

## Pastor's Note

It's the tail end of winter. December, of course, was Christmas. January, we looked out the window at the gray or the snow and we felt little down, but that's okay because, honestly, it's healthy to feel a little down sometimes. Then February came and we begin to think, "Okay, that's enough down time," and we took a boost from Valentine's Day. Now it's March. It can seem like the trees have always been bare, like the sky will be gray forever. And sometimes in March, we get the worst snowstorm of the year. We are ready for spring!

Sometimes in our lives, we are ready for spring. Winter may have lasted over the course of a bad week, or month. Winter may have settled in for a long time. Whatever our circumstances, God promises a springtime. Jesus' resurrection stirs in the earth. It whispers with the wind in the branches that life is coming.

That's one reason why we practice Lent. We clear away the distractions of our lives so that we can hear the wind of God. We clear away the idols of our lives—the things that make us feel important and safe. Work, for example, is important, but it does not make us who we are and it will not keep us safe. Money, health, even family are important, but they are not God. They do not give us significance or meaning. Instead, they are expressions of God's love, windows through which we can see the significance and meaning that God has given us already.

If everything is gray for a while, the idols of our lives become less loud, less glaring and terrifying. They fade, so that we can see the life beneath, the coming resurrection that made them bright in the first place. Love family. Work hard. Take care of health. Steward money. But to the degree that they are idols, let them fade. The presence of God moves beneath them. Watch for that.

God's Blessing,  
Pastor Andy

### Lenten Bible Study

Sunday School hour, 10:00-10:45am, Pr.  
Andy will review the Gospel of Mark.

### Wednesdays in Lent

*6:00 Soup Supper.* Wednesdays, through March 21<sup>st</sup>. Dinner will be served until 7:15. Come before choir and join us for choir practice at 6:30, or come later and visit until 7:30. Please sign up to make your favorite soup or bread!

*7:30 Lenten Worship.* This year we are using a form of worship called Taizé. This is a contemplative, quiet kind of singing that helps us relax, set aside the stresses of our daily lives, and open ourselves to God. Holy Communion is offered at this service as well as a brief homily.

### Prayer Vigil

Please sign up or just join us for a half hour or an hour, between 8:00am and 8:00pm on Holy Saturday, March 31. We will pray for peace, poverty and people. Specific petitions can be put in the bowl beside the candles in the Sanctuary.

## Holy Week

### Maundy Thursday: March 29, 7:30pm

This year on Maundy Thursday we will observe the ancient tradition of foot washing. Those who wish to may have their feet washed during the service. No one is required, but this is a humbling, intimate way to be reminded of our vulnerable humanity, and of God's serving love for us. We will celebrate Holy Communion and observe the stripping of the altar as well.

### Good Friday: March 30, 7:30pm

At the Good Friday service we remember and give thanks for Christ's saving us at the cross. We will read the Passion According to St. John. This is a somber, deep, and loving service.

### Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil: March 31, 8:00am to 8:00pm.

We wish to have at least one person in the sanctuary during this time; praying for peace, for the eradication of poverty, and for persons for whom members of the congregation have requested prayers.

### Easter Egg Hunt: March 31, 10:00am to- 12:00pm

The Youth will host an Easter egg hunt. This year we are inviting the community. We will have an Easter egg hunt, share the Easter story, participate briefly with the prayer vigil, and (if we can get a bouncy house) jump around in a bouncy house for a while!

Bring kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, neighbor kids and folks you meet on the street. It'll be fun!

### Easter Sunday! 8:45am and 11:00am

We will have trumpet accompaniment, lilies, and most important, the Good News that Jesus is risen from the dead! Please invite a friend or family member that you feel might be blessed by this proclamation of the resurrection.

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Return on Investment, or ROI, applies to us as good stewards. God has invested in us and entrusted us with all of creation so we may live abundantly. What will His return on investment be from us?

### Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be back in the Narthex on Palm Sunday and Easter in the hope of replenishing Pastor's discretionary fund. He is always in need of gift cards from Target, Kroger, and Wal-Mart to give to those in need.

Thanks for your help,  
Evangelism Committee



Do you have a new address?

Do you have a new cell phone number?

Have you gotten rid of your landline?

Has anyone in the household moved out to a new address?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes" then please let the office know. You can email, call, or fill out the Welcome Slip on a Sunday or Wednesday.

## Book Club

We continue to meet the *second Tuesday* of each month at 6:30pm 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 2018 books:

**Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>** – *The House on the Lagoon* by Rosario Ferret

**Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>** – *Victoria and Abdul* by Shrbani Basu

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – *Brain on Fire* by Susannah Calahan

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** – *Boone* by Robert Morgan

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** – *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande

**Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>** – *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan

**Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** – *Seven Lessons from Heaven: How Dying Taught Me to Live a Joy-Filled Life* by Mary C. Neal

**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** – *Endurance* by Scott Kelly

**Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** – *Martin Luther* by Eric Metazis

A fun filled year of reading!



## What Are the Youth Up To?

### February:

In February, the youth had a very busy schedule of overnight trips! They attended Bishop's Day in Indianapolis on February 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> and YouthQuake in Cincinnati on February 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. A good time was had on both trips!

On Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, the Youth hosted their annual Trivia Night fundraiser, with the help of other Youth groups throughout our Conference! As of print time, we had 16 tables reserved and 9 raffle baskets available. We will provide an update on how everything went after the event!

### March:

On Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, St. John will host the next Conference-wide youth meeting in preparation for the National Youth Gathering in Houston.

After taking February off due to the Youth's busy schedule, the Contemporary Worship Service will resume in March! This month's service will take place on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

On Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Youth are planning to host an Easter Egg hunt for the young kids. Look for more details (in addition to the ones found in this Journal) in the bulletin as the date approaches!

### April:

On Easter Sunday (April 1<sup>st</sup>), the Youth will be helping with the Easter Sunday Breakfast, which will be held in the Activity Center between services.

## Women of St. John

We want to say a big "Thank You" to Margi Hahn for keeping our bulletin board going! Right now, you can check out the Valentine/quarterly meeting event. It was a fun morning!

You can also find our year calendar posted and extras that you can take. It has most of our events for the rest of the year and meeting times for the small groups. Get those dates in your calendar now! No excuses! Ha-ha! Next event is the spring quarterly meeting April 8th after second service with a meal as usual. See you there!

At the February meeting, we voted to donate \$500.00 each to Twisted Pink (in memory of Lynne Givens), LifeHouse, and a table fund for St. John to start to replace the round tables. This money was our profit from the Craft Fair. I'd say we did a great job!

Working with Property and Finance, we started the table fund when we realized just how expensive replacing those tables would be. Yes, people have looked into fixing them but that would also be expensive and we would likely have the same issue again. At this time, no specific tables have been selected. We just know they will need to be replaced and the church budget can't afford it. Please consider donating to it if you can.

We would still like to start a fourth small group. Groups meet monthly for about an hour. We provide the short, fun Bible lesson. It's a wonderful way to get to know each other and build relationships. Each group leads an event and the meal for a quarterly meeting. (The group takes the lead, everyone helps with the work!) If you are interested please let us know.

## March Birthdays

Lloyd Bryant	3/1
Terri Manning	3/1
Samantha Ward	3/1
Lauren Janes	3/2
Kathryn Voss	3/3
Timothy Newton	3/3
Deidree Whitworth	3/3
Annabelle Kratzwald	3/4
Mia Howard	3/6
Jacquelyn Tinsley	3/6
Felicia Dick	3/7
Gloria Wynn	3/9
Connie Schumacher	3/12
Sharon Heck	3/13
Ava Eaton	3/15
Leah Tabler	3/15
Margaret Carmen Malone	3/17
Emily Uldrich	3/18
Ava Florence	3/19
Collin Downey	3/20
Jack DuFour	3/21
Lorraine Beyer	3/22
Doug Manning	3/22
Daryle Karnes	3/23
Dianna Mazzoni	3/23
John Wright	3/23
Carin Wicke	3/24
Carolyn Kraft	3/25
James M. Eaton	3/26
Helen Lauterbach	3/27
Emily Njos	3/27
Elizabeth Schumacher	3/28
Ethan Abbott	3/31
Hailea Gentry	3/31
Avery Hoskins	3/31

## March Anniversaries

Pete & Terri Dallas	3/16
Jack & Jennifer Sturgeon	3/23

## MARCH 2017 WORSHIP TEAM

**3/4**

**3/11**

**3/18**

**3/25**

*daylight saving time starts*

**Assisting Minister**

8:45	Rebecca D	Jen S	Mrs. Shawn H	Diane K
11:00	Terri M	Doug M	Mark L	Mr. Shawn H

**Crucifer/Communion Asst**

11:00	Jake M	Ally L	Nicholas S	Amber L
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**Lector**

8:45	Rebecca D	Susan B	Marlene K	Mary Lou F
11:00	John N	Cindy L	Debbie U	Lola H

**Ushers**

8:45	Lisa Y Jennifer S	Nancy & Barry F	Mary Lou & Don F	Christi & Larry E
11:00	Margi H, Rosie W Terri & Brian P	Terri and Jake M, Maryjo S, Rosie W	John B & Debbie U Ann H, Edie M	Chet L, Ann H Bill & Gail W

**Acolytes at 11:00am**

Amber and Madelyn	Kai and Ally	Ben and Nicholas	Lauren and Amber
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**Altar Guild**

*Month of March – Scarlett M*

<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	<u>Good Friday</u>
Lector – Lois D	Dinah H

**Communion Prep**

8:45	<i>Month of March – Jane B</i>
11:00	<i>Month of March – Connie S</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.**

Joy LaRue  
Barbara Huber  
Vivian Lenberger  
Sylvia Grass

J. Herman Mahaffey  
Lorraine Beyer  
Ott & Dot Pollei  
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.

### Church Telephone

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