

## BLUE POST-IT NOTES

*(Things the congregation would love to experience at St. John's within the next 5 years)*

I want to see unicorns.

I like it how it is now

Fun Day

Fun Day with capture the flag and water balloons

Fun Day with capture the flag

Youth Administrator

Pastor for a long time

Better stained glass

Children's choir

New windows

Update music

More modernized worship, try to get away from traditional services

Get away from ritualistic worship traditions

Overseas mission trip

More big volunteer opportunities for all ages to participate

Single day mission trips for all ages

Hire a youth director

Take a Holy Risk and live into His calling!

Bring back prayer partners

Church event nights – bingo, cards

Youth Coordinator

More outreach meals

More outreach events like Kids Against Hunger

Senior Citizen Coordinator

Youth Coordinator

Adult mission trip/mission day

More hands on congregational service projects

Outdoor worship

Young adult (post-HS) group/outing

Youth Director

Picnic in the park

Softball games

Hire a full-time youth director

Men's Choir

Movie & Popcorn Night

Baseball game bus trip

Worship with humor occasionally

LGBTQ openness

Youth involvement in activities

Sunday morning prayer times shared by adults and youths about general, non-personal subjects

Continue harvest produce table

Youth study of many Biblical heroes

Senior Citizens mentorship/assistance

Continues youth "getaways" camp

Use name tags

Be purposely open and welcoming to gays

Community church could play softball against each other

Children's choir

Picnics

Sporting league with other churches

Youth Coordinator

More youth events other than fundraisers

Start youth involvement earlier than high school

Adult Mission Trip

Junior High mission trips

Bible study for all ages

Bring back two services on Sunday (1 traditional/1 contemporary)

Adult mission trips

Packing events for those with food insecurity in our town and globally

Prayer Partners program

Call a pastor who will be willing to stay longer than five years

Once-A-Month Potluck dinner to connect with others

Children assisting in worship

Outings

Saturday Chapel

Continue with more members sharing about joining/being members of St. John's

Increase membership

Once a month activities for adults: card party, guest speaker, hay ride, craft for Stonecroft

Community Action Day

Prayers for specific people

Stop shaking hands, just wave & acknowledge in Sharing the Peace

More special music

Long-term pastor

Miss Men's Bible Study

More fellowship get-togethers

Teach children God's love and healing

Bible Studies (men's or mixed)

Continue all activities/services, etc.

Continue and add new ways to worship such as sharing the pulpit during Lent

Bible study after church for all ages  
(enjoyed Vicar Anthony's recent  
study)

Continue use of courtyard for events

Continue internship/vicar program

Return to intergenerational Prayer  
Partners

The excitement of re-examination  
and commitment.

More Praise Band music

Return to 5:00 pm Saturday church

Continue Bible Study

Using the liturgy (complete)

Saturday service

Church potlucks

Sanitizer in the back of pews

Continue Bible Study led by pastor  
or vicar

Maintain a focus on Word and  
Sacraments

Increased evangelism efforts

Projects with aspects for all ages

Traditional music on Christmas Eve

I would like to go back to singing  
hymns I know

Remain focused on the  
sacraments and gospel

Reach out to others in  
evangelism

Continue to hear faith stories  
from our own members

Continue to support our youth on  
their faith journeys

Continue to offer a variety of  
bible study opportunities.

## Do you have something to add to these lists?

Please share your favorite  
experiences at St. John's and/or  
your ideas for the next five  
years at St. John's by emailing  
the church at

[office@stjohnsmendota.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmendota.org) or

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the mail at:

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**Please send your  
responses by May 15**