

**Pastor's Note**

Well, it has happened again. I thought the world had gone bare cold. The trees were leafless, had been so for such a long time, I had stopped noticing. Then I look up and these tiny buds are beginning to break out. Shiny, curled hints of curled green fuzz against the stark line of branch against sky. I think, "Can't happen. Gray frost will cut it off again soon enough." Then one day I look up and there's a party going on above me. Trees are waving their arms in the air as if swaying to some great reggae tune. Leaves are flipping back and forth in the sun as if dancing at a wild beach party. It's outrageous, inordinate, over the top, outre'. It's spring.

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

---Martin Luther

Blessings,  
Pastor Andy

Time and Talent forms are being sent to all members. They will also be available in the Narthex throughout the month of May, and we will take a couple of minutes before worship to think and pray about them on May 14 and 21. Please prayerfully consider your calling at St. John, fill out a form and serve.

Memorial Day: If you have a loved one, friend or family member who has died in military service and whom you would like to be remembered in prayer on Memorial Day Sunday, May 28, please send their names to the church office, with a guide in how to pronounce it. We will say as many of the names as possible during the prayers.

Pentecost: if you speak a language other than English, and are willing to read a brief passage in that language during church, please contact Pr. Andy. He is looking for four or five people who can help with the reading on Pentecost, when we remember how God blessed the disciples to tell God's deeds in many different languages.

Bears: The basket of bears on the table beside the TV in the overflow section of the Narthex is available for anyone who wishes to convey a message of prayer and love from the congregation. Anyone may take a bear and give it to someone grieving, ill or just a little down. We have prayed for persons who will receive the bears, and they include a note of support from our community of faith.

**Fellowship Committee**

Thank you for signing up to bring pastries for our fellowship hour on Sundays. The sign-up sheet is posted on the Diehl Hall kitchen refrigerator.

**Save the date....**

On June 4, 2017, we will be having "1" combined service to honor our confirmands. There will be a pot luck luncheon following the service to celebrate with our newly confirmed youth. Please plan on attending.

## What are the Youth up to?

### St. John Lutheran Church Sunday School Schedule 2016-2017

PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Room 26

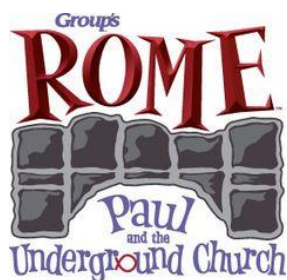
3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade - Room 25

Middle and High School - Room 16

May 7

May 14 (Mother's Day)

May 21 **Last day of Sunday School**



It's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School (July 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>). The theme will be "Rome - Paul and the Underground Church."

Whitney Adkins will be the VBS Coordinator and we need many, many volunteers to support her! It takes a village to pull off a major project of this nature. Forms for volunteers, supplies to donate and registration are included in this Journal and will be available in the Narthex.

Contact Whitney, Nancy Robinson or Scarlett Mattingly to see how you can help.

#### April:

Over Easter weekend, the youth hosted an Easter Egg hunt for the kids, and helped our Fellowship Committee with Easter Brunch! Many of our youth brought homemade dishes for the brunch, to share their family traditions with the rest of the congregation. Saturday's egg hunt had 10 participants, and Sunday's brunch raised over \$380!

#### May:

Our lock-in has been rescheduled to May 19<sup>th</sup>! Youth – let Whitney know if you are interested in attending! Parents – let Whitney know if you may be able to chaperone!

#### June:

It's time for our youth to register for Lutheran Hills summer camp! Here are the age ranges and dates. Please keep in mind that the campers must be ENTERING the grade indicated this fall:

- 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Please see Whitney for cost details, and let Whitney know if you are interested in going to camp this year, as we are hoping to get everyone registered soon!

## Women of St. John

Here is where we stand right now.

After several meetings, it was decided to leave the National WELCA organization but retain a women's group. A transition committee was formed to give us a starting place. These ideas were voted and agreed on at the last meeting.

The Women of St. John (our new name) will be small group based. The small groups will meet at their convenience to Bible study and/or socialize in order to form closer friendships. The small groups will also take on different responsibilities throughout the year to accomplish projects voted on by the organization at large instead of forming more committees.

If you would like to join a small group, please let us know.

Quarterly, we will have a meeting for the group at large to plan projects and socialize as a whole.

The officers elected are as follows:

Diane Kushman, President

Margi Hahn, Vice President

Marlene Klingeman, Secretary

Patti McNellis, Treasurer

The term runs till January with new elections to be held in November so new officers can shadow for 2 months before taking office.

Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have questions or concerns.

We are continuing the annual Yard Sale which will be on June 17th. Start cleaning out those closets and basements and bring all those treasures to church the evenings of June 14, 15, & 16. We appreciate your

continued support. Half of the earnings will again go to the youth.

The Women of St. John is an organization for all women, 21 yrs old and older. We would love for every woman in St. John to join us. If you only want limited involvement, that's great. If you want to be involved in everything, that's great too. Please let us know. As we post different projects throughout the year, if something strikes your fancy, we would love for you to join us. You are always welcome!



### 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:

May *Warrior Monk* by Ray Keating

June *Ray & Joan: The Man Who Made the McDonald's Fortune and the Woman Who Gave It all Away* by Lisa Napoli

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

**Save the date....**

May 21, 2017

Fellowship is sponsoring an outing to go see....

Louisville Bats vs. Columbus Clippers



Sunday, May 21, 2017

2:05 pm

\$8.00 per ticket

Concert to follow game

Please pay by cash or check (made out to St. John) ASAP!!

See Terri Manning or Shawn Hall for tickets.

Deadline May 8, 2017

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WJIE Faith Day Concert

"Building 429"

will be playing on the field after the game.

Looking forward to seeing you at the game!

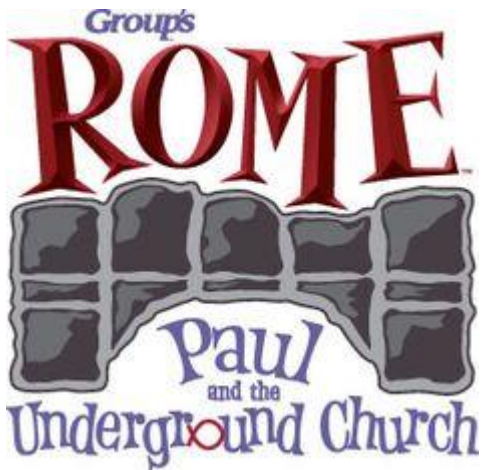


## May Birthdays

Tom Johnson	5/1
Kendall Beck	5/3
Sherley Sample	5/3
Grace Adkins	5/5
Mrs. Shawn Hall	5/6
Allison Lynch	5/6
Alex Coleman	5/9
Kylee Beck	5/10
Lori Loiacano	5/10
Rebecca Dimon	5/11
Tyler Lynch	5/11
Terri Pulford	5/17
Barbara Huber	5/18
Otto Pollei	5/18
Kim Swett	5/18
Lisa Young	5/19
Diane Kushman	5/20
Lee Stevens	5/20
Bernard Hukee	5/21
Jan Foshag	5/22
Kyle Hamsley	5/22
DeLea Cracraft	5/23
Laura Nehring	5/23
Florence Bright	5/27
Owen Uldrich	5/27
Meg Garl	5/30
Carolyn Wicke	5/31

## May Anniversaries

James & Cheri Hines	5/14
Mike Murray & Lynn Kaiser	5/16
Jen Stanfield & Rebecca Dimon	5/19
Eddie & Dianna Hunsinger	5/24
John & Lea Goff	5/25
Marty & Lisa Dick	5/27
Mark & Dee Lynch	5/28
John Burford & Debbe Utz	5/31



**St. John Vacation Bible School  
2017**

**Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Participant  
Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members participating in Rome \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home church \_\_\_\_\_

Name a special friend your child might like to be with \_\_\_\_\_

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Fill out and return to church, either in the offering plate, Whitney's mailbox, or the Christian Ed mailbox. We will have copies available at church, also.

**St. John Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States**

**May 2017 (Eastern Time)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12:15pm - Confirmation 2pm - Stephen Ministers -	1 10am - Women's Bible 5pm - TaeKwonDo 6:30pm - Fellowship	2 5pm - TaeKwonDo 7pm - Evangelism	3 9:45am - Bridge Group 6pm - Friendship Bible 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	4 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mail 5pm - TaeKwonDo 5:30pm - Basketball Skills 6:30pm - Executive	5	6 8pm - AIAnon
7 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 2pm - Stephen Ministers -	8 10am - Mom's Club - DH 5pm - TaeKwonDo 6pm - RFBL Yoga - YAC	9 5pm - TaeKwonDo 6pm - Property 6:30pm - Finance	10 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	11 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mail 5pm - TaeKwonDo 5:30pm - Basketball Skills 6:30pm - Congregation	12	13 8pm - AIAnon
14 Mother's Day 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 2pm - Stephen Ministers -	15 Journal Deadline 10am - Women's Bible 5pm - TaeKwonDo	16 5pm - TaeKwonDo 7pm - Christian Education	17 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	18 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mail 5pm - TaeKwonDo 6pm - RFBL - ABC 6pm - Worship & Music	19 Youth Lock-in	20 8pm - AIAnon
21 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12:15pm - Confirmation 2pm - Bats Baseball Game 2pm - Stephen Ministers -	22 5pm - TaeKwonDo	23 5pm - TaeKwonDo	24 Last Day of School 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	25 Goodwill Luncheon - ABC 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mail 5pm - TaeKwonDo	26	27 8pm - AIAnon
28 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 11am - Worship 2pm - Stephen Ministers -	29 Memorial Day 5pm - TaeKwonDo	30 5pm - TaeKwonDo 6pm - RFBL - ABC	31 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsals 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	1 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mail 5pm - TaeKwonDo 6:30pm - Executive	2	3 12pm - Private Rental - YAC 8pm - AIAnon

# MAY 2017 WORSHIP TEAM

	<b>5/7</b>	<b>5/14</b>	<b>5/21</b>	<b>5/28</b>
<b><u>Assisting Minister</u></b>				
8:45	Rebecca D	Jen S	Mrs. Shawn H	Diane K
11:00	Mr. Shawn H	Patti M	Mark L	Don F
<b><u>Crucifer/Communion Asst</u></b>				
11:00	Natalie L	Ally L	RJ P	Jake M
<b><u>Lector</u></b>				
8:45	Lisa Y	Dinah H	Jen S	Mrs. Shawn H
11:00	Lola H	Marco H	Mary S	Denise P
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>				
8:45	Dinah & Paul H	Jan & Don P	Linda H and Ruthann S	Marlene & Roger K
11:00	Brian & Terri P Gail & Bill W	Matt & Whitney A Marty & Lisa D	Rosie W, Maryjo S Doug and Jake M	House Family
<b><u>Acolytes at 11:00am</u></b>				
	Haley T	Jake and Terri M	Holly P	Nicholas S
<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>				
	<i>Month of May – Jan Jensen</i>			
<b><u>Communion Prep</u></b>				
8:45	<i>Month of May – Jane B</i>			
11:00	<i>Month of May – Rose Mary &amp; Sherley S</i>			

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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**

**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  
Sylvia Grass  
J. Herman Mahaffey  
Lorraine Beyer  
Ott & Dot Pollei  
Warner Wicke  
Lloyd Bryant

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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 & Fax Number

Voice: 502-895-9320

Fax: 502-895-3979

### E-mail

[stjohn@stjohnlutheranky.org](mailto:stjohn@stjohnlutheranky.org)

*Office*

### Staff

Pastor Andy Rutrough

*Pastor*

Rebecca Dimon

*Administrative Assistant*

Whitney Adkins

*Youth Project Coordinator*

Maggie Owens

*Choir Director*

Dr. Denine LeBlanc

*Organist*

Mr. David Alcorn

*Custodian*