

Pastor's Note**Congregational Goals**

In spring of 2015, members of St. John "voted" on seven areas of emphasis, developed by a visioning committee in 2013. The seven areas of emphasis, in order of prominence in the 2015 voting, are as follows:

Leadership and Communication**Youth****Music****Education****Space within the Building****Seniors****Community Outreach**

Elsewhere in this edition of the Journal, you can find further descriptions of these areas of emphasis along with major goals achieved in the last two years. All of these areas contribute to our purpose as a congregation, to be "a Christ centered, grace based community proclaiming the Gospel through word and deed."

Now it is time to choose which areas we will focus on in 2017-2018. So, in the month of February, forms will be available at all worship services, inviting people to provide input on which areas of emphasis we should focus on in 2017-2018. Council will use those forms as well as other information to choose our areas of emphasis. Please fill out a form and turn it in by March 5.

Thank you,
Pr. Andy

Lenten Devotional

This year marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, an important time of reflection for us as Lutherans. The Evangelism committee has ordered copies of a devotional booklet called *Free Indeed*. The devotional invites us to reflect on Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* each day during the Lenten season with a brief reading from the *Catechism*, a reflection on that passage, and a prayer.

We are hoping that you will consider taking a copy for your home daily devotions.

For those who wish, Pr. Andy will lead a discussion of each week's readings in Diehl Hall during Sunday School hour, 10:00-10:45am, March 5 through April 23. (We will skip Easter Sunday because of Easter Breakfast.)

Please indicate your interest in joining the group each Sunday or as often as you can by signing up on the form next to the devotionals.

Copies of the devotional booklet are available in the Narthex, starting Feb. 19.

Congregational Meeting
February 19, after 11:00am
worship
Annual Reports and Goal Setting

St. John Lutheran Church

Sunday School Schedule 2016-2017

PreK - 2nd grade - Room 26
3rd thru 5th grade - Room 25
Middle and High School - Room 16

Feb. 5
Feb 12
Feb. 18 (President's Day weekend)
Feb 26:
March 5: (First Sunday of Lent)
March 12: (Daylight Savings Time Begins)
March 19
Mar 26
April 2
Apr. 9 (Palm Sunday)
Apr. 16 (Easter)
Apr. 23
Apr. 30
May 7
May 14 (Mother's Day)
May 21 **Last day of Sunday School**

Brunch in a Box

**St. John Intergenerational Gathering
Sunday, Feb. 19th @ 10am in Diehl Hall
during the Sunday School hour**

Bring a decorated shoe box (keep it anonymous) filled with brunch items for 2 people. These will be auctioned off and the highest bidder will collect and share with the box donor. Drinks will be provided.

Proceeds will go toward the Youth Trip to Houston. There are spare boxes in room 35 if anyone needs one. Please sign up on the sheet located on the Council bulletin boards.

Questions? Scarlett Mattingly, (502)429-8435, scarlett@cmsgis.com



What are the Youth up to?

January:

YouthQuake

- During the weekend of January 13th - 15th, ten of our youth attended the YouthQuake event in Cincinnati. The weekend included musicians and speakers.

Ice Skating

- On January 29th, the youth went Ice Skating at Iceland Sports Complex after late service.

February:

Broomball

- Coming up on Friday, February 10th, the youth will play broomball on the ice at Iceland Sports Complex, competing against youth from nearby congregations.

March:

Trivia Night

- Mark your calendars! On Friday, March 24th, we will be holding our Trivia Night Fundraiser! Keep an eye out for additional details in the bulletin! Proceeds from this event will go towards the National Youth Gathering trip in Houston in 2018.

Concert

Maggie Blair Owens, our new choir director will join Denine LeBlanc, our pianist/organist in a performance with the chamber ensemble, *les six* on Sunday February 26 at 3 pm in St. John's sanctuary.

The program will include diverse musical styles and genres along with a beautiful song cycle, entitled **Deepest Desire** by Jake Heggie. *les six* practices at St. John throughout the year and this concert is a way of showing the church their appreciation of the rehearsal space.

Magazines, Magazines, Magazines

Baptist Hospital needs all we can take to them. So, please bring us your magazines (they can be up to 3 years old) and ask for friends and neighbors for theirs. Please do not cut off the address label. We cover them with our church label. Thanks!

Let's Make Valentines

Saturday, February 4th, from 10am to 2pm

We will meet in Diehl Hall to make Valentines for Veterans and our homebound St. John members.

Supplies will be furnished, but please bring scissors.

Bring a sandwich for lunch. Chips, drinks and dessert will be served.

Everyone is invited to attend.



Via de Cristo

A Via de Cristo weekend retreat is a three-day course to review Christian fundamentals, discuss ways to live them actively, and learn some practical tools to keep them vital.

The heart and essence of a Via de Cristo retreat is to bring Christians to a full awareness of what is meant by living a life of Grace, adding new strength and vitality to your Christianity.

The Via de Cristo weekend begins on Thursday night and ends the following Sunday night. During the three days, those attending live and study together. Each day there is prayer, worship, communion, and singing. All for the purpose of gaining a deeper awareness of one's faith and the response that comes from such awareness.

Please keep an open heart and mind as you prayerfully consider attending a Via de Cristo weekend retreat. Many participants return from a Via de Cristo weekend with the desire to share that experience with others. Each person's experience attending a Via de Cristo weekend is unique. Your Via de Cristo weekend will be a gift from God, for you alone.

The upcoming fall weekends are: for men, March 2-5, 2017 and the women March 9-12, 2017 at Camp Lakeview in Seymour, Indiana. Check out the website inkyvdc.org.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact she Shawn Hall 502-494-0101 or he Shawn Hall 502-773-2835.

St. John Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Feb 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship	30 5:30pm - OLOL Basketball	31 5pm - TaeKwonDo 5:30pm - OLOL Basketball 6:30pm - WELCA	1 9:45am - Bridge Group 5:30pm - OLOL Basketball 6pm - Friendship Bible 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	2 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall 5pm - TaeKwonDo 5:30pm - OLOL Basketball 6:30pm - Executive	3 5:30pm - OLOL Basketball	4 10am - SOKY - yac 10am - WELCA Valentine's 8pm - AIAnon
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12 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12:15pm - Confirmation	13 6:30pm - Fellowship	14 Valentine's Day 5pm - TaeKwonDo 6pm - Property 6:30pm - Finance	15 Journal Deadline 6pm - Friendship Bible 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	16 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall 5pm - TaeKwonDo 6pm - RFBL - ABC 6pm - Worship & Music	17	18 10am - SOKY - yac 8pm - AIAnon
19 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12pm - Congregational	20 Presidents' Day	21 5pm - TaeKwonDo 7pm - Christian Education	22 6pm - Friendship Bible 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	23 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall 5pm - TaeKwonDo	24	25 10am - SOKY - yac 10am - W&M in DH @ DH 8pm - AIAnon
26 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12:15pm - Confirmation 3pm - les six Concert	27	28 5pm - TaeKwonDo 6pm - RFBL - ABC	1 9:45am - Bridge Group 6pm - Friendship Bible 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	2 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall 5pm - TaeKwonDo 6:30pm - Executive	3	4 9am - RFBL - DH 10am - SOKY - yac 8pm - AIAnon

February Birthdays

Morgan Hines	2/2
Jakob Njos	2/2
J. Herman Mahaffey	2/3
William Mattingly	2/5
Christi Elbert	2/6
Teresa Florence	2/6
Kim Hahn	2/7
Matthew Pulford	2/8
Lori Heslin	2/10
James Hines	2/11
Roger Caswell	2/12
Annabelle Krupp	2/13
Julie Nehring	2/13
Marla Newton	2/13
Noah Brown	2/15
Mitchell Swett	2/15
Kaleigh Coleman	2/16
Don Parson	2/17
Russell Perry	2/17
Richy Hann	2/18
Doug Kottke	2/18
Lucy Offutt	2/20
Betty Shumate	2/23
Nancy Hanson	2/24
Bob Goodin	2/25
John Nordstrom	2/26
Mary Lou Finley	2/27

February Anniversaries

Jim & Diane Kushman	2/13
James & Sharon Heck	2/14
Donald & Alice Fugate	2/17
Charles & Janet Heitmiller	2/24
Chuck & Brenda Lind	2/25

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee invites you to attend the next committee meeting, which will be held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Diehl Hall. Thank you for bringing your ideas and God-given talents to the meeting.

The Fellowship Committee needs your help with Sunday Pastries and Coffee. We are asking members of the congregation to set up before and/or clean up after each Sunday's Coffee and Pastries. If you would like to help out on a Sunday the sign up sheet is posted on the Diehl Hall kitchen refrigerator.

See Mrs. Shawn Hall for any questions.

Treasurer's Report for December

In December we spent \$32,999.40 and received \$41,145.16 which was an **\$8,145.76** surplus.

For the year we were even with money spent on expenses matching the money received. But again we did not pay all our benevolences; if we had we would have been \$12,000 short.

Divorce Recovery Louisville

Reassembling the pieces of a life after divorce is never easy. To help people going through this, Divorce Recovery Louisville offers its 36th annual Divorce Recovery Workshop.

Sundays, February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 5-7:30pm at Crescent Hill Baptist Church. Full details at divorcerecoverylouisville.org.

Events are free and open to the public, a light supper and childcare are also offered free of charge.

Areas of Emphasis and Goals Achieved

Leadership and Communication

Major Goals Achieved:

Lease, ongoing liaison committee with Friends School

Improved information on income/expenditure

Transparent, respectful conversations and decision on same sex marriage

Initiation of endowment committee to care for congregational endowment

Youth

Major Goals Achieved:

Youth council elected, participate in choosing and planning activities: two years

Youth Project Coordinator hired

Service projects now a regular part of youth activities

Music

Major Goals Achieved:

New choir director hired using transparent, thorough process

Cantor program for Psalm and other service music initiated

Choir has made successful transition and is growing

Choir party hosted at Denine's to increase sense of community

Christian Education

Major Goals Achieved:

Increase in number of teachers over the last two years

Increase in number of elementary age students

Friendship Bible Study rejuvenated in 2015 and 2016

Space

Seniors

Major Goals Achieved:

Most hospitalized persons visited at least once by pastor

Homebound persons brought communion monthly, visited bi-yearly by pastor

Community Outreach

Major Goals Achieved:

Quarterly service projects by adults, youth and children, including soap for homeless men, sweatpants for veterans, Thanksgiving baskets and birthday cake kits for St. MAM

Yard sale for apartment dwellers summer of 2016

Plus many other ministries.

FEBRUARY 2017 WORSHIP TEAM

2/5

2/12

2/19

2/26

Assisting Minister

8:45	Mrs. Shawn H.	Rebecca D.	Jen S.	Diane K.
11:00	Don F.	Mr. Shawn H.	Patti M.	Mark L.

Crucifer/Communion Asst

11:00	Natalie L.	Ally L.	RJ P.	Jake M.
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Lector

8:45	Mrs. Shawn H	Lisa Y	Jen S	Dinah H
11:00	Denise P	Dinah H	Lola H	Marco H

Ushers

8:45	Lisa Y and Lorrie M	Linda H and Ruthann S	Marlene & Roger K	Dinah & Paul H
11:00	Carmen M and Hoskins Family	Matt & Whitney A. Marty & Lisa D.	Sample Family Doug and Jake M.	House Family

Acolytes at 11:00am

	Haley T.	Jake and Terri M.	Nicholas S.	Holly P.
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Altar Guild

Month of February – Dee Lynch

Communion Prep

8:45	<i>Month of February – Jane Beckmann</i>
11:00	<i>Month of February – Sharon Heck and Brenda Lind</i>

**Send a cheerful note to
our members who are
“under the weather”
and/or can’t make it to
church services or
church events**

**If you would like a copy of the
addresses, please let Rebecca
know and she can email or
mail the list to you.**

Kay Becher
Joy LaRue
Vivian Lenberger

Lois Irwin
Sylvia Grass
J. Herman Mahaffey
Lorraine Beyer
Ott & Dot Pollei
Warner Wicke
Nancy Robinson

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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

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Worship on Wednesday

at 7:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Pastor

Rebecca Dimon

Administrative Assistant

Whitney Adkins

Youth Project Coordinator

Maggie Owens

Choir Director

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Organist

Mr. David Alcorn

Custodian