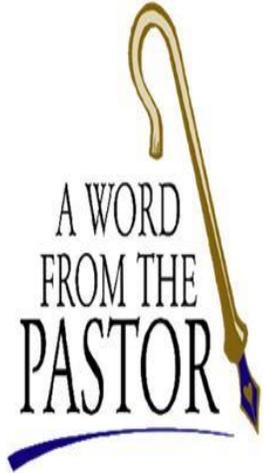


Pastor's Note

So are you still singing your hymn? Are you still saying ten things for which you are thankful? Back before Christmas I suggested that we all choose a favorite hymn to sing every day all the way into the middle of January, maybe till its end. I suggested we say ten things we are thankful for each day all the way to the middle of January, maybe till its end.



If you didn't hear about that or if you haven't done it yet, now is a great time to start.

We remind ourselves of the light, even in the dark times of the year. We remind ourselves of the warmth, even in the cold time of the year. Because the dark times and the cold times are not going to go on forever. Already the days are slowly getting longer. Eventually the temperatures will rise again. Already we have vaccines. Eventually those vaccines will prevail and we will be able to gather without risk to ourselves or our neighbors.

Good days are coming.

The fundamental reality of the universe is love. God has made that true again and again. As we move forward into another year, let us remind ourselves that whatever is different, whatever is the same, whatever we grieve, whatever we celebrate, Jesus is

with us. Jesus will always be the steady, trustworthy Savior we have always known. Jesus will always make all things new. God Bless,
Pastor Andy



Online Worship

Daily Prayer – 12:00 Noon Monday-Saturday
Sunday Worship – 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Visit our website for links to online worship via Zoom. To access Zoom via telephone:
Dial-in number – (301) 715-8592
Meeting number – 671 535 477

PPE



- P**ersonal
- P**rotective
- E**quipment

Grant for Joint Project

A grant of \$900 from the ELCA Covid-19 Special Appeals and administered by the IK Synod is making possible a joint project of St. John and St. George's Episcopal Church on 27th street here in Louisville. On Thursday January 7 at 4:30, some of the young adults at St. John will meet some of the folks at St. George's to gather packets of personal protective equipment. Then, on Saturday January 9 at 3:30, we will gather again to bring the equipment to homeless persons here in Louisville. We will be observing social distancing and wearing masks and sharing messages of God's love in the packets.



Virtual Dinner Planning Meeting

We had wonderful times with our Virtual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Now a planning meeting for the Meal Ministry is scheduled for January 6 at 7:00 p.m. on our regular Zoom link. This is to discuss ideas for future events. Everyone who is interested in helping in any capacity is welcome to attend.



JOIN OUR
STUDY

Wednesday Book Study

Our 4:00 Wednesday book study group will examine *A Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner. Winner looks at the power of rituals and how they can shape our way of looking at the world. Please join us at our regular worship link starting January 6.



Confirmation Class

Confirmation begins again at 12:30 p.m. January 31. All confirmation students are asked to gather on the regular worship link at that time. This winter and spring we will be examining The Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Baptism and Holy Communion. Pr. Andy is looking forward to our time together.



Racial Justice Conversation

At 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning in January at our regular link we will provide opportunity to engage in conversation about racial justice. Part of the conversation will involve sharing some of our own stories and listening to others' stories. We will also do some learning. We may look at a book, watch a video, or listen to a speaker online. Some of the ground rules will be that we are willing to share and grow, speak for ourselves (not for other people or groups), allow others to speak, respect ourselves and others, and observe confidentiality. All who are interested, please join an opening conversation 6:30 p.m. Wednesday January 13 at our regular worship link, or contact Pr. Andy.

Daily Devotions



Devotional Booklets

The January-February-March edition of *Christ in Our Home* will be arriving soon in the church office. These are well thought out and helpful daily scripture and reflection readings. If you would like one, please drop by the church and pick one up for free, or contact the church office and we will mail one to you.



Thank you

Pastor Andy and Thyne would like to thank everyone for all the kind gifts and cards we have received for Christmas. It is a true blessing.



St. Matthews Area Ministries

St. Matthews Area Ministries and the families they serve would like to thank St. John Lutheran Church for all the support received in 2020.



COVID-19 Guidelines

Please remember that if you have to visit the church **you must wear a face mask** while in the building. **Your face mask must cover your mouth and nose at the same time.** You must also maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet from others. We love seeing you, but encourage you to stay home and stay safe. For the latest information on the coronavirus in Kentucky please visit the state website at www.kycovid19.ky.gov.



Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and gifts over Christmas. I'd also like to thank the many people who have volunteered and helped in the office in many ways during the past year. It has been challenging to continue the usual work of the church, and still maintain a safe and healthy environment, but we've managed to do so. I look forward to another successful year in 2021!

David McNease



Financial Update

The finance team would like to be more transparent with the congregation regarding the state of our finances. To that end, we will be including financial reporting each month in the Journal. I feel blessed to report that St. John is in the black as of the end of November. This is wonderful news! Thanks to your generous contributions, our mission continues in spite of the Pandemic. Please continue to mail in your contributions.

	November	YTD 2020
Income	\$25,072	\$301,064
Expense	\$17,263	\$298,412
Result	\$7,809	\$2,652

(Income less Expense)

No benevolences paid in November. Feedback welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to Christi Elbert or Jim Kushman if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Virtual Feast

We served 32 meals at Thanksgiving and will be providing a total of 30 meals at Christmas. The guests from Cypress Point received 21 meals to 10 different families for Thanksgiving.

I want to thank all of the volunteers. The “kitchen” helpers included: Connie Schumacher made the rolls, Renae Barkley made the gravy and stuffing, Diane Kushman made the green bean casserole, Rosie Wiebusch and Laura Meier made the desserts and the mashed potatoes, turkey was roasted by Karen Karnes and the fruit salad was made by Brenda Painter and Margi Hahn. The delivery team of Daryle Karnes and Michael Murry rounded off the team.

The funding for this project was provided by Connie Schumacher and Patti Gray by using their Thrivent cards. Thank you both for your generosity.

I am looking for some good ideas. Please join us on January 6 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. We will discuss the future of this meal ministry. If you cannot make this meeting please tell or email David or Karen about your ideas so that they can be discussed at the meeting.





January Birthdays

Don Finley	01/02
Whitney Adkins	01/04
Sophia Iannone	01/04
Debbie Holt	01/05
Jim Kushman	01/05
Margaret Hugues	01/06
Marshall Coleman	01/07
William Coleman	01/07
Ran Florence	01/07
Krysta Moore	01/07
Jonathan Jones	01/08
Sarah House	01/09
Meghan Kushman	01/09
Steve Njos	01/09
Madelyn Bartley	01/10
Bruce Edwards	01/10
Gail Workman	01/10
Anna DuFour	01/11
Renee DuFour	01/11
Hannah Stemler	01/11
Linda DeVore	01/12
Gavin Bent	01/13
Carleigh Newman	01/15
Alen Coleman	01/16
Earlene Althouse	01/17
Paul Konar	01/17
Christopher Kushman	01/17
Kate Mattingly	01/18
Sydney Harvey	01/19
Natalie Schultz	01/19
Jan Jensen	01/20
Natalie Lowen	01/20
Dave Booth	01/21
Coleman Geraci	01/21
James Williams	01/21
Jeanne Romer	01/22

Ryan Hamsley	01/23
Marie Meininger	01/23
Laura Novak	01/23
Lilly Sample	01/23
Rica Brown	01/24
Joe Dye	01/24
Lola Howard	01/24
Debbie Lambert	01/24
Mona Thevenin	01/24
Abigail Brown	01/26
Christian Rapp	01/26
Rob Baltrum	01/27
Leland Caswell	01/27
Sarah Ward	01/27
Jose Zellers	01/27
Collin Hovell	01/28
Channa Newman	01/30
Kayla Abbott	01/31



January Anniversaries

Don & Mary Lou Finley	01/05
Dick & Kathleen Martin	01/16
Michael & Jennifer Jarrett	01/28

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
8:15am - Cancelled - 8:45am - Online 9:30am - Cancelled - 10am - Cancelled - 11am - Online	10am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily	12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - 6:30pm - Property	Epiphany 10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Online Book 6pm - Cancelled -	Council Reports Due 9am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - Executive	New Year's Day Office Closed 12pm - Online Daily	8pm - AA (ABC) @
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JANUARY 2021 WORSHIP TEAM

1/3

1/10

1/17

1/24

1/31

Assisting Minister (same person will serve at both services)

8:45 & 11:00	Terri M	Jen S & Rebecca D	Diane K	Mark L	Jen S & Rebecca D
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Crucifer/Communion Asst (not needed until further notice)

11:00

Lector

8:45	Rena B	Dina H	Diane K	Mary Lou F	John T
11:00	Patti M	John N	Connie S	Sherley S	Dee L

Ushers (not needed until further notice)

8:45

11:00

Acolyte (not needed until further notice)

11:00

Altar Guild

Dina H, Brenda P

Communion Prep (not needed until further notice)

8:45

11:00

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 emailed or mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Lorraine Beyer
Merle Dahl
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Monday-Saturday
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8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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