

### **Pastor's Note**

In June, the six-month agreement between St. John and Hope Buss expired, so Congregation Council has been considering next steps in the St. John-Hope Buss partnership.

Over the last few months, Hope Buss has continued to use our Young Hall kitchen to provide thousands of meals for hungry people in our city. Also, they are addressing Louisville's houslessness issues in new and effective ways. Everyone on council agrees that Hope Buss is a wonderful ministry. At the same time, some difficulties have arisen regarding the use of space, the regularity of kitchen cleanup and the quality of communication between St. John and Hope Buss. These kinds of difficulties can happen when a group is working on many tasks and depending on volunteers for most of them.

Nevertheless, cleanup issues need to be addressed. So, at its September meeting Congregation Council approved a kitchen cleanup checklist that is to be followed each time the kitchen is used. Also, Pr. Andy and Diane Kushman will serve as a temporary liaison committee to Hope Buss. This means that all major communications to Hope Buss will go through them. Minor communications of a practical nature can be made directly to Hope Buss personnel.

Anyone in the congregation with concerns or compliments about Hope Buss is asked to communicate those matters directly to Pr. Andy and Diane Kushman. Please do not ask or expect others to communicate for you.

Moving forward, Council has offered Hope Buss a three-month agreement in which these steps are laid out. Anyone who wishes to help improve our partnership with Hope Buss can do two things: 1. Consider joining Pr. Andy and Diane on the liaison team, and/or 2. Help cook and clean with Hope Buss volunteers and personnel when they are doing their work. It is a wonderful experience. People from a variety of churches, faith communities, races, classes and backgrounds cooperate in the same room to be a blessing in our community.

Making things like this happen is always very hard work. We are praying for God's wisdom and courage as we proceed. Thanks be to God.



### **Bishop Retiring**

This September, Bishop Gafkjen announced that he will retire next September, in 2024. In the meantime, preparations are being made for a Bishop's election at Synod Assembly, June 7-9 right here in Louisville. Bishop Gafkjen is stepping down so that he can help care for old parents and new grandchildren in his family.



## CHOIR DIRECTOR

### Choir Director Update

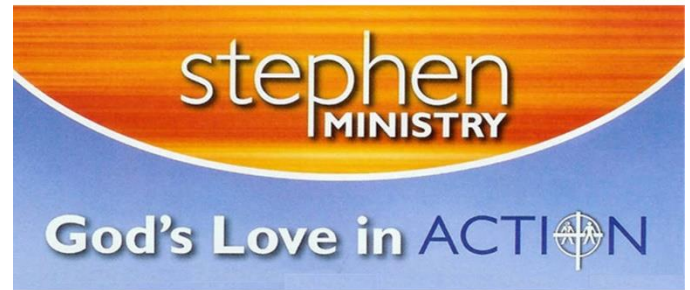
Isaac Smith and Denine LeBlanc will be co-directing the choir for this year. We are excited to have Isaac as part of our music team. Isaac has a master's degree in composition and has played for Advent and Lenten services at St. John. Denine will continue in her role as church musician, and shall add her insight and experience to our choir's ministry. Thanks be to God.



## Time, Talents & Treasure

### Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who provided input on how God is calling St. John to proclaim the Good News of Jesus in 2024. Council will meet October 1, pray over your ideas and discern goals for 2024. After that, we will ask each of you to support our witness to Christ's hope and power for next year. Please watch for letters, bulletin inserts, temple talks and videos outlining our goals and how we intend to meet them.



### Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry team invites you to join them on October 22 after worship as we consider the topic of senior living options. We will serve lunch and watch a short informative video after which we will discuss some of the senior living options available in Louisville. We especially invite those who are thinking of the possible options available for themselves, family members and friends and also those who have had experience in researching and making decisions about senior living situations for themselves or others. You are welcome to invite friends or family to join us. RSVP's to the church office are appreciated but not required.



### Activities Group

Activities Group is back in action. Pumpkin Walk at Iroquois Park. Meet at St. John, 5:00 P.M. Falls of the Ohio and lunch at Schemps, October 28.

FRIENDS

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**Friends in Faith**

After worship October 29. We will explore how even creepy things like Halloween belong to God.



**What's Your Schedule?**

Send youth and children's sports, performance or other event schedules to the church office and we will do our best to have someone attend, to cheer on our great young folks.



Share Your Stories

**St. John Stories**

150 Invitations or Stories about St. John by Christmas: As of mid-September, we have issued 102 invitations or stories about God's work at St. John. Keep up the good work!



**Financial Update**

Monthly Financial Update

	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23
Income	\$19,861	\$25,219	\$22,443
Expense	\$31,713	\$22,504	\$25,362
Result	(\$11,852)	\$2,715	(\$2,918)
(Income less Expense)			

This month we would have been almost even, except I paid an invoice twice. Oops. Next month my error will correct itself. We are significantly down for the year, and have yet to pay any benevolences. The council is reviewing options to reduce any unnecessary spending, and remains optimistic giving will increase during the coming holidays. 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.



**Newsletter & Bulletin Volunteers**

A special "Thank You" goes out to Ann Hovell and Patti McNellis. Patti assembles the weekly bulletin. Ann and Patti assemble the monthly newsletter. They give freely of their time and energy, and it is greatly appreciated! David McNease





## ALL SAINTS' DAY

### All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 5. During prayer time at worship this Sunday, we will light a candle and ring a bell to remember before God people in our congregation who have died in the year since last All Saints' Sunday. If you would like us to name other loved ones, please send their names to the church office with a note indicating they are for All Saints Sunday, and we will say their names as well and light a candle for them all.



### Baptism

We are delighted to announce that Trey Leister will be baptized at Sunday worship, October 15. Thanks Be To God!



### Newsletter Deadline

Please remember that the deadline to submit articles for the monthly *St. John Journal* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Articles received after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month may appear in next month's newsletter.



## *All-Church Potluck*

### Second Sunday Potluck

Second Sunday Potluck is October 8, after 10:00 Worship.

## *Blessing of the Animals*



### Blessing of the Animals

At worship October 1, we will have a Blessing of the Animals. Send in a photo of your pet, or bring one Sunday morning along with their name and we will say a prayer of blessing for them. If you would like to have a prayer of blessing for your animal in person, let Pr. Andy know and we can meet outside after church.



### Confirmation Class

1:00-4:00 October 15, at Ascension Lutheran Church, 13725 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville.



### October Birthdays

Jared Bailey	10/01
Jillian Bailey	10/01
Elizabeth Franklin	10/01
Yvonne Harrod	10/01
Katie Parks	10/05
Matthew Foster	10/06
Karen Karnes	10/07
Maxine Wines	10/07
Parker Dye	10/08
Kyle Novak	10/08
Bridget Beck	10/09
Rodney Hanson	10/10
Sue Miller	10/14
Spencer Elbert	10/18
Russell Lowen	10/19
Emerald Coleman	10/20
Marjorie Hahn	10/20
Jennifer Sturgeon	10/20
Brad Gordon	10/21
Jenna Nordstrom	10/23
Sara Reinking	10/23
Alison Stemler	10/24
Jake Manning	10/25
Stephen Oost	10/25
Steven Filardo	10/29
Betty Adkins	10/30
Linda Grumley DuFour	10/30



### October Anniversaries

Henry & Jennifer Huber, Jr.	10/04
Joseph & Lori Loiacano	10/08
Gary Ward & Patricia Coffey-Ward	10/11
G. Shawn & Shawn Hall	10/16
Bill & Debbie Lambert	10/17
Larry & Christi Elbert	10/18
Brian & Terri Pulford	10/18
James & Amanda Downey	10/24
Chad & Anna Newman	10/24
Daryle & Karen Karnes	10/28



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	2 6:30pm - Men's Group	3 6:15pm - Evangelism & 6:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Technology	4 Feast of St Francis of 9:30am - Bridge Club 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	5 Council Reports Due (1st 6pm - Executive	6	7 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
8 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 11am - Potluck Luncheon 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	9 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	10 5pm - Activities Group -	11 10am - Sewing Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	12 6pm - Congregation	13	14 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
15 Journal Deadline 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 1pm - Confirmation Class 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	16 6:30pm - Men's Group	17 6:30pm - Christian	18 10am - Sewing Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	19 4pm - Worship & Music	20	21 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
22 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 11am - Friends in Faith 12pm - Stephen Ministry 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	23	24	25 10am - Sewing Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	26	27	28 Activities Group - Falls of 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
29 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 11am - Friends in Faith 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	30 6:30pm - Men's Group	31 Halloween	1	2	3	4

## OCTOBER 2023 WORSHIP TEAM

	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22	10/29
<b><u>Assisting Minister</u></b>					
10:00	John N	Cindy L	Mark L	Diane K	Patti M
<b><u>Lector</u></b>					
10:00	John N	John T	Dee L	Denise P	Patti M
<b><u>Youth Lector</u></b>					
10:00	Lily B	Magdalene M	Alex	Lily B	Emilia M
<b><u>Cantor</u></b>					
10:00	Laura R	Cindy L	Cindy L	Diane K	Laura R
<b><u>Crucifer</u></b>					
10:00	Melvin G	Trey L	Melvin G	Gavin	Trey L
<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>					
10:00	Lily B	Magdalene M	Magdalene M	Lily B	Emilia M
<b><u>Usher</u></b>					
10:00	Ann H	Joanne N	Ann H	Melissa W	Edie M
<b><u>Communion Prep</u></b>					
10:00	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P
<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>					
	Dinah H, 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.*

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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**St. John Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, grace-based community proclaiming the gospel through word and deed.**

### Worship at St. John

#### Sunday

10:00 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.

### Church Telephone

#### & Fax Number

Phone: (502) 895-9320

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### Staff

Reverend Andy Rutrough

#### **Pastor**

David McNease

#### **Office Administrator**

TBD

**Youth Project  
Coordinator**

TBD

**Choir Director**

Dr. Denine LeBlanc

**Organist**