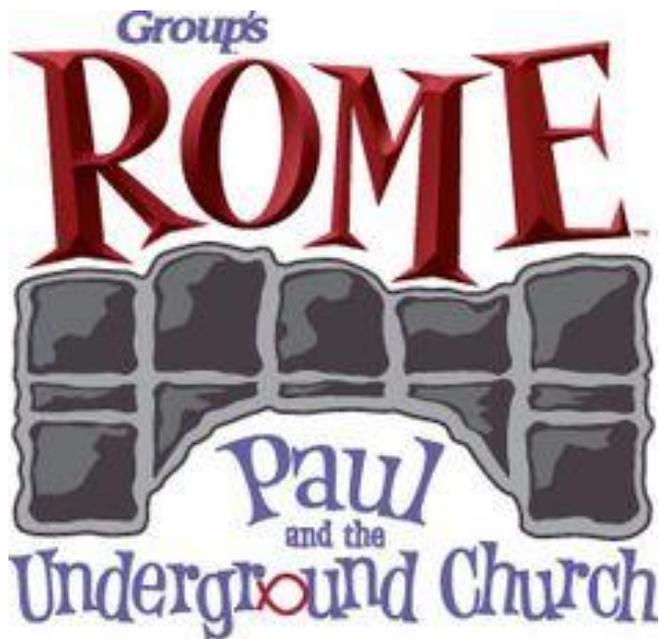


VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL



This summer's VBS is quickly approaching! We will be hosting our "Rome: Paul and the Underground Church" event here at St. John from Monday, July 17th through Friday, July 21st from 6:00 – 8:30pm.

Classes will be available for kids from 3-years-old through 6th grade, and registration forms are included in this newsletter and at the back of the church. Fill yours out and feel free to drop in the offering plate or in Whitney's mailbox near the church office. If you are an adult looking to attend a Bible study during our Roman adventure week, please let Whitney know!



We are still looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School! If you are available to teach a class, help with games or crafts, act on the drama team, or get involved in another way, then please fill out the form in this newsletter (also available in the back of the church) and drop it into the offering plate or into Whitney's mailbox. You can also just send an email (whitney.z.adkins@gmail.com) or call Whitney (724-316-7934) to discuss helping out!

Our own youth program coordinator, Whitney Adkins, has been hired by the South Central Conference of the Indiana Kentucky Synod to help the youth from the ELCA in greater Louisville to work together to go to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer. Congratulations Whitney!

Pastor's Note

Paul and the Underground Church

Vacation Bible School will take us to a new place this year. Yes, there will be crafts and songs and outdoor games and other fun things like we usually have. In addition, we will also be finding out what it was like to be a Christian in Paul's day. For example, there were no church buildings with steeples or white pillars then. People met in one another's homes. There were, perhaps, three thousand Christians in the entire world. They were not regarded as respectable in the least, because they associated with low-life scum like beggars and slaves. They were unpatriotic in that they would not even burn incense to the Emperor as a god. Everyone did that! It was dangerous to be a Christian. And yet, people joyfully followed Jesus. Why?

For the same reason we follow Jesus today. Because we have heard about God's crazy, upside down love for everyone. We have been touched by God's hope that challenges everything we have ever felt or known. God has healed us in our most brutal, broken places. Jesus has saved us.

If you have children or grandchildren, relatives or friends that would enjoy Vacation Bible School, please register them. If you have time July 17-21, please sign up to help from 6:00-8:30. If you can't get out, please pray for all the helpers and teachers during the time they are here. This is going to be a fun week with a slightly new twist. Thanks be to God.

Blessings,
Pastor Andy

Women of St. John

An organization to nurture and empower the women of St. John to better serve Christ, our church and our community.

Women's "Salad" Luncheon

August 20th

12:15 (after second service)

Come enjoy fellowship with the Women of St. John

Thanks to all who helped with the Yard Sale. Whether you brought treasures to sell, worked, priced, sorted or hauled, or just came and shopped, we appreciate all your support.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Diane Kushman at dpkushman@att.net.

New Caring Ministry to Be Added To St. John

On Sunday, August 6, at the 10:00am service, Pastor Andy & our St. John congregation will commission our first class of 12 Stephen Ministers.

These 12 dedicated members have been training 3hrs weekly since mid-April and are ready to begin their ministry.

Stephen Ministry is a worldwide Christian Caring Ministry with >600,000 trained Stephen Ministers in >12,000 congregations in all 50 states & 160 different denominations.

It was started in 1975 by the pastor of a Lutheran Church in St Louis, MO to train lay members to assist him in providing care to members who were dealing with one or more of Life's difficulties.

We thank God for these 12 members who have felt called to become Stephen Ministers & add to the Caring Ministries of our congregation. Please join us in praying that God will bless their Ministry.

Stephen Ministry Leaders: Carol & Bob Goodin

What are the Youth up to?

June:

Last month, our youth helped with the Women of St. John Yard Sale. They assisted with pricing items, set-up and clean-up, and calling attention to our sign out front to bring in customers! The youth want to thank the Women of St. John for their hard work on the event, and for giving them the opportunity to serve!

We also sent a handful of St. John youth to camp at Lutheran Hills last month! Some of them are just returning, so please feel free to ask them about their experiences!

July:

In July, many of our youth will be helping with Vacation Bible School the week of June 17th! We would love to have as many volunteers as we can get, so please let Whitney know if you would be able to help!

The Saturday that VBS is over (July 22nd), the youth will be heading to Renaissance Fun Park! Please let Whitney know if you are interested in coming, or if you have any questions!

August

Coming up in August, we will be holding a meeting with youth and parents about the National Youth Gathering (taking place in June of 2018 in Houston, TX). More details on the meeting to follow!

July Birthdays

Linda Hilbert	7/1
Chris Rapp	7/3
Kyla Eaton	7/4
Scarlett Mattingly	7/5
Douglas Bower	7/6

Mr. Shawn Hall	7/6
Zachary Jones	7/6
Roger Klingeman	7/6
Clay Wright	7/6
Jack Sturgeon	7/8
Betty Pauley	7/10
Greta Wiebusch Young	7/10
Chad Beck	7/11
Sally Molsberger	7/11
Evan Geraci	7/14
Amanda Downey	7/15
Amy Wilkerson	7/16
Renae Barkley	7/18
Geri Berglund	7/19
Lisa Konar	7/19
Lynn Kaiser	7/21
Penelope McCollum	7/22
Jim Bower	7/22
Charles Heitmiller	7/23
Mark House	7/25
Dianna Hunsinger	7/25
John Sturgeon	7/25
Patricia Gray	7/26
Luke Hoskins	7/26
Vivian Lenberger	7/26
Susan Parks	7/26
Ken Rube	7/26
Michael McCollum	7/27
Derik Novak	7/29
Linda Boley	7/30
E.J. "Al" Shumate	7/31

July Anniversaries

Doug & Terri Manning	7/10
Matthew & Julie Abbott	7/12
Jim & Paula Eaton	7/13
Matt & Deb Janes	7/15
Marc & Ann Hovell	7/26
Ken & Wendy Rube	7/26
Bill & Susan Parks	7/28

Friends School Garden Project

After consultation with Property Committee and Congregation Council, Friends School Liaison Committee has given permission for Friends School to build a raised-bed garden to be put in on the south end of the playground. The space will include four 2 x 8 ft. raised garden beds, plus space for mulched pathways in between and around the garden. Building will start in July. Friends School is responsible for maintenance, weeding, planting, harvesting, etc. It is a learning opportunity for children age preschool to middle school to learn about plants and ecosystems, practical mathematics like weighing vegetables and selling produce, and social studies. After all, where does our food come from? If the church or school should decide the garden needs to be dismantled, Friends School agreed to return the space to its former grass status.

Friends School would welcome anyone from St. John who would like to help with this project, either building the raised beds or working with the children in the garden. For purposes of safety, as with Sunday School and VBS, a background check will be done on anyone who has significant contact with children. This is a grand opportunity for those of us who love to garden and who enjoy working with children.

God's Work, Our Hands

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is an annual Evangelical Lutheran Church in America day of service. This year on September 10 we at St. John will join with other Lutherans throughout the country doing work that we hope will be a blessing to others. The Evangelism Committee considered many wonderful options and chose Kentucky Refugee Ministry (KRM) as an organization that is doing important work in our area and one where we could be of help. KRM provides services that help

refugees with basic needs as they adjust and settle into new lives here in Kentucky. They secure initial housing, assist families in obtaining needed documents and IDs and temporary benefits. The Refugee Ministry provides English as a second language classes, job readiness workshops, job development services, and cultural orientation classes ensuring refugees will be able to support themselves and their families and adapt to life in the United States.

One of the first things that KRM provides for refugees is a package of personal care items and that's where we come in. We plan to collect personal care items for men, women and children during July and August and then on "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday on September 10 meet to assemble the items into appropriate packets to be given to KRM for distribution. Included in each packet will also be a note of welcome for each recipient which volunteers will be writing on that day.

Evangelism Committee members and anyone else who is interested will have an opportunity to visit KRM's office at 969-B Cherokee Road. Please watch for specific information about the date and time. A current volunteer will speak at services on August 13 and a KRM staff person will speak on September 10.

Items to be collected are toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, lotion, combs, brushes, nail files and clippers. Men's kits would also contain a razor, deodorant, and shaving cream. Women's kits would contain deodorant, hair conditioner and 5-6 sanitary napkins. Collection boxes will be at both entrances beginning July 23.

Churchill Downs Christ Chapel Clothing Closet Needs

Most needed:

- blue jean or khaki pants size 36 and under (ladies 10 and under)
- Hooded sweatshirts
- Crewneck sweatshirts, jackets, winter coats
- T-shirts
- Tennis and work shoes, especially sizes 8 through 11
- New white crew socks
- Blankets, sheets, pillows, and pillowcases
- Work gloves and caps
- Personal care items: shapoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, razors, shaving cream, bar soap
- Bath towels, hand towels, washcloths
- Luggage, especially soft side and duffle type

Not usable:

- Dresses or skirts
- Frilly, silky, sequined under and outer clothing
- High-heeled shoes
- Sweaters unless tight knit. No button or zip up
- Anything made of/with wool
- Clothing with shoulder pads
- Housewares, home décor, knick-knack items
- Sporting goods
- Furniture
- Appliances of any type
- Electronics/television sets
- Toys/games

Community Yard Sale

Once again this August, St. John will host a community yard sale in our parking lot each Saturday in August.

Last year was the first year we offered our parking lot to community members to use a parking space as their “yard” to hold a yard sale. We had a lot of shoppers last year but not as many sellers as I had hoped.

This year, the format is the same: \$20 gets a parking space to sell your items. Setup will be from 7:30-9am with the sale running from 9am-1pm. I hope to have a food truck each weekend.

Members of St. John are welcome to participate. Please spread the word to both buyers and sellers. I have flyers available to anyone who would like some to distribute. If you live in an apartment or condo community, please consider posting one on any community bulletin boards you may have. The church is not allowed to “solicit” or “flyer” doors. I will contact the offices of the four apartment communities most immediately surrounding the church.

~~Rebecca

Book Club

We continue to meet the *second Tuesday* of each month at Homemade Pie and Ice Cream Kitchen on Lexington Road.

We welcome all readers, even those who just want to hear about the books.

Our next few books:

July *Woman of God* by James Patterson
August *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead

September *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* by Eric Metaxas

October *The Whole Town's Talking* by Fannie Flagg

November *The Great Reckoning* by Louise Penny

St. John Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Jul 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 11am - Worship 2pm - Stephen	26 5pm - TaeKwonDo	27 5pm - TaeKwonDo	28 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	29 9am - Walk & Talk @ 5pm - TaeKwonDo	30	1 8pm - AIAnon
2 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Worship 2pm - Stephen	3 5pm - TaeKwonDo 6:30pm - Fellowship	4 Independence Day Office Closed 7pm - Evangelism	5 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	6 9am - Walk & Talk @ 6:30pm - Executive	7	8 9am - RFBL - DH 8pm - AIAnon
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JULY 2017 WORSHIP TEAM

7/2 10:00am

7/9

7/16

7/23

7/30

Assisting Minister

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

Crucifer/Communion Asst

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

Mary Lou F	8:45	Betty P	Margi H	Lisa Y	Renae B
	11:00	Alice F	Don F	Sherley S	Barbara H

Ushers

Brian & Terri P	8:45	Dinah & Paul H	Don & Jan P	Marlene & Roger K	Ruthann S
Lisa Y					Linda H
	11:00	Matt & Whitney A Marty & Lisa D	Rosie W, Maryjo S Doug and Jake M	Ann & Marco H Bill & Gail W	House Family

Acolytes at 11:00am

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

Month of July – Diane K

Communion Prep

8:45	<i>Month of July – Jane B and Skip S</i>
11:00	<i>Month of July – Sharon H and Brenda L</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
Barbara Huber

Vivian Lenberger
Sylvia Grass
J. Herman Mahaffey
Lorraine Beyer
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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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