

## A Message From...



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Abraham Lincoln once quipped, "The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time." While that is true and is helpful to remember as we face challenging futures, it also heightens our excitement as we await events we anticipate with joy! We are less than two weeks away from the "For the Future" commitment Sunday on May 18. It will be a historic day in the life of St Joe UMC and St Joe @ the Y. Here are the highlights to which you can look forward:

- We will honor graduates! We have graduates in every service which we will acknowledge!
- We will receive more than 25 new members. New members will be added in every service!
- We will hear a special team sermon from the pastoral team in every service!
- There will be an opportunity for everyone to make a commitment in every service to give and serve above and beyond our typical practices for the next 3 years to help the future of St Joe UMC to come into view. Commitment cards will be submitted that day. (If you cannot be present that day to make your commitment please feel free to submit it before then. We have 6 households or so that have already given commitments early in this way which total about \$50,000! That is a great and exciting start, weeks early!). If you cannot make a commitment there will be other ways to show your support and prayers "For the Future" that day!
- We will gather for an all church meal at Praise Park at 12:30pm to celebrate the future God has opened up! Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided- bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bring your own drinks and lawn chairs as you desire (we'll have seating and limited drink options, but you may be more comfortable with your own). If you come to the Classic service please feel free to bring your side dish or dessert to church. We'll have a team ready to transport it

to Praise Park so the meal may be promptly ready.

Want more information?

- [Learn more about the “For the Future” campaign here.](#)
- [To watch videos with youth & kids check in here.](#)

To make your commitment for For the Future via a digital form early click [here.](#)

## Church Wide Announcements



Commitment Sunday – May 18

May 18 is Commitment Sunday! We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support St. Joe and St. Joe at the Y in new ways—above and beyond previous pledges—as we look For the Future. Whether through a monetary commitment, help with fundraising, or continued prayer, your support helps move our renovation plans forward over the next three years.

Join us at Praise Park for a carry-in lunch at 12:30, after the classic service! We'll provide hot dogs and hamburgers—please bring a side dish or dessert to share, your favorite drink, and a lawn chair.

Let's celebrate together!

# **MEN'S BREAKFAST**



**May 10th  
8am  
St Joe UMC**

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## New Bible/Book Study Group Starting June 2

A new Bible/Book Study group is launching on Monday, June 2, from 3:00–4:30 p.m. in Room F11 at St. Joe UMC. Each session will include a short video and plenty of time for discussion, facilitated by Judy Rickert. Participants will receive a workbook to guide personal study throughout the week. We'll move through the material at a slower pace to allow for deeper conversation and connection. The group will meet for 10 weeks, followed by a short break before resuming in the fall.

**Sign Up**

**Watch Past Key 3 Announcements**

**St. Joe @ the Y**



A small but meaningful gathering was held in the gym at the JRL YMCA on May 1 in observance of the National Day of Prayer. It was a quiet time of reflection, unity, and lifting our community and nation in prayer.

[Watch Past Key 3 Announcements](#)

## Keystone Seniors For the Fort





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**JOSEPH**  
and the amazing  
technicolor  
dreamcoat

JUNE 5 - 14, 2025

Joseph and the Amazing technicolor Dreamcoat is a re-imagining of the biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers and the coat of many colors

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June 12  
2pm

Tickets: \$32  
[stjoemin.com/keystone](http://stjoemin.com/keystone)

The Keystone Group is heading to Warsaw for a fun afternoon at the Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts (2515 E Center St, Warsaw, IN 46580) to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. This beloved musical retells the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, his eleven brothers, and the famous coat of many colors—with timeless music and vibrant storytelling.

Showtime is 2:00 p.m. A group will meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. to carpool.

We have 30 tickets available at a discounted group rate—reserve yours soon to guarantee a seat!

[Reserve Ticket](#)

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## For Families

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Family Skate Night – Saturday, May 18 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Get ready for a fun-filled evening of family time, games, and roller skating! Grab your kids, friends, or neighbors and head to the Roller Dome for a night to remember. Skate rental is covered by the church, and there will be games and prizes throughout the night. Don't miss it!

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## United Women in Faith

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This past Saturday's Women's Brunch was a wonderful time of connection, inspiration, and great food! We had a full house, an engaging speaker, and a delicious meal to enjoy together. If you missed it this year, we hope to see you at next year's event—you won't want to miss it!

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## Faith In Motion

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Faith in Motion held their Spring Dance Recital this past Saturday, and if you missed it—you missed an incredible show! The dancers performed to songs from *Annie*, and it was a joy to watch their energy and talent shine on stage. A huge shoutout to Holly Fox, who continues to bring her creative vision to life through beautiful choreography and leadership.

Looking ahead, Dance Camp will take place July 30–August 2, and summer drop-in classes will begin on June 9. Stay tuned for more details and don't miss out on these fun opportunities to keep dancing this summer!

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## **BY THE NUMBERS**

For May 4  
Weekly Income Received: \$15,502

### St. Joe UMC

#### In Person Attendance

- 9a: 44
- 11a:141

#### Online Attendance

- 9a: 30
- 11a: 11

### St. Joe @ Y

#### In Person Attendance

- 10a: 49

#### Online Attendance

- 10a: 6

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