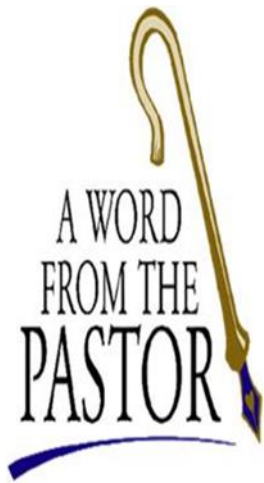


Pastor's Note

Here's a story from a member of our congregation.

Ray grieved deeply. His wife, Betty had died. Sometimes the grief grew so great he seemed to drown in it. Ann saw this, and invited Ray to speak with Pr. Andy. Pr. Andy listened and prayed. Ray started coming to church and eventually joined. He met folks here who cared about him and welcomed him. He felt like he belonged, and after a long time, his grief became less sharp, less absolute.



And then he started seeing Gail. Ray and Gail had known each other for a long time. Gail also grieved. But the care of friends and the love of God brought healing.

June 4, Ray and Gail got married. It is always special to be a part of a wedding for folks over fifty. Young weddings are wonderful. Full of new life and hope for the future. Older weddings are wonderful. Full of grace and the savoring of this present moment. Many friends and family gathered. A few folks from St. John came. Ray sang "Wise Men Say" by Elvis. Gail's eyes gleamed. And there was dancing!

Your welcoming attitude as a congregation, your financial gifts, our prayers and listening and most of all, God's life bring deep healing here at St. John. Thanks be to God.



Vacation Bible School

6:30-8:30 July 17-21. We will have crafts, stories of how our church brings God's healing, health and wholeness throughout the world and in the United States. We are looking for several people who want to help out. You do not have to commit to the whole week! We need helpers that like to take pictures and post to our Facebook, cook food, make crafts, sing and make a Joyful noise, tell stories and do fun activities. Call (502-895-3979) or email the office (stjohn@stjohnlutheralky.com) to register your child, grandchild, friend or kid you meet on the street. Also, contact the office to help out. We will set you up with a grand experience.



Communion for the Homebound

Sending of Communion

Are you interested in spending 2 hours per month helping our home bound people? The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers who will give communion to congregation members who are unable to attend church services. Please contact Mike Murray for further information.



Summer Worship Schedule

One Worship Service June-August, 10:00: Sunday Bible Study will be at 9:00. In August, we will survey the congregation again to see whether we think it is a good idea to continue with one worship service at 10:00, or to return to two worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 for September 2023 through May 2024.



Favorite St. John Memories

I always feel welcome here. Going to midnight service and singing Silent Night the St. John way. It was a special harmony. I went to Bible study on occasion with Emma Blum with Pastor Young. – Mary Ann Blum

Cub Scouts, 1955-1958, scoutmaster was Pastor Sam Deihl. Christmas Eve candle services. We attended every year while Dad (Howard Blum) was alive. – Ken Blum

My marriage. – Daryle Karnes

My Thursday marriage to Daryle, where Pastor forgot our chairs. – Karen Karnes

I have only been here a couple of months but I love the formal worship. – Carol Tayler

Growing up at St. John and Easter Egg Hunts in the Garden. Also when Deaconess Kristen was here guiding the Youth Group. – James “Jimmy” Easton

Today!!!! Because I was a very important person today because I was holding a special book. – Lilly Ann Brightman



75 Challenge

65 so far. (If you don't count the 40 or so people that came to Holly Perry's graduation.) 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.



Blessing of Backpacks

July 23 we will sign cards inviting children, youth and all students to bring their backpacks, laptops, pens and papers, whatever for a blessing August 6 in preparation for the new school year. Rev. James Stahr, who is preaching and presiding for Pr. Andy that day, will do the blessing.



Helping With Hope Buss

If you want to help feed houseless and other folks, text @hopebuss to 81010 to get on the information list. If you want to coordinate your help with other folks at St. John, E-mail or text or call Denise Puthuff at dlputhuff@yahoo.com, or 502-558-8806. Thank you!



Second Sunday Potluck

After church July 9 in Diehl Hall. We had a grand time June 11. Let's do it again! Bring a side or dessert, meat provided.



Financial Update

Monthly Financial Update

	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23
Income	\$26,214	\$24,081	\$21,493
Expense	\$24,205	\$35,656	\$37,287
Result	\$2,008	(\$11,575)	(\$15,794)
(Income less Expense)			

Our income is reflecting the beginning of the summer slump, while expenses continue to rise. Some of the variances are timing issues, but property has had a number of unexpected challenges this year so far. It seems to be leveling out now but we may not recover until the summer slump is past. Thank you for your continuing support of the mission of St. John. Please continue to mail in your contributions. Feedback welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to Christi Elbert or Diane Kushman if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.



Prayer Calls to Parents

The St. John prayer group prays for parents of youth and children, and for the youth and children themselves each week. In July, a few members of St. John will be calling parents in our congregation to see if there is anything specific they would like us to pray for.



Pastor on Vacation

Pr. Andy will be on vacation Sundays July 30, August 6 and August 13. Prs. Scott and Laura Meier and Pr. Ken Stahr will preach and preside on those Sundays. Pr. Ron Poisel will be available in case of emergency.



August Yard Sales

For the eighth year, we'll be hosting a Community Yard Sale in our parking lot each Saturday in August and Labor Day Weekend, September 3. Church members are welcome to come sell alongside members of the community. Parking spaces are \$20. Sales run from 9am to 1pm. If you have any questions, contact Rebecca at beckysporch@yahoo.com or 502-403-7671.

The Women of St. John will feed us each Saturday while they are selling baked goods and craft items in Diehl Hall. This year the profits will be used to renovate the Pastor's office. If there is money left over from the renovations, we will be donating it to our sponsored charities, Hope Buss, Ky Refugee Ministries, and St. Matthews Area Ministries. Also come buy your presents

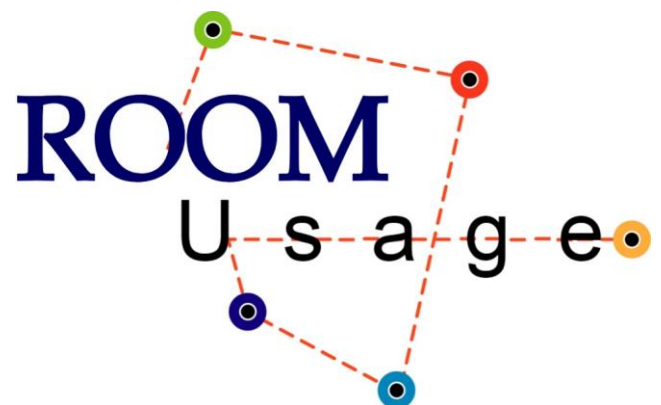
early. The quilt group of St John has many handmade items to buy.

Nitty gritty details: set up is from 7:30am - 9am. Cars will be directed to spaces on a first come basis. Cars will be moved to a different area of the parking lot before 9am. The \$20/space will be collected shortly after 9am. I don't collect money before the day of. I don't save spots. You have to bring your own tables and chairs. A pop-up style shelter is recommended as our parking lot is very exposed to the sun.



Movie Night

Movie Night: 6:30 Tuesday July 11 in the library. Bring a snack to share. Movie to be determined. Something fun.



Use of Room 2

St. John is renting room 2 to Friends School for the coming school year. Confirmation and Friends in Faith will meet in the library, room 35, Diehl Hall or the Diehl Hall kitchen if cooking is involved.



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Richard Tinsley	07/12
Amanda Downey	07/15
Sabra Reeser	07/15
Lily Brightman	07/16
Amy Wilkerson	07/16
Patty Farnsworth	07/17
Renae Barkley	07/18
Lisa Konar	07/19
Lynn Kaiser	07/21
Jim Bower	07/22
Penelope McCollum	07/22
Linda Foster	07/23
Charles Heitmiller	07/23
John Sturgeon	07/25
Patricia Gray	07/26
Vivian Lenberger	07/26
Susan Parks	07/26
Ken Rube	07/26
Michael McCollum	07/27
Derik Novak	07/29
Taylor Stinson	07/29
Linda Boley	07/30
Bridget Bailey	07/31
Maya O'Dell	07/31
E. J. "Al" Shumate	07/31



July Birthdays

Linda Hilbert	07/01
Kyla Eaton	07/04
Douglas Bower	07/06
G. Shawn Hall	07/06
Owen Johnson	07/06
Zachary Jones	07/06
Clay Wright	07/06
Jackson Bailey	07/07



July Anniversaries

Timothy & Marla Newton	07/11
Isaac & Anya Smith	07/11
Matthew & Julie Abbott	07/12
Jim & Paula Eaton	07/13
Matt & Deb Janes	07/15
Ken & Wendy Rube	07/26
Bill & Susan Parks, Jr.	07/28

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	8pm - AA (ABC) @
2	3	4	5	6	7	
9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19		Independence Day Office Closed 6:15pm - Evangelism & 6:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Technology	10am - Sewing Group 6pm - 502 Basketball 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ABC	Council Reports Due 6pm - Executive	Mission Trip Guests (DH) 6pm - 502 Basketball	8pm - AA (ABC) @
9	10	11	12	13	14	Journal Deadline 8pm - AA (ABC) @
9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 11am - Potluck Luncheon 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	6:30pm - Men's Group	6:30pm - Movie Night	10am - Sewing Group 6pm - 502 Basketball 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ABC	6pm - Congregation	6pm - 502 Basketball	
16	17	18	19	20	21	8pm - AA (ABC) @
9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	6:30pm - Vacation Bible School	6:30pm - Christian	10am - Sewing Group 6pm - 502 Basketball 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ABC	4pm - Worship & Music	6pm - 502 Basketball	
23	24	25	26	27	28	8pm - AA (ABC) @
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JULY 2023 WORSHIP TEAM

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7/9

7/16

7/23

7/30

Assisting Minister

10:00	Ann H	Cindy L	Diane K	Mark L	Renae B
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Acolyte/Communion Assistant

10:00	---	---	---	---	---
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Lector

10:00	Margi H	Denise P	John T	Dee L	Eric H
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Cantor

10:00	Laura R	Cindy L	Diane K	Laura R	Diane K
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Usher

10:00	Edie M	Joanne N	Melissa W	Ann H	Melissa W
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Altar Guild

Dinah H, Brenda P

Communion Prep

10:00	Brenda P	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

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