

## April 2023 St. John's Member Survey Results

92 – printed surveys

39 – online

<b>1. How well do you understand the mission of St. John's?</b> (Circle all that apply)	
a. I feel a deep connection with it.	Total: 41
b. I relate to it well.	Total: 96
c. I don't feel connected with it.	Total: 5
d. I don't understand what the mission is all about?	Total: 4
<b>e. Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not involved in way I used to be (is now a shut-in)</li> <li>• Don't know or familiar with the mission</li> </ul>	

<b>2. When you leave the worship hour, do you feel empowered to be Christ-like in the world?</b> (Circle all that apply)	
a. Yes, I feel renewed and energized after attending the service.	Total: 74
b. Often. I feel renewed after attending the service.	Total: 63
c. Sometimes. I feel the service isn't as relevant to me as it could be.	Total: 4
d. Rarely. I'm feeling disconnected for personal reasons.	Total: 3
<b>e. Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sometimes, but the warmth of church and stories on the stained-glass windows is very powerful.</li> <li>• My hearing is not good.</li> <li>• We watch it on TV.</li> </ul>	

<b>3. Do you feel the church is sensitive to the major needs of our members?</b> (Circle all that apply)	
a. Yes. I believe that our congregation wants to help its members.	Total: 114
b. Yes. I've been the recipient of help from St. John's when I needed it.	Total: 40
c. I've heard that we are taking care of members.	Total: 25
d. No. I've experienced a major need, or seen others with needs and felt nobody noticed.	Total: 2
<b>e. Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't attend as often as I should, but notice a decline in our members</li> <li>• I believe a church family is a very important part of life.</li> <li>• Pray for specific people with information about their concerns</li> <li>• No one noticed some who had needs</li> </ul>	

<b>4. Does the worship music at St. John's resonate with you? (Circle all that apply)</b>	
a. Yes. The music helps me feel a deeper connection with God.	Total: 75
b. Yes. It helps me feel more self-reflective.	Total: 55
c. Sometimes.	Total: 31
d. I don't feel a connection to the worship music.	Total: 5
<b>e. Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Like upbeat songs; slow songs seem sad, and I am not renewed.</li> <li>• Miss old hymns (many comments on this)</li> <li>• Music &amp; service should be updated</li> <li>• Add gospel style selection to liven up worship service</li> <li>• More modern/contemporary music</li> <li>• Sing easier music, some are hard to follow then do not participate (many comments on this)</li> </ul>	

<b>5. Do you feel St. John's spends money in a way that aligns with our mission?</b>	
a. Yes. I feel they're spending on things that really matter.	Total: 99
b. I feel they could be more careful in their spending.	Total: 7
c. I don't know where they're spending, and I would like to understand it, so I can feel more engaged in the initiatives.	Total: 16
d. I don't believe church spending is something I need to worry about.	Total: 4
<b>e. Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am not in loop on spending.</li> <li>• Reads reports in newsletter</li> <li>• Unnecessary spending or overpriced projects; maybe need to reassess spending</li> <li>• Confidence in leadership with spending money</li> <li>• Spend money on our cemetery upkeep, maintenance &amp; improvement</li> <li>• Show financial status before fall</li> <li>• No opinion</li> </ul>	

<b>6. Do you feel engaged and part of St. John's Church? (Circle all that apply)</b>	
a. Yes. I feel very engaged in the church, its mission, and initiatives.	Total: 67
b. Yes. I feel moderately engaged in the church.	Total: 41
c. I enjoy coming to church, but don't take an active role.	Total: 22
d. I feel I'm sometimes watching from the sidelines.	Total: 4
e. I don't feel engaged.	Total: 3
<b>f. Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My own doing not to be engaged, hope to be more involved in the future.</li> </ul>	

**Note: Some people are currently serving in these groups/ministries.**

<b>7. What ministry or missions would you consider joining?</b> (Circle all that apply)	
a. Caring Min. Total: 15	g. Worship & Music Min. Total: 22
b. Senior & Home Visitation Min. Total: 12	h. Stewardship Total: 4
c. Youth Min. Total: 6	i. Caretakers of Creation Total: 8
d. Education Min. Total: 8	j. Finance Total: 8
e. Faith Family Min. Total: 4	k. Property Total: 13
f. Community & World Min. Total: 10	l. Personnel Total: 7
<b>Other ways I would like to get involved at St. John's:</b> Quilters – 4 Funeral – 6 Volunteer in Office – 1 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Celebration – 1 Confirmation Mentor – 1 Usher – 2	Serve Communion – 2 Lector – 1 Art & Decorating – 2 JuBellation – 1 Sunday School – 1 Choir – 1 Altar Care - 1

<b>8. Do you feel welcomed at St. John's?</b> (Circle all that apply)	
a. Yes. I'm always greeted by someone.	Total: 100
b. Yes. I find the church very inviting.	Total: 61
c. I have invited friends to join me here.	Total: 22
d. No. I come to worship and no one seems to notice me.	Total: 2
<b>e. Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strive to make visitors feel welcome</li> <li>• Reinstate greeter ministry</li> </ul>	

<b>9. What keeps you coming back to St. John's?</b> (Circle all that apply)	
a. The people who worship here.	Total: 107
b. My family attends here.	Total: 50
c. I feel welcomed and cared for.	Total: 85
<b>d. Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's beautiful &amp; member for 58 yrs.</li> <li>• Often feel forgotten, but received cards from Ladies' Circle or youth &amp; that helped a great deal. Thank you for that.</li> <li>• Been a member all my life; I like the old fashioned church feeling</li> <li>• It's my tradition.</li> <li>• A great Pastor &amp; the feeling of being part of this wonderful community.</li> <li>• Quality/style of worship, weekly communion, overall feel of church/congregation</li> <li>• Great programming that mixes the traditions of my childhood with a fresh, modern feel</li> <li>• Appreciate the mix of traditional worship &amp; progressive ministries</li> <li>• Have good core of role models</li> <li>• Continue to be kind &amp; thoughtful to everyone</li> <li>• Faithful ministry</li> <li>• Location of church</li> <li>• We watch on TV.</li> </ul>	

**10. How can we make St. John's a stronger community, to better fulfill our mission statement to be a fountain of life overflowing into a river of compassion in the world?**

- Keep website updated; maintain website calendar
- Develop circles of friendship with diverse age groups to tackle issues/projects
- Encourage young families to be involved: Preschool, Sunday School, Confirmation, Other Activities. Stronger Sunday school with more kids.
- More young families would be desirable (many comments for this)
- Watch a lot online & appreciate that option
- Encourage members to attend worship; increase revenue; be more involved
- Not sure what to do; it's a dangerous world out there.
- Encourage members to know each other better
- Continue outreach in community. Get to know our East Side Hill neighbors: Support use of our parking lot for garage sales, tutoring children, blood drives, brat sale, 40-day food drive.
- Continue to be welcoming/inviting. We feel so welcome here, thank you!
- Continue to invite guest pastors & speakers, however, love Pr. Christine's sermons
- Doing a good job; continue to be amazing; keep doing what you are doing; continue the efforts underway, well done.
- Need more volunteers
- Strengthen membership (ages 18-45)
- Focus on strengthening existing programs
- Leadership is outstanding
- Thank you, staff & council,
- More bible teachings in relationship to today's time
- Preach without reading sermon
- Communion has become routine – no meaning, confession, repentance
- Intentional outreach to LGBTQ, other minorities & those turned away from other churches
- Sunday service at a later time, Sunday service at 10 a.m.
- Add part-time pastor/intern if finances allow
- Partner with other community churches
- More social events (dinners)
- Expand things that are working; keeping our name visible to more people
- Outdoor services in summer
- Continue to be traditional but welcoming & continue to find ways to reach out to all kinds of people.
- My personal concern is clean, abundant drinking water for all people.
- I wonder if by having Facebook all the time makes it easier for people not to come into church. I don't know having it only in the winter is an option because of the weather. I wish I knew what we could offer to get more families with kids so we could have a bigger Sunday school and confirmation classes as the kids get older.
- Keep it on TV
- I feel the church is now headed in the right direction.
- St. John's is doing very well. These days it's hard to get people to join or even go to church.
- I'll have to think about this.