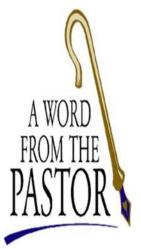
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Pastor's Note

In January, there is a certain beauty to the gnarled, gray twigs of trees stretching toward each other. It's as if the trees, having been divested of their grand foliage and left to their essential selves, now reach out in longing for connection. Even in winter,



perhaps especially winter, we can see the deep complexity relationship between everything and everything else. Roots intertwine. Animals huddle for warmth. People gather inside. And God arrives, usually without our noticing, in regular

routines like sweeping the floor, and cooking, and saying, "Good morning," and sitting down to eat.

Welcome back to the ordinary, where faith grows and renewal sleeps, and the joy which we have sung about this last month, moves.



Council Retreat

Council will be taking a retreat Saturday Jan. 7 from 10:00-12:00. Based on surveys

received and goals suggested in 2022, it will set objectives for 2023 and beyond.



Choir Rehearsal

Choir will continue in January, Wednesdays at 7:00 and Sundays at 10:00. Denine LeBlanc is serving as interim choir director.



Help for RJ Eaton's Family

James and Kyla Eaton have set up a Go Fund Me page to help with medical and other bills. If you would like to find out how to assist them in this way, go to gofundme.com and search for "RJ Eaton," or contact Pr. Andy.





Hope Buss

The Hope Buss will use the Young Activity Center kitchen from Dec. 19 through January 3. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to help with their work, or just to get to know the good leaders and volunteers who prepare food for shelterless persons, is encouraged to join them.



Pastor's Vacation

Pr. Andy will be out of the office the afternoon of December 25 through January 2. He will be back in the office January 3. Revs. Scott and Laura Meier will preach and preside January 1.



Tech Position

New Technology Position

The technology committee and council have approved the job description for a part time technology position to run online worship services and manage social media presence. Anyone interested, please contact Pr. Andv.



Children's Ministry

Friends in Faith

10:00 January 15 in Room 2. Kids age four through sixth grade are invited to a time of fun and learning.



St. John Group Facebook Page

This is a great way to see and share what is going on at St. John on a daily basis. If you are not a part of our St. John Facebook Group, and would like to be, please contact the church office so we can let you in!





Cleaning Out the Storeroom

We will be cleaning out our storage rooms on the far side of the gym this winter. If you have anything in either of those spaces that you want, please take it and bring it home with you by February 1. Thanks!



Pastor in Africa

Pr. Andy and Thyne will be travelling in Ghana, Feb. 1-12 for a 30th anniversary trip. Revs. Scott and Laura Meier will be preaching and presiding Sundays, Feb. 5 and 12. Pr. Andy will be back in the office Feb. 14.

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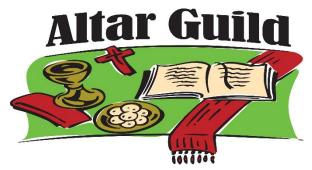
Storytellers Read This

Storytelling played a major role in our recent stewardship program, Building a Culture of Generosity, in which submitted sixty increased or new pledges for 2023, and increased our projected income

by \$800 a week. Now, GSB, the company that helped us with our program, is offering storytelling workshops, so we can continue to share what God is doing with each other and the world. If you can tell a story or write a story, please join us January 31, at 1:30 or 7:30; March 7 at 1:30 or 7:30, and April 18 at 1:30 or 7:30 for workshops on stortelling in and for the church. E-mail Pr. Andy and he will send you the links!

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Altar Guild Help Needed

We are looking for a person or persons who are willing to help with communion setup. It needs to be set up on Saturday afternoon and cleaned up after the We will happily teach second service. anyone how to do it. Brenda Painter has been primarily in charge of this since we restarted services after the pandemic and, as anyone that has attended or been in Zoom church knows, except for holiday services like Easter, we do have few numbers. Brenda needs a break and we hope that soon we will not be in such a position that everyone will feel comfortable coming back to church. We will take a month commitment or a couple of weeks and you can tell us when you want to help out. Thank you so much for considering this. Please call Dinah High at (502) 432-4490 and we can answer any questions. You can also ask Brenda Painter after the late service any Sunday and she will answer auestions.

Thanks! The Altar Guild



Thank You

Pastor Andy and Thyne would like to thank everyone who has sent us so many heartwarming and thoughtful cards and gifts this Christmas season. Your love and caring is truly a blessing.



"I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli.

If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."



Online Worship

Daily Prayer – 12:00 Noon Monday-Friday Sunday Worship – 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Visit our website for links to online worship via Zoom. To access Zoom via telephone: Dial-in number – (301) 715-8592 Meeting number – 671 535 477



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January Birthdays

David Gladstone	01/01
Donald Finley	01/02
Sophia Iannone	01/04
Debbie Holt	01/05
Jim Kushman	01/05
Margaret Hugues	01/06
Marshall Coleman	01/07
William Coleman	01/07
Ran Florence	01/07
Krysta Moore	01/07
Jonathan Jones	01/08
Sarah House	01/09
Steve Njos	01/09
Madelyn Bartley	01/10
Bruce Edwards	01/10
Isiah Phillips	01/10
Gail Workman	01/10
Anna DuFour	01/11
Renee DuFour	01/11
Hannah Stemler	01/11
Linda DeVore	01/12
Gavin Bent	01/13
Carleigh Newman	01/15
Alen Coleman	01/16
Earlene Althouse	01/17
Paul Konar	01/17
Kate Mattingly	01/18
Sydney Harvey	01/19
Natalie Schultz	01/19
Jan Jensen	01/20
Natalie Lowen	01/20

Dave Booth	01/21
Coleman Geraci	01/21
James Williams	01/21
Jeanne Romer	01/22
Marie Meininger	01/23
Laura Novak	01/23
Lily Sample	01/23
Rica Brown	01/24
Joe Dye	01/24
Lola Howard	01/24
Debbie Lambert	01/24
Abigail Brown	01/26
Christian Rapp	01/26
Rob Baltrum	01/27
Leland Caswell	01/27
Sarah Ward	01/27
Jose Zellers	01/27
Colin Hovell	01/28
Channa Newman	01/30
Kayla Abbott	01/31



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January Anniversaries

Donald & Mary Lou Finley 01/05 Michael & Jennifer Jarrett 01/28



St. John Lutheran Church, Christian Holidays, Holidays in United States

Jan 2023 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sat	7	9am - SOKY Basketball	8pm - AA (ABC) @						*	4	9am - SOKY Basketball	📗 8pm - AA (ABC) @				21	9am - SOKY Basketball	8pm - AA (ABC) @				28	9am - SOKY Basketball	📗 8pm - AA (ABC) @				4					
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Wed	4	9:30am - Bridge Club	12pm - Online Daily	3pm - FS Dance Class	4:30pm - OLOL	7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC			*		10am - Sewing Group	12pm - Online Daily	3pm - FS Dance Class	4:30pm - OLOL	7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	18	10am - Sewing Group	12pm - Online Daily	3pm - FS Dance Class	4:30pm - OLOL	7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	25	10am - Sewing Group	12pm - Online Daily	3pm - FS Dance Class	4:30pm - OLOL	7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	-					
Tue	3	12pm - Online Daily	12:30pm - FS Dance	4pm - Book Club	4:30pm - OLOL	6pm - Evangelism &	6:30pm - Property	7:30pm - Technology	C 7	01	12pm - Online Daily	12:30pm - FS Dance	4pm - Book Club	4:30pm - OLOL		17	12pm - Online Daily	12:30pm - FS Dance	4pm - Book Club	4:30pm - OLOL	6:30pm - Christian	24	12pm - Online Daily	12:30pm - FS Dance	4pm - Book Club	4:30pm - OLOL		31	12pm - Online Daily	12:30pm - FS Dance	4pm - Book Club	4:30pm - OLOL	
Mon	2	New Year's Day	Office Closed	12pm - Online Daily	4:30pm - OLOL				c	n	12pm - Online Daily	4:30pm - OLOL				16	Martin Luther King Jr.	12pm - Online Daily	4:30pm - OLOL			23	12pm - Online Daily	4:30pm - OLOL				30	12pm - Online Daily	4:30pm - OLOL			
Sun	-	New Year's Day	8:45am - Worship @	11am - Worship @ www.	3pm - Eben-Ezel	5pm - AA Group 19			c	0	8:45am - Worship @	11am - Worship @ www.	3pm - Eben-Ezel	5pm - AA Group 19		15	Journal Deadline	8:45am - Worship @	11am - Worship @ www.	3pm - Eben-Ezel	5pm - AA Group 19	22	8:45am - Worship @	11am - Worship @ www.	12pm - Stephen Ministry	3pm - Eben-Ezel	5pm - AA Group 19	29	8:45am - Worship @	11am - Worship @ www.	3pm - Eben-Ezel	5pm - AA Group 19	

JANUARY 2023 WORSHIP TEAM

	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29								
<u>Assisting Minister</u> (same person will serve at <u>both</u> services)													
8:45 &	John N	Mark L	Diane K	Cindy L	Ann H								
11:00													
Crucifer/Communion Asst (not needed until further notice)													
11:00													
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<u>Lector</u> 8:45	John N	Eric H	Dinah H	Mike M	Margi H								
11:00	John N	Dinah H	Dee L	John N	Patti M								
<u>Cantor</u> (same	e person will serv Laura M	e at <u>both</u> service Laura R	es) Diane K	Cindy L	Laura R								
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11:00	Ann H	Edie M	Melissa W	Sherley S	Melissa W								
Altar Guild													
Dinah H, Bre	nda P												
Communion 8:45 &	<u>Prep</u> Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P								
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Worship at St. John

Sunday 8:45 a.m. Online & In-person 11:00 a.m. Online & In-person Monday-Friday 12:00 p.m. Online

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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