

Pastor's Note

Lutherans generally do not like to talk about the Holy Spirit. First of all, the Scriptural images for the Spirit do not fit into comfortable containers but instead, burst out. For example, the Wind of God at creation is the same as the Spirit of God at creation which is the same as the Breath of God at creation. But what is the Spirit of God doing hovering or blowing or brooding over the waters of Chaos? How long has it been there? What function does it serve? No answer. It's just there.

Or the Spirit as it comes in prophecy—prophets go into these ecstatic states. They do strange things like Isaiah running around naked to illustrate how Israel will be led off naked by the king of Assyria, or Ezekiel preaching to a valley full of bones.

In the New Testament, Stephen sees a vision of Jesus by the Holy Spirit while he is dying. And Phillip is swept up by the Spirit from one place to another. How? It doesn't say. To what end? Transportation? Then why does he have to walk everywhere else?

And then we hear about these Christian communities which say that the Holy Spirit causes them to speak in tongues or heal or prophesy or jump up and down with their hands in the air. What do we do with that?

Here is a hint. The Holy Spirit is the spark of fire that gets us going. It's the glimpse of beauty that makes us smile on a bad day. It's the insight that rattles around in our

heads for six months before getting us to ask a question. It's the space of mystery between study of Scripture and faith in God. It's the embrace of music that becomes the welcome arms of Christ. It's the moment of freedom when we decide to stand up for what is right. It's the lifestyle of compassionate choices that show the world what love is.

May 20 is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. We will have Confirmation and a special reading of the Pentecost lesson. But really, every day is Pentecost. Every day God comes to us in unexpected, wondrous and indefinable ways. So, keep your senses open for it: the smell of food, the sound of a voice, the depth of a color, the touch of a loved one, the breath of an idea. All of them can manifest the call of God, the fire of life.

God's Blessing,

Pastor Andy

Confirmation: On Pentecost, May 20, two of our youth will be confirmed: Holly Perry and Nicholas Schumacher. We give thanks to God for these great young people and pray for them on this special day.

On Pentecost, May 20, we will have a special reading of the second lesson which includes a combination of languages. If you know a language other than English and would be willing to read in that language on Pentecost, please contact Pr. Andy by May 12.

Contacting Those We Have Not Seen

Lately: The congregation's constitution requires that we review our membership roster every year. As part of that process, in May and June, we will be calling various St. John members whom we may not have seen in the last couple of years, to ask how they are doing and whether they have any prayer concerns they would like us to pray for. Please keep this work in your prayers.

Synod Assembly is May 31, June 1 and 2. Pr. Andy and Marty and Lisa Dick are attending. Please keep them and the whole synod in your prayers.

Adult Sunday School News

Pr. Andy is leading a class to examine issues raised by a movement called The Poor People's Campaign: A Call for National Moral Revival. Based on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Poor People's Campaign, this movement seeks to address issues of poverty that strike persons of all races and backgrounds. After presenting the campaign, we will have sessions discussing some of the concerns that arise from it.

In these conversations, we will communicate respect through manner of speech, body language and attentiveness, speak as clearly as we can, allow others to speak, listen, assume integrity and good faith on the part of those with whom we disagree and assume there is someone in the room you deeply care about who disagrees with you.

If there are other concerns of a societal nature that people wish to discuss, we can take them up later in the spring or fall, under the same guidelines.

Evangelism Notes

Thank you for your generosity for loading our Giving Tree will gift cards and cash to fill Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

A Reminder: Please don't cut the name and address label off your donated magazines. We place a label over the address and if you have removed the address area we can't use the magazine. If you would like to use a marker to ink over your information, that would be acceptable.

Thank you for all of your magazine donations!!

Blessings: Don't forget about the Basket of Blessings in the overflow area. The stuffed bears are available for you to take to a friend or family member who needs a pick-me-up and/or a reminder of God's love and blessings.

Women's Bible Study

The Bible Study group met on April 30th instead of May 7th. Regular schedule resumes on May 21st.

Notes from Fellowship

Fellowship sponsors a coffee & pastry hour on Sundays, 9:45am – 10:45am in Diehl Hall. We would like to thank ALL the volunteers who help make this event possible! The sign-up sheet is on the refrigerator in Diehl Hall.

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:

May 8th – *Brain on Fire* by Susannah Calahan

June 12th – *Boone* by Robert Morgan

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

Aug. 14th – *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan

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

Oct. 9th – *Endurance* by Scott Kelly

Nov. 13th – *Martin Luther* by Eric Metaxas

A fun filled year of reading!



Women of St. John

Start your spring cleaning and save what you no longer want for the yard sale June 16th. The yard sale will again share half the profits with the youth group. You can bring all your treasures to church June 13 - 15 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Let us know if you need items picked up. Thanks again for your support!



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.



On behalf of Worship & Music and the Altar Guild, I want to thank everyone for their hard work making palm crosses and getting the church ready for Easter this year. It takes a group of wonderful people to help do all the behind the scenes work to make it a fabulous celebration. Thank you so much.

Dinah High

What Are the Youth Up To?

April:

On Easter Sunday, April 1st, the youth helped with the Easter Breakfast between services. The free-will offering brought in nearly \$300 that will go towards the youth trip.

On Sunday April 15th, St. John hosted a Conference-wide meeting with youth and chaperones for the National Youth Gathering to go over the schedule that has been released. The trip is fast approaching, and everyone is getting very excited!

May:

On Friday, May 11th, the youth are planning a trip to House of Boom for their "Club Boom" hours. Please let Whitney know if you are interested in going!

On Sunday, June 20th, St. John will host the next installment of the National Youth Gathering curriculum meetings. This will be the last curriculum-based meeting before the trip to Houston.

June:

In June (date TBD), the youth will have their final meeting leading up to the National Youth Gathering, at which point we will go over the last of the schedule details to be released, and what to pack!

On Tuesday, June 26th, the youth will be departing by bus to Houston for the National Youth Gathering! The event will take place at NRG Park over five days, and we will arrive back in Louisville on Monday, July 2nd.

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

Backside Ministry Clothing Closet

These are the most needed items:

Blue Jeans or Khaki pants – sizes: men’s
36 and under, women’s 10 and under
Sweatshirts, jackets, winter coats, rain
jackets, ponchos

T-shirts

Tennis and work shoes – especially size
6 through 11

NEW white crew or long socks

Full size blankets, sheets, pillows, and
pillowcases

Work gloves and caps

Personal care items: shampoo,
toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant,
razors, etc.

Bath towels, hand towels, washcloths

Luggage – especially soft side and duffle
style

*Please leave donations in the green bins
outside Diehl Hall marked “Backside
Ministries”*

*Items not usable by the racing
community and can’t be accepted:*

Dresses or skirts

Filly, silky, sequined under and outer
clothing

High-heeled shoes, purses

Anything made of/with wool

Clothing with padded shoulders

Housewares, home décor, knick-knack
items

Sporting goods

Furniture

Large appliances

Electronics/TVs

Toys/games

Children’s clothing



Altar Flower Chart

The 2018 Flower Chart has plenty of slots for you to sign up for flowers for special Sundays for the rest of the year. Each Sunday has two slots available. You may take both slots or just one. Each slot is \$22.50 (\$45 for both). After the second service on your Sunday of choice you may take your flowers.

West End School

Thank you to all who contributed change, donated food, cooked and helped serve meals at WES this year. It was a huge success. The boys enjoyed the meals. Sandra (WES volunteer meal coordinator) really appreciated the change to use when lunch meals ran short or to buy things like drink mix to serve with the meals. We won't cook any more this school year. Council will be given a schedule for next year and will decide if we want to continue to do this. THANK YOU!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School for 11am - Worship 12:30pm - Stephen 12:45pm - Confirmation	30 10am - Women's Bible	1 6:30pm - Evangelism	2 9:45am - Bridge Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Fellowship 7:30pm - Worship	3 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall 6:30pm - Executive	4	5 Cinco de Mayo 8pm - AIAnon
6 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School for 11am - Worship	7	8 6:30pm - Book Club 6:30pm - Property	9 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	10 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall 6:30pm - Congregation	11	12 8pm - AIAnon
13 Mother's Day 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School for 11am - Worship 12:45pm - Confirmation	14 10am - Care & Concern 10am - Mom's Club - DH	15 Journal Deadline 7pm - Christian Education	16 5:30pm - Quest Stars 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	17 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall 6pm - Worship & Music	18 5:30pm - School Rental	19 5:30pm - Contemporary 8pm - AIAnon
20 Confirmation Sunday 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School for 11am - Worship 12:15pm - Youth Council	21 School Rental - DH 10am - Women's Bible	22 5:30am - Election Day -	23 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	24 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall	25	26 8pm - AIAnon
27 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 11am - Worship 12pm - Stephen Ministers - 12:45pm - Youth Bible	28 Memorial Day	29	30 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Worship	31 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall	1	2 Stay at Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center @ Hilton Fort Wayne at Pufford Graduation - YAC 8pm - AIAnon

MAY 2018 WORSHIP TEAM

	5/6	5/13	5/20	5/27
<u>Assisting Minister</u>				
8:45	Rebecca D	Jen S	Diane K	Mrs. Shawn H
11:00	Mark L	Terri M	Mr. Shawn H	Patti M
<u>Crucifer/Communion Asst</u>				
11:00	Nicholas S	Jake M	David J	Mr. Shawn H
<u>Lector</u>				
8:45	Dinah H	Jen S	Diane K	Renaë B
11:00	Denise P	Patti M	Lois D	Lola H
<u>Ushers</u>				
8:45	Dinah & Paul H	Nancy & Barry F	Mary Lou & Don F	Michael B Ruthann S
11:00	Terri & Brian P Terri and Jake M	Margi H, Maryjo S Ann H, Edie M	Bill & Gail W Lisa D, Rosie W	Edie M, Connie S Carmen M, Norma G
<u>Acolytes at 11:00am</u>				
	Haley T	Madelyn B	Lauren J	Lola H

Altar Guild

Month of May – Jan J

Communion Prep

8:45 *Month of May – Jane B*
11:00 *Month of May – Dee, Ally, and Amber L*

**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

J. Herman Mahaffey
Lorraine Beyer
Ott & Dot Pollei
Nancy Robinson

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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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