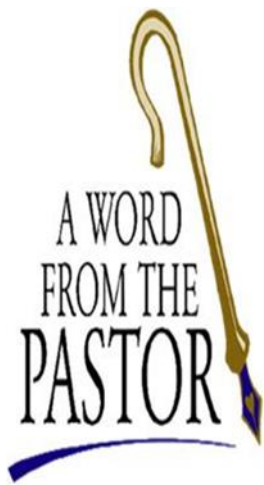


### **Pastor's Note**

March 19 we will celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation here in Louisville. Most of you know so much more about our time here than I do. I have heard stories of great explosions, fantastic parties (been to a couple of those!), powerful prayer, fascinating insight, and steady, persistent faithfulness. The Bishop will come on the 19<sup>th</sup>, to help us celebrate. We will also have a meal afterward, as we so often do.



Some people talk about a congregation's "heyday," those times in the past when there were so many people at church, or so many children at VBS. I believe now is a heyday too, because there are different kinds of heydays. We sew quilts, host refugee families, pray every single weekday, with at least ten people participating in real time, and on any given day, between 30 and 55 joining in the prayers on Facebook. In Advent, we provide animals for families in the developing world, and warmth, community and prayer to the neighborhood around in the summer. I could go on.

Today is our heyday. It has been so for 75 years and will be so for 75 more. Today is always our heyday, not because of all the things we do, which are wonderful, but

finally because Jesus is with us, Jesus works through us, Jesus challenges us, Jesus heals us and cheers us on, encourages us and saves us every day. Thanks be to God.



St. John 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: One Worship Service, 10:00 March 19. Luncheon afterward. Bishop Gafkjen will preach that day. Save the date!



### **Daylight Saving Time**

Don't forget! Daylight Saving Time begins March 12. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



## MEN'S GROUP

### A Men's Group Has Begun

A men's group now meets Mondays at 6:30 in Diehl Hall. If you are interested, please see Daryle Karnes.



## TECHNOLOGY

UPDATE

### Technology Specialists

St. John Technology committee is proud to announce that we are hiring two technology specialists, for 8 hours each a week. Bradley Lowen will be responsible for online worship, and Chris Argabright will be responsible for social media. We thank everyone for your support for this position, and we thank God for these two very skilled men.



## Lenten Worship Schedule

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Wednesdays in Lent: 6:30 March 1-29. We will sing Holden Evening Prayer, with communion.



## March



### Easter Flowers







This year we are offering lilies, hyacinths, and tulips for \$12 per plant. The flowers will be used to decorate the altar for Easter Sunday services. You may purchase flowers in honor, memory, or celebration of someone. Please fill out an order form that you will find at church or online. The deadline to order flowers is Friday, March 31.



*A seasonal reminder*

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

*Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.*

- |   |  |   |                                 |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------|
|  | plants grow here                                       |  | seeds are planted in this       |
|  | to coil and jump<br><i>(also a season of the year)</i> |  | when watered, these make plants |
|  | to expand and get bigger                               |  | another word for seedling       |

For as the \_\_\_\_\_ makes the \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ come up and a \_\_\_\_\_ causes  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, so the  
 Sovereign LORD will make righteousness  
 and praise \_\_\_\_\_ up before all nations

ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring



## 75 Challenge

Our mission at St. John is to proclaim the good news in word and deed. As part of our goals for 2023, our 75<sup>th</sup> year of witness in Louisville, St. John Council is challenging the congregation to share 75 invitations or stories to people outside the congregation. That is, if you invite someone outside the congregation to worship, a fun event such as the Community cookout June 4, or any St.

John event, OR if you tell a story to someone outside the congregation about what God has done through you or for you or in this congregation, then fill out a card describing what you did and put it in the offering at church. As a congregation, we hope to offer 75 invitations or stories to the glory of God by the end of 2023.

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Holy Week: A Look Ahead

**Palm Sunday:** 8:45 and 11:00 April 2 This day, we begin with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, as the Messiah come to save the nation. Soon, we read the story of Jesus' Crucifixion. In fact he is the Messiah who has come to save the world by dying on a cross.

**Maundy Thursday:** 6:30 Thursday April 6.  
We celebrate Jesus's last supper, and his  
command to "Love one another."

**Good Friday:** 6:30 Friday April 7. We contemplate the mystery and sacrifice of Jesus' death for us.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** 10:00 Saturday April 8. We will share the Easter story, hunt eggs, and have fun in a bounce house.

**Easter Sunday:** 8:45 and 11:00 April 9.  
Flowers, music, resurrection. Jesus lives!

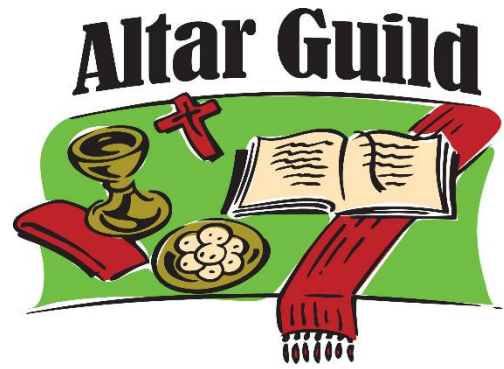




### **Many Hands Make Light Work**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our clean-out day for the SJL large storage room. We worked hard, ate well, and ended the day with a wonderful sense of accomplishment. Thank you for making this project a success!

Property Committee



### **Altar Guild Opportunity**

**WANTED:** Individuals to help with Altar Guild. There are two opportunities. Communion prep and caring for the altar. We will be happy to teach anyone how to do these jobs. Setting up communion or changing candles and altar cloths. If you are not sure but might be interested just ask or call Dinah High (432-4490), Ann Hovell, or Brenda Painter, or call the office and leave your name. We will call you. We have been doing it for the last couple of years. Luckily in January Joanne Nordstrom did a great job caring for the altar and Connie Shumaker is helping with communion this month. But we really need more. Remember if you looked at the February newsletter this is an OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE. Come and join us!

Dinah High



### **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



### March Birthdays

Terri Manning	03/01
Samantha Ward	03/01
Lauren Janes	03/02
Timothy Newton	03/03
Kathryn Voss	03/03
Deidree Whitworth	03/03
Annabelle Kratzwald	03/04
Sherry Leister	03/04
Jacquelyn Tinsley	03/06
Brad Webb	03/06
Felicia Dick	03/07
Rachel Cooper	03/08
Gloria Wynn	03/09
Kendall Ball	03/10
Sadie Plato	03/10
Gabrielle Iannone	03/11
Kylie Schultz	03/11
Connie Schumacher	03/12
Sharon Heck	03/13
Ava Eaton	03/15
Leah Tabler	03/15
Margaret Carmen Malone	03/17
Alexandria Lawson	03/18
Emily Uldrich	03/18
Addison Cook	03/19
Ava Florence	03/19
Scott Sprigg	03/19
Collin Downey	03/20
Jack DuFour	03/21
Melvin Gardner	03/21
Douglas Manning	03/22
Daryle Karnes	03/23
Dianna Mazzoni	03/23
John Wright	03/23

Carin Wicke	03/24
Carolyn Kraft	03/25
James Eaton	03/26
Elizabeth Gray	03/27
Emily Njos	03/27
Sabrina Bent	03/28
Elizabeth Schumacher	03/28
Joshua Cox	03/29
Alyson Cox	03/30
Ethan Abbott	03/31
Hailea Gentry	03/31
Robert Goodin	03/31
Avery Hoskins	03/31



### March Anniversaries

Pete & Terri Dallas	03/16
Jack & Jennifer Sturgeon	03/23

## Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message  
and Bible verse, using the code below.

A 1 B	F 2 G	K 3 L	O 4 R	U 5 V
D E	H I	M N	S T	W Y

W  
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 4 1 3 3 4 4 2 4 1  
 1 3 1 3 2 4 4 1 3  
 2 4 4 2 4 1  
 “ 1 1 4 4 2 3 3 1 3 1  
 3 3 4 5 4 2 1 4  
 2 1 3 2 4 1 ”

Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. “Be still, and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
			First Day of Women's SL David's Day 9:30am - Bridge Club 12pm - Online Daily 3pm - FS Dance Class 6:30pm - Holden Evening	Council Reports Due 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Executive	12pm - Online Daily	9am - SOKY Basketball 8pm - AA (ABC) @
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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## MARCH 2023 WORSHIP TEAM

	3/5	3/12	<u>3/19</u> <u>ONE Service</u>	3/26
<b><u>Assisting Minister</u></b> (same person will serve at <u>both</u> services)				
8:45 & 11:00	Cindy L	John N	10:00-Diane K	Ann H
<b><u>Acolyte/Communion Assistant</u></b>				
11:00	---	---	Acolyte-Nathan J Crucifer-Lauren J	---
<b><u>Lector</u></b>				
8:45	Mike M	Dinah H	10:00-Sherley S	Eric H
11:00	Patti M	John N		Rosie W
<b><u>Cantor</u></b> (same person will serve at <u>both</u> services)				
	Cindy L	Laura R	10:00-Diane K	Laura R
<b><u>Usher</u></b>				
11:00	Joanne N	Melissa W	Ann H & Sherley S	Edie M
<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>				
Dinah H, Brenda P				
<b><u>Communion Prep</u></b>				
8:45 & 11:00	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P

*Send a cheerful note to our members who are "under the weather" and/or can't make it to church services or church events.*

John Gray  
Vivian Lenberger  
Betty Pauley  
Otto Pollei  
Nancy Robinson  
Skip Stearman  
Maxine Wines

If you would like a copy of the addresses emailed or mailed to you, please contact the church office.

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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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David McNease

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TBD

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Dr. Denine LeBlanc

#### **Organist**