

Pastor's Note

This month a very important event is going to occur. It is the peaceful transfer of power from one president of the United States to the next. Whether you agree with one or the other, neither or both, things are going to change. And yet the reality of God has not changed. In our times of celebration, when we believe that things are going to get better, God is still with us. In our times of dismay, when we believe that things are going to get worse, God is still with us. God is still more powerful than any president or political movement, "better" or "worse" direction we can imagine. In either and all circumstances, God still challenges us and heals us.

From that challenge and healing, we follow the same callings that we have always followed: Care for family, do good work, tell the truth, help those in need, speak up for those who have less influence than we do, use our power as citizens for the good of all, keep our word.

All of us may not carry out these callings in the same way. This also is nothing new. The people of God have always disagreed on many issues. What may be changing is the necessity to understand one another. The days are passing when we can get away with living in our own comfortable bubbles, separate from those who differ from us. The Christian community is too small for that. The world is too small for that.

Differing from one another faithfully requires practice and forgiveness. It is difficult. It requires that we see the "other side" as real people. It requires that we build trust by working together. It requires that we believe Christ to be bigger than the things about which we disagree. If we are concerned primarily with advancing our own point of view, we will fail. If we are concerned primarily with making everybody happy, we will fail. The goal is to be clear and respectful, following the values Christ sets forth, in the midst of differences.

Some may say that's a recipe for paralysis. We will never get anything done. I disagree. I believe it's a recipe for focus. What will show Christ in a divided nation, a divided world? What will orient us beyond our own fears and dreams, to the cross that changes everything? That's what I'd like to know.

Pr. Andy

White Paraments

January 8 we will dedicate the white paraments, given in loving memory of Walter (Bud) and Thelma Puthuff by their daughters, Denise Puthuff and Dianna Mazzoni.

Thank you!

Pastor Andy and Thyne would like to thank everyone for all of the kind gifts, cards, goodies and prayers of blessing we received this season. It is a blessing to serve here.

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

Jan. 1: **No Sunday School**

Jan 8: Sunday School Resumes

Jan. 15 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend)

Jan 22

Jan. 29

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**



Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation

Beginning in mid-January, the Sunday School class that meets in the library will be watching and discussing the series of videos which looks at the literature of the Bible.

“Enjoy an intellectual adventure like no other in **Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation**, which offers a comprehensive, book-by-book analysis of the Bible from the fascinating perspective of literature and narrative. Delivered by religion scholar and acclaimed professor Craig R. Koester of Luther Seminary, these 36 lectures guide you through ancient stories, empowering you to engage with the books of the Bible as richly meaningful texts. You will get an unforgettably vivid sense of the Bible as a tale filled with complex characters, hidden meanings, and powerful life lessons.”

Good Giving Trees

Again this Advent, we gave animals to families in developing countries by "purchasing" a nest of chicks, a pig, goat, duck, sheep, school of fish, or cow for a family in the developing world.

Thanks to all of you, we were able to fill our barn with: 2 alpacas, 4 pigs, 7 goats, 5 chicks, 4 bees, 2 sheep, plus \$75 toward another alpaca AND Thrivent's matching gift of \$250 for a fish farm.



St. John Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Jan 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Coffee and</p> <p>11am - Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>New Year's Day observed</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6:30pm - Fellowship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5pm - TaeKwonDo</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6:30pm - Evangelism</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:45am - Bridge Group</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6pm - Friendship Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals</p> <p>6:30pm - VDC Group</p> <p>7:30pm - Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9am - Walk & Talk @ Mail</p> <p>5pm - TaeKwonDo</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6pm - RFBL - DH</p> <p>6:30pm - Executive</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am - RFBL - DH</p> <p>10am - SOKY - yac</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Coffee and</p> <p>10am - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>12:15pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6:30pm - Fellowship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5pm - TaeKwonDo</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6pm - Property</p> <p>6pm - RFBL - DH</p> <p>7pm - Men's Prayer &</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6pm - Friendship Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals</p> <p>6:30pm - VDC Group</p> <p>7:30pm - Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am - Walk & Talk @ Mail</p> <p>5pm - TaeKwonDo</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6:30pm - Congregation</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am - SOKY - yac</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Journal Deadline</p> <p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Coffee and</p> <p>10am - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>12:15pm - Youth Council</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5pm - TaeKwonDo</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>7pm - Christian Education</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6pm - Friendship Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals</p> <p>6:30pm - VDC Group</p> <p>7:30pm - Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9am - Walk & Talk @ Mail</p> <p>5pm - TaeKwonDo</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6pm - Worship & Music</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am - RFBL - DH</p> <p>10am - SOKY - yac</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Coffee and</p> <p>10am - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship</p> <p>12:15pm - Confirmation</p> <p>1pm - Rental - DH</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10am - Bridge Group @</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5pm - TaeKwonDo</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>7pm - Men's Prayer &</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6pm - Friendship Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals</p> <p>6:30pm - VDC Group</p> <p>7:30pm - Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9am - Walk & Talk @ Mail</p> <p>5pm - TaeKwonDo</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6pm - RFBL - DH</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10am - SOKY - yac</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:45am - Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Coffee and</p> <p>10am - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5pm - TaeKwonDo</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6:30pm - WIELCA</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:45am - Bridge Group</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6pm - Friendship Bible</p> <p>6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals</p> <p>6:30pm - VDC Group</p> <p>7:30pm - Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9am - Walk & Talk @ Mail</p> <p>5pm - TaeKwonDo</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p> <p>6:30pm - Executive</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30pm - OLOL Basketball</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am - SOKY - yac</p> <p>10am - WIELCA Valentine's</p>

January Birthdays

David Gladstone	1/1
Don Finley	1/2
Debbie Holt	1/5
Jim Kushman	1/5
Marshall Coleman	1/7
William Coleman	1/7
Ran Florence	1/7
Krysta Moore	1/7
Jack Jones	1/8
Meghan Kushman	1/9
Sarah House	1/9
Steve Njos	1/9
Madelyn Bartley	1/10
Gail Workman	1/10
Anna DuFour	1/11
Renee DuFour	1/11
Hannah Stemler	1/11
Linda DeVore	1/12
Warner Wicke	1/13
Carleigh Newman	1/15
Pat Pollock	1/15
Alen Coleman	1/16
Paul Konar	1/17
Christopher Kushman	1/17
Kate Mattingly	1/18
Jan Jensen	1/20
Natalie Lowen	1/20
Dave Booth	1/21
Coleman Geraci	1/21
James Williams	1/21
Ryan Hamsley	1/23
Laura Novak	1/23
Rica Brown	1/24
Lola Howard	1/24
Debbie Lambert	1/24
Mona Thevenin	1/24
Lois Dick	1/25
Abigail Brown	1/26
Christian Rapp	1/26
Sarah Ward	1/27

Jose Zellers	1/27
Channa Newman	1/30
Kayla Abbott	1/31

January Anniversaries

Don & Mary Lou Finley	1/5
Michael & Jennifer Jarrett	1/28

Book Club

We continue to meet at Homemade Pie and Ice Cream Kitchen, 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

January *The Nightingale*

February *The Revenant*

We always have a wonderful discussion. Join us if you would like to read.

Fellowship Committee

The fellowship committee invites you to attend the next committee meeting, which will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Diehl Hall. Thank you for bringing your ideas and God given talents to the meeting.

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**St. Matthews
Area Ministries**

**5%
Day**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 2017

**Whole Foods Market
will donate 5% of the days
sales to St. MAM**



JANUARY 2017 WORSHIP TEAM

1/1

1/8

1/15

1/22

1/29

Assisting Minister

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

Crucifer/Communion Asst

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

8:45	Mary Lou F.	Meg G.	Marlene K.	Rebecca D.	Lola H.
11:00	Don F.	Lois D.	Cindy L.	Sherley S.	Debbie U.

Ushers

8:45	Marlene & Roger K.	open	Ruthann S. and Linda H.	Barbara Hu. and Chet L.	open
11:00	Pulford Family	Matt & Whitney A. Marty & Lisa D.	Ann H, Rosie W Doug and Jake M.	Mary Jo S, Sample Family	House Family

Acolytes at 11:00am

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

Month of January – Dinah High

Communion Prep

8:45	<i>Month of January – Jane Beckmann</i>
11:00	<i>Month of January – Dawn Perry</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
Dot Pollei
Gladys Koltveit

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St. John Journal

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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