

Pastor's Note

Transitions: It is a time of transition at St. John. Not a huge transition. No pastoral vacancy or shift in buildings. However, some of our key people have passed on to the Church Triumphant recently, we are going to have a new administrative assistant soon, we are making arrangements for new custodial and lawn maintenance service, we are working out a new lease agreement with Friends School, and our Connect team is asking everyone to fill out a survey by February 17 in preparation for a small group ministry and other plans to grow in spirit and witness.

Here are a few thoughts about times of transition. First, we acknowledge that there will be grief. We will miss Rebecca Dimon or David Alcorn, or one of the many people who have died in the last year or two. We remember the things they did well. We realize that transition is hard. Even happy times such as weddings and births involve some grief. We are leaving behind the old and moving on toward something new.

Second, we learn. We recognize that we will make mistakes. We might even get upset. So, we keep a level head. God will accompany us through these days and through all days. Our core realities are still clear. We still need God. God still loves us. Jesus still saves. The Holy Spirit still strengthens us to serve.

Third, we communicate. We respectfully and clearly tell our concerns, our plans and our appreciations. We thank. We fix our eyes on whatever is good. We pray. Fourth, we follow through with practical steps. We have conducted interviews for administrative assistant and should be training soon. We have contracted with custodial services for cleaning the building. We have some new people on

council and new proposals from the connect team.

I want to thank so many people who have been so wonderful in the last couple of months. Especially Karen Karnes and all of the office volunteers, Rebecca Dimon for being willing to take time from her new work schedule to assist with transition, Jennifer Sturgeon who has helped us move forward with custodial care, the Women of St. John and everyone who prepared food, The Connect team, the Friends Liaison team, the lease task force, and so many others who have grieved and learned and kept a level head and communicated and acted.

Keep your eyes open for God's next step for you and for this congregation. Christ is in our world and leads us with the power of the cross toward a new day.

God's Blessing,
Pastor Andy

Welcome David

"My name is David McNease and I am excited to be your new Administrative Assistant at St. John Lutheran Church. I was born in Pascagoula, MS (about half an hour from Ocean Springs, MS, where I discovered Pastor Andy is from). I grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and studied organ at Louisiana College, where I graduated with a degree in music. I moved to Louisville to attend Southern Seminary where I continued to study organ and graduated with a Master's in Church Music. I am currently the Director of Music and Organist at First Lutheran Church, a sister ELCA church here in town. I live in Old Louisville with my partner, Larry Askins, and Rhosie, our Pembroke Welsh Corgi. I enjoy the theatre, classical music, antiquing, and am active in my neighborhood association. I look forward to begin working and getting to know everyone at St. John Lutheran Church.

2018 Good Gifts

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2018 Good Gifts program last Advent. We were able to provide to families in the developing world, a total of 16 goats, 6 pigs, 5 beehives, 3 nests of chicks, 1 rooster and 1 sheep. Thanks be to God.

Valentines

All are invited to help make Valentines for our home-bound



members, veterans, and refugee families on Sunday, February 3rd during the Fellowship Hour at 10 am. Children's Sunday school and

adult bible study will be joining forces to create some fantastic cards for our community members. Please join us for the event as we cut, color, paste and spread God's love through festive Valentines!

Being Ambassadors for Christ in the Public Square: A Workshop for Congregations and Pastors on Advocacy, Faith, and Action.

Sat., Feb. 23rd, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 1251 Louisville Rd., Frankfort, KY. The Isaiah 1:17 Justice Team of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod invites you to learn about advocacy and how putting our faith into action in the public square is an important part of faith formation, congregational vitality, and leadership development. The Rev. Amy Reumann, Director of ELCA Advocacy, will join us via teleconference to talk about advocacy at the national, synodical, and local church levels. Cost: \$5 for lunch. Or join us via Zoom for free! To register, contact: James Holden, holdenje92@gmail.com. If you have any questions, feel free to email Pastor Karleen Jung (Grace & Glory, Goshen, KY) at pastorkarleen@graceglory.org.

Prayer in Action Day

Kentucky Council of Churches holding a prayer in action day on Criminal Justice Reform, Tuesday Feb. 12th at 9:30 a.m. at the capitol rotunda in Frankfort. Several ELCA pastors from Louisville are attending. If you would like to join them, please contact Pr. Andy.

Trivia Night!

Mark your calendars! Gather your team! On Saturday February 23rd, the youth will be hosting the annual Trivia night fundraiser.



What Are The Youth Up To?

January: In January, a handful of our youth attended the annual YouthQuake conference in Cincinnati, where they participated in workshops, heard from motivational speaker Bob Lenz and listened to music from Lynn Stoneking. It was a great weekend!

February: Coming up on **February 1st**, the youth will be participating in our annual Broomball game! We will meet at Iceland Sports Complex at 9:30 pm that Friday to go over the rules and get ready, and play will begin at 10:00 pm! We have also invited other youth from throughout the conference to join us - let Whitney know if you are interested!

On Saturday February 23rd, the youth will be hosting our annual TRIVIA NIGHT event! Tables can be purchased for \$120 and can accommodate up to 8 players. Tables are welcome to bring their own snacks and table decorations. There will be raffle prizes, and prizes for best decorated table and the overall winner! Join us and invite your friends for a FUN evening that will benefit our youth. Contact Whitney or call the church office to reserve your table!

March: On Tuesday **March 5th**, the youth will be hosting a pancake supper for Fat Tuesday! Doors will open at 6:00 PM and a free will offering will be collected.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you feel called to Usher, Lector, Prepare Communion, Assisting Minister, Alter Guild or join our fantastic Worship and Music Committee please prayerfully consider it and contact Ann Hovell at (502)523-0213.

If you are interested in technology, social media, video streaming and want to volunteer call Daryle Karnes at (502) 432-5086.

Serving Seniors

St. John Lutheran Church has very special members known as Seniors, who want to be, who are, and who, in the future, look forward to actively participating in worship and church events. As a community we want to help our Seniors do just that, so a task force is being formed to determine what things that can limit our Seniors from being involved in these activities and how we can address these issues.

If you would like to serve on this task force, please notify Lisa Young or the church office about your interest. Also, if anyone has an idea or suggestion to be considered as a senior need or a way to address a need, please feel free to provide that as well.

Via de Cristo: A 3-day weekend retreat

You are invited to attend a Via de Cristo weekend. The essence of a Via de Cristo retreat is to bring Christians to a full awareness of what is meant by living a life of Grace, adding new strength and vitality to your Christianity.

The weekend begins on Thursday night and ends the following Sunday evening. Each day there is prayer, worship, communion, and singing. All for the

purpose of gaining a deeper awareness of one's Faith.



Please keep an open heart and mind as you prayerfully consider attending a Via de Cristo weekend retreat.

Spring Weekends for 2019. Located at Camp Lakeview, Seymour, IN.

Men's #79 – February 28 – March 3

Women's #80 – March 7 – March 10

Fall Weekend for 2019. Located at Camp Lakeview, Seymour, IN.

Co-ed #28 – October 31 – November 3

Questions: Please contact She Shawn Hall 502.494.0101 or He Shawn Hall 502.773.2835 shawnhall2@bellsouth.net

Women of St. John

Please help me welcome our new Executive Board members. Betty Meyers is our new secretary and Connie Schumacher is filling the Ad Hoc position. Thank you, ladies, for taking these positions.

At our quarterly meeting, Sara Meierding spoke about the Nkosi school and opportunities for us to help them. She also left us some bracelets made by the children, that are for sale. Please check them out on Sundays or in the church office. Check our bulletin board for info on the Nkosi school and our 2019 calendar.

While filling out our yearly calendar, we discovered 3 months with no activities. We took a survey at the meeting and the top 2 results are the painting party and Bunko. We'll be setting dates for these so watch for the fun to come!

If any women are interested in joining a small group, please let any board member know. We currently have 3 groups. Two meet in the evening and the other during the day. We all do a short, fun Bible study and handle a major event. We have lots of fellowship time as well.

Quarterly meetings are on Sundays after second service and all women are invited – no obligation required. It's a good meal, fellowship and a business meeting. Please join us at whatever level of commitment works for you. We'd love to have you join us!

Notes from Fellowship

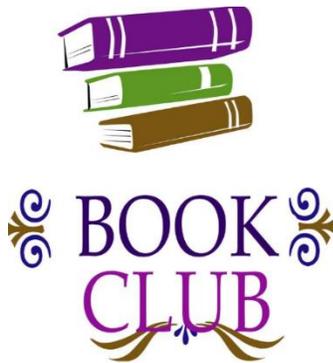
Fellowship applauds the help with Coffee and Pastry Hour given by: Jennifer Sturgeon, Connie Schumacher, Renae Barkley for the month of January.

We need help on February 3, 10, 24. Thank you Ann Hovel for choosing February 17. Please sign up for dates in Diehl Hall.

On February 3, we will collect coins to donate to the West End School. On February 11, we will deliver a meal to the West End School by 6:00 PM. Come help it is fun and rewarding. Call Mrs. Shawn Hall if you are interested.

Book Club

We continue to meet the *second Tuesday* of each month at 6:30 pm 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 2019 books:

February 12: Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders

March 12: Calyпсо by David Sedaris

April 9: The Broken Road by Richard Paul Evans

May 14: Code Girls by Lisa Munday

June 11: Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

July: The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende

August: The No 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

More to come... Keep Reading!

KROGER SHOPPERS

OUR ORGANIZATION NUMBER HAS CHANGED TO PR608.

Kroger has recently upgraded their system, and as a result, our Non-Profit Organization has a new account number. Please reference the new number when contacting Kroger for assistance, re-enrolling and new enrollments.

For the period of 29 Aug to 27 Nov 2018 we received \$90.87 from the Kroger card program.

Please enroll or re-enroll to keep these funds coming in.

West End School

The West End School is an academically rigorous, free boarding school in Louisville for boys grades pre-K through 8th. The focus is to help at risk boys from the west end neighborhoods of Louisville, Kentucky. Their meals are provided by community donations. St. John has volunteered to provide 6 meals during the school year. Our next meal is on February 11, 2019. There are four ways to help:

1. **February 3** – bring your change to service
2. **February 10** – volunteer for meal prep
3. **February 11** – volunteer to deliver and serve dinner at 6 pm
4. Food donation sheets located in Diehl hall and overflow in sanctuary.



Science Center



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Donations Needed

Hi Everyone! My new place of employment has a really cool exhibit called Who Forted? that is getting ready to extend its run through the rest of the year. We could use more donations of blankets, sheets, and cushions (no bed pillows please). Items donated don't need to be new but they need to be in decent shape, free of holes. If you have items to donate, please email me (Rebecca.Dimon@louisvilleky.gov) and I'll either pick up donations from you or we can meet downtown at the Science Center.

Richy Hann	2/18
Doug Kottke	2/18
Lucy Offutt	2/20
Betty Shumate	2/23
Nancy Hanson	2/24
Bob Goodin	2/25
John Nordstrom	2/26
Mary Lou Finley	2/27



February Birthdays

Morgan Hines	2/2
Jakob Njos	2/2
J. Herman Mahaffey	2/3
William Mattingly	2/5
Christi Elbert	2/6
Teresa Florence	2/6
Kim Hahn	2/7
Matthew Pulford	2/8
Lori Heslin	2/10
James Hines	2/11
Roger Caswell	2/12
Annabelle Krupp	2/13
Julie Nehring	2/13
Marla Newton	2/13
Noah Brown	2/15
Mitchell Swett	2/15
Kaleigh Coleman	2/16
Don Parson	2/17
Russell Perry	2/17



February Anniversaries

Jim & Diane Kushman	2/13
James & Sharon Heck	2/14
Donald & Alice Fugate	2/17
Charles & Janet Heitmiller	2/24
Chuck & Brenda Lind	2/25

February Calendar 2019

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Feb 1	SAT 2
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FEBRUARY 2019 WORSHIP TEAM

	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24
<u>Assisting Minister</u>				
8:45	Jen S	Diane K	Rebecca D	Mrs. Shawn H
11:00	Mr. Shawn H	Patti M	Mark L	Terri M
<u>Crucifer/Communion Asst</u>				
11:00	Nicholas S	David J	Amber L	Holly P
<u>Lector</u>				
8:45	Lisa Y	Margi H	Diane K	Jen S
11:00	Betty M	Mary S	Dinah H	Mark L
<u>Ushers</u>				
8:45	Nancy & Barry	Larry & Christie	Mary Lou & Don	Dinah & Paul
11:00	Tom J, Maryjo S Terri & Jake M	Marty D, Ann H Edie M, Margie H	Rosie W, Sherley S Dan L, Ann H	Matt & Whitney Mark L, Lisa D
<u>Acolytes at 11:00am</u>				
	Benjamin	Lauren	Maddie	Jake
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
	<i>Month of February – Dee Lynch</i>			
<u>Communion Prep</u>				
8:45	<i>Month of January – Jane B & Karen K</i>			
11:00	<i>Month of January – Brenda L & Sharon</i>			

If you would like a copy of the addresses, please let the office know and they can email or mail the list to you.

Send a cheerful note to our members who are “under the weather” and/or can’t make it to church services or church events

Barbara Huber
Vivian Lenberger
J. Herman Mahaffey
Lorraine Beyer
Nancy Robinson
Ott & Dot Pollei
Elaine “Skip” Stearman

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St. John Journal

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.

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