole church will find the courage to take a bold step in faith.

10 Days of Prayer ON THE GO!

Sign up to receive daily prayer prompts via text at noon from October 19–28. **Text 10daysprayer to 313131 to sign up.**

DAY 1

Oct 19



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– Karen Forgrave

God Attentive

Use this scripture to pray that you and every member of St. John the Divine will be attentive to God’s call.

But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. —Matthew 13:16

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“For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” —John 18:37



DAY 3

Oct 21

“Prayer is essential, what a gift. And why wouldn’t we want to take time with God, who takes time for us, of all creation?”

– The Rev. Larry Hall

God Attentive

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Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! — Psalm 46:10

DAY 4

Oct 22



“I have most felt St. John the Divine caring through my small group Bible study. It is a place where we can all go and share what we’re dealing with that week and truly feel the embrace of others who are a part of our group.”

– Hadley Smith

God Dependent

Use this scripture to pray that you and every member of St. John the Divine will depend on God as we answer his call.

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” — Hebrews 13:5

DAY 5

Oct 23



“This church is a community that will always be there for you no matter what you’re going through.” – Patrick Loftis

God Dependent

Use this scripture to pray that you and every member of St. John the Divine will depend on God as we answer his call.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

— Philippians 4:13

DAY 6

Oct 24



“Everyone has a calling. I think everyone has a purpose in life, and God has a unique purpose for us and our gifts. St. John the Divine is helping me find what my gifts are and how I will serve God best.” – Karen Forgrave

God Dependent

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. —Philippians 4:6

DAY 7

Oct 25



“I give it my time, talent, and treasure because everything that I have is God’s.” – Christi Megow

God Responsive

Use this scripture to pray that you and every member of St. John the Divine will actively answer God’s call.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. —James 1:22



DAY 8

Oct 26

“The truth is, I can never repay God for the love he has shown me. However, what I can do is try to glorify Him as much as possible. So I give my time, talent, and my treasure so I can glorify God to thank him for loving me so much.”

– Sosheel Saleem

God Responsive

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Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. — Revelation 3:20

A young girl with short brown hair, wearing a purple dress with a colorful pattern, is standing and handing a colorful card to an older woman with grey hair wearing a blue top. They are in a church setting with other people in the background.

DAY 9

Oct 27

“I try to make sure that I give my time, my talents, and my treasure. Each and every year I try to increase the amount that I give. In the long run, what we’re doing is we’re giving to God.” – Calvin Harris

God Responsive

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I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. — Romans 12:1-2



DAY 10

Oct 28

“I really think that the resources that we’ve given are best utilized by things that affect eternity for people. And I don’t think there’s any other organization that I’m aware of that does a better job with the resources it gets than St. John’s does.”

— Bill Donovan

God Responsive

Use this scripture to pray that you and every member of St. John the Divine will actively answer God’s call.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” — Matthew 6:19-21

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**Bring your gifts, then celebrate
our harvest with your church
family. Pledge cards will be
blessed at all services.**

**Feeling digital? Pledge online
at bit.do/stewardship2018.**

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I/We will support our church in prayer and service, and commit to an annual pledge of \$_____ in 2018.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I/We will also support our church by serving in the following ways: _____

Questions? Email stewardship@sjd.org or call 713.354.2218.

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YOUR PLEDGE CHANGES LIVES

Through the work of 62 local partners
10% of our total budget



feeds the homeless and hungry
ministers to the imprisoned
cares for children in need
transforms neighborhoods

Since Harvey



75+ HOMES

have been mucked out
or remediated with
the help of SJD volunteers

OVER

600

volunteers have
been mobilized since
Hurricane Harvey



YOUR PLEDGE GLORIFIES GOD



750 PEOPLE read the Bible daily



1000 PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS
posted and prayed for in Lent 2017

600 PEOPLE worshiped
via Livestream
the weekend of Harvey



YOUR PLEDGE BUILDS THE FUTURE

350 KIDS registered for Vacation Bible School



150 VOLUNTEERS - HALF YOUTH

452 children
and students
attend Sunday
school