


Pastor's Note

Sometimes I hear older people say, "I don't know why I am here anymore. I can't get around like I used to. I'm not as fast in my mind as I used to be. I can't contribute anything." This is heartbreaking to hear, mostly because I feel the grief that elderly people feel for the vitality they once had and do not have any more.



Our society values people by what we produce: how much money we can make, what we can make or do for someone else. But is that how God values a person?

We do not value babies according to how much they produce or how much money they make. (Mind you, they do produce a great deal, just, what they produce don't smell very good!) We don't even value babies by what we think they will produce in the future. We value babies because of what they are. Babies bless the community by being themselves. Just by being themselves, they give us a connection with the future, a hope for new life.

Elderly people are not babies. Not by a long shot. But they are similar to babies in this one respect: Their value and purpose does not depend on what they produce. Like babies, those of us who are elderly bless the community, not by what we can produce, nor even by what we have produced, but

rather by what we are. We provide a connection with the past, a depth and wisdom about the present, and a hope for a future of eternal life. Even if we can't get around like we used to or don't think as fast as we once did, these are still powerful gifts.

Whatever your age, please remember God's value for us and God's love, which has come to us in Jesus, surrounds us before we can produce anything, and after we can produce anything; before we make any money, and after we make any money. Christ's love makes us valuable, now and always. Thanks be to God.



75 Challenge: We Made It!

We shared 30 invitations or stories with people outside of St. John by Easter. Now we have 45 to go to make our 75 by Christmas. But don't let up. If you have a friend, acquaintance or family member you think would be blessed at St. John, tell them about something here that you think is part of God's work, or invite them to a worship service, fun event, or opportunity to serve. Maybe we can offer MORE than 75 invitations or stories by Christmas.



Summer Camp

It's time to start planning for camp! Our own Ally Lynch is activities director this year at Lutheran Hills, which is only a couple of hours away. Kids from grade 1-11 can go. There's hiking and swimming and arts and crafts and outdoors and God. It's a huge amount of fun.



Friends in Faith

May 21, 10:00-10:50. Kids of the congregation will find out about Jesus helping us to work together.



St. MAM Is Moving

St. Matthews Area Ministries is moving from its space at Beechwood Baptist Church to St. Matthews United Methodist Church on Browns Lane. Please keep St. MAM in your prayers and be ready to help when they ask for moving hands.



Vacation Bible School

Education Committee has decided to hold VBS from 6:30-8:30 this summer, July 17-21. We will use a VBS curriculum from ELCA World Hunger Appeal called Tree of Healing. To plan, however, we need a commitment for at least 5 children, ages 4 through 5th grade. We will also need 8-10 people to help with games, crafts, songs, storytelling and snack. We are asking for an answer by April 16, so we can plan properly. If you are interested in sending a child to VBS or in helping, please send your RSVP to Sherry Leister, 502-548-2169, sherleister@aol.com.



Kitchen Cleaning

Young Hall Kitchen Cleaning

May 22, 6:00 PM, a group of St. John folks will be giving the Young Hall kitchen a good cleaning. Please join them in this important service.



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Synod Assembly

Synod Assembly is virtual this year, May 10. No travel or staying overnight, just online. We have one female delegate (Diane Kushman, thank you, Diane!) and we need one more male delegate. Anyone who would like to attend please see Pr. Andy.



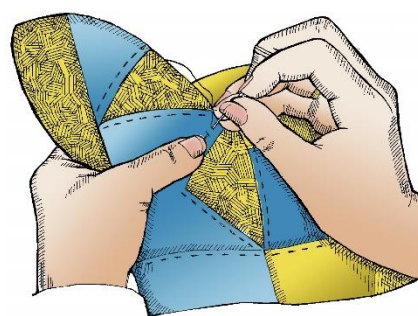
New Members

New members will join on Pentecost Sunday, May 28. If anyone is interested in joining the congregation, please see Pr. Andy.



Confirmation Class

May 21, 1:00-4:00 at St. John.



QUILTING GROUP

Quilting Group

10:00 to whenever, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of the month. Come to sew, iron or otherwise help make quilts for refugees and disaster survivors.



Hope Buss

Help prepare food for shelterless people and others. Meet in the Young Hall kitchen 5:30 Tuesdays or 11:00 Saturdays. Food and utensils provided. Just bring yourself and a willing spirit!



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



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group

A men's group is meeting Mondays, May 1 and 15 at 6:30 in Diehl Hall. They are doing Bible Study and service to the church. If you are interested, please see Daryle Karnes.



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.

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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



May Birthdays

Tom Johnson	05/01
Laura Rogers	05/01
Amanda Filardo	05/02
Steven Harvey	05/02
Thomas Tucker	05/02
Kendall Beck	05/03
Sherley Sample	05/03
James McKenerick	05/04
Zoe Bent	05/05
Austin Iannone	05/05
Emily Cox	05/06
Shawn Hall	05/06
Allison Lynch	05/06
Stephen Benner	05/09
Alex Coleman	05/09
Kylee Beck	05/10
Lori Loiacano	05/10
Douglas Yahl	05/10
John Foster	05/11
Barry Frystak	05/11
Tyler Lynch	05/11
Gabrielle Victor	05/12
Rachael Hovell	05/13
Wyatt Goodin	05/16
Eric Hahn	05/17
Gwyneth McMahon	05/17
Terri Pulford	05/17
Kristy Jackson	05/18
Kim Swett	05/18
Lisa Young	05/19
Diane Kushman	05/20

Bernard Hukee	05/21
Jan Foshag	05/22
Kyle Hamsley	05/22
Jaxen Coulter	05/23
Delea Cracraft	05/23
Laura Nehring	05/23
Ernie Worman	05/23
Steven Gray	05/25
Walker Cunningham	05/26
Florence Bright	05/27
Owen Uldrich	05/27
Meg Garl	05/30
Carolyn Wicke	05/31



May Anniversaries

Jim & Betty Adkins	05/09
James & Cheri Hines	05/14
Michael Murray & Lynn Kaiser	05/16
John & Lea Goff	05/25
Mark & Dee Lynch	05/28
John Burford & Debbie Utz	05/31
Herb & Sabra Reeser	05/31

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

What does God compare to rain “watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater”?

- A. The justice of the nations
- B. The work of God’s people
- C. The message of Isaiah the prophet
- D. God’s word

Answer: D (See Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	First Day of Asian Pacific 12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - Men's Group	12pm - Online Daily 12:30pm - FS Dance 6:15pm - Evangelism & 6:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Technology	9:30am - Bridge Club 3pm - FS Dance Class 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	Council Reports Due 6pm - Executive	Cinco de Mayo	8pm - AA (ABC) @
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45am - Worship @ 10am - Choir Rehearsal 11am - Worship @ www. 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19		12:30pm - FS Dance	10am - Sewing Group 3pm - FS Dance Class 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	6pm - Congregation	8am - Friends School	8pm - AA (ABC) @
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day 8:45am - Worship @ 10am - Choir Rehearsal 11am - Worship @ www. 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	Journal Deadline 6:30pm - Men's Group	12:30pm - FS Dance 6:30pm - Christian	10am - Sewing Group 3pm - FS Dance Class 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	Ascension Day 4pm - Worship & Music		8pm - AA (ABC) @
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
New Members' Sunday Pentecost 8:45am - Worship @ 10am - Choir Rehearsal 11am - Worship @ www. 12pm - Stephen Ministry 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	Memorial Day Office Closed Whit Monday	12:30pm - FS Dance	3pm - FS Dance Class 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	Council Reports Due		

MAY 2023 WORSHIP TEAM

5/7

5/14

5/21

5/28

Assisting Minister (same person will serve at both services)

8:45 & 11:00	Ann H	Cindy L	Renae B	Diane K
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Acolyte/Communion Assistant

11:00	---	---	---	---
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Lector

8:45	Dinah H	Margi H	Renae B	Eric H
11:00	Dee L	Sherley S	John N	Todd H

Cantor (same person will serve at both services)

8:45 & 11:00	Laura R	Cindy L	Laura R	Diane K
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Usher

11:00	Melissa W	Sherley S	Joanne N	Edie M
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Altar Guild

Dinah H, Brenda P

Communion Prep

8:45 & 11:00	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P
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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
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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