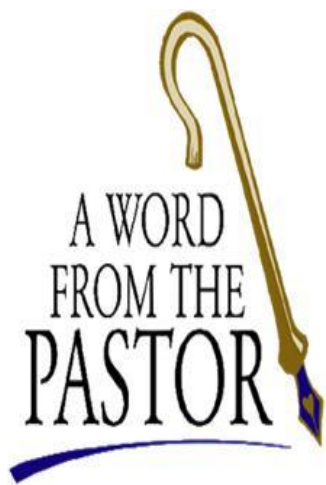


Pastor's Note

Valentine's day comes right in the middle of February. Many early Christian martyrs were named Valentine, and many legends have grown up around them. One legend has



it that the Roman Emperor Claudius II prohibited his soldiers from getting married, thinking that married men made bad infantry. St. Valentine was a Christian priest at that time, who conducted wedding

ceremonies for Roman soldiers anyway. Emperor Claudius II had him arrested as part of his persecution of the Church. Another legend says that while in prison, St. Valentine healed his jailer's daughter, Julia, who was blind. The jailer's entire family was baptized. Valentine sent Julia a letter before his execution, signing it, "Your Valentine." This may be why our valentine letters nowadays say, "Be My Valentine."

Only a thousand years later, in the 1400's did Valentine's day become associated with romantic love. However, this is not a bad thing. Because romantic love is an expression of God's love. It is a very special expression. But its strength and endurance lies in the practice of genuine care for another, not for what the other can give us or for how they make us feel, but rather

because they carry the beauty of God in them.

Of course, romantic attraction makes it particularly easy to see the beauty of God in someone. And each of us carries that beauty in different ways. Nevertheless, the joy and lasting power of any love comes from an awareness of and trust in God's love for us.

Most recently, I have noticed that Valentine's day is not just a day to express romantic love. We also send cards and expressions of affection to friends and family. At church, we make Valentines cards for homebound folks, veterans and refugees, to express our care for them.

Here in February, as the days get slowly longer and the ground stays cold, how can we show the love of Christ to the people in our lives and the world?

Blessings,
Pastor Andy

Congregational Meeting



Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, February 16, there will be a congregational meeting after the 11:00 a.m. service. At the meeting we may consider a proposed bylaw change allowing council members to choose whether they wish to serve as committee liaisons or committee chairs.



St. MAM & Backside Ministries

Thanks so much for all of the donations to Backside Ministries and St. Matthews Area Ministries. We would please request that items be bagged in bags that weight about 10 pounds or less. As items accumulate, they are delivered. St. MAM is usually delivered every other week and Backside as items come in. Thanks again. for your generosity.



Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers

Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers will be held on the following Wednesdays: March 4, 11, 18 25 and April 1. Supper will be in Diehl Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. Sign-ups to follow.

Thank you

Thank You

Pastor Andy and Thyne would like to thank everyone for their many kind gifts and cards over Christmas. We were touched and warmed by them all.



One Year Anniversary

The end of January marked my one-year anniversary as Office Administrator here at St. John. It has been a year of learning new things and meeting new people. I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know each of you. Thank you for your patience as I settled in and learned the many tasks that support the ministry of St. John. I look forward to learning even more and growing together with you! David McNease



West End School

Thanks to all who continue to assist with West End School. We cooked Monday, Jan. 13 and served crawfish etouffee. We continue to take prayer cards for the boys and staff. We will cook again this school year on March 9 and April 27. We also will cook on April 6 at Churchill Downs. We welcome assistance with cooking, delivering, serving, etc. Come join us some evening! Shawn and Debbie have any info if you want to participate.



Book Club

We continue to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Homemade Ice Cream & Pie Kitchen, 3737 Lexington Road.

We welcome all readers, even those who just want to hear about the books.

Our 2020 books are...

Feb 11 – *Nothing to See Here*, Kevin Wilson

Mar 10 – *The House by the Lake*, Thomas Harding

Apr 14 – *Bad Blood*, John Carreyrou

May 12 – *One Thousand White Women*, Jim Fergus

Jun 9 – *The Last Days of Night*, Graham Moore

Jul 14 – *Radium Girls*, Kate Moore

Aug 11 – *No Surrender*, Chris Edmonds

Sep 8 – *The Dutch House*, Ann Patchett

Oct 13 – *The Island of Sea Women*, Lisa See

Nov 10 – A classic book of your choice



What are the Youth Up To?

January:

The weekend of January 10th-12th, a handful of youth traveled to Cincinnati for

the annual YouthQuake conference. It was a fun weekend of keynote speakers, musical performances, workshops and getting to know youth from our region!

On Saturday January 25th, the youth went ice skating at Iceland Sports Complex.



February:

On Friday February 7th at 10:00 p.m., St. John will be hosting our annual Broom Ball game! We will meet at Iceland Sports Complex at 9:30 p.m. to go over the rules. We will be inviting youth from throughout our conference to join us, and feel free to bring a friend!



On Saturday February 28th, we will be hosting our annual Trivia Night fundraiser! Tables can be purchased for \$120 and can accommodate up to 8 players. You can bring your own snacks and decorations, and we will have raffle prizes, prizes for best decorated table, and prizes for the winning team. Please see Whitney with any questions or to purchase a table!

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Thank You

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ. Pastor Diehl taught me a lesson a long time ago. He said when sadness happens it is a Christian's duty to do for you. To take you places and to prepare a meal for you. To move furniture for you. To wash your clothes. To sweep the floor for you and to laugh and cry with you. And then Pastor Diehl said "And Lola, it is your Christian duty to let them." There are not enough "thank you" words to say. Not enough tokens of appreciation to give. Not enough hugs and kisses to share. But there is more than enough of the love of Christ to spread around. For the love of Christ is here in this place! In this time! Praise be to God. Love Lola and Worth.



ELCA Good Gifts

We are Blessed! Members of St. John have chosen to fight hunger, grow the church and transform lives through the ELCA Good Gifts project again this year. Our involvement is through the purchase/donations of barnyard animals for families living in poverty. With eggs, milk, meat, and increased livestock to sell, these gifts can make the difference. In 2019 we increased our giving over the last three years! In addition, one member made a very generous purchase/donation, resulting in

our combined 2019 donation being more than double that of 2018!!! This means we are providing 34 chicks, 7 roosters, 32 goats, 10 pigs, 2 shares of a cow, 1 fish farm, 9 honeybee hives, and 2 sheep. Now that's a big barnyard! Thanks for your generosity!



Activities Group

Activities Group: We have lots of fun activities in store for the spring. ALL are welcome to join us for exciting and energizing activities.

February 15 – CAVES NEAR CORYDON. Meet at St. John at 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We will discover a cave and visit Downtown Corydon and have a shake at the famous Butt Drugs.

March 12 – WILD LIGHTS AT THE ZOO. We will be going to an Asian Lantern Festival. For more information visit the website WildLightsLouisville.com. We will meet at St. John and carpool to the Zoo. This is a prepaid event so all interested parties need to contact Karen Karnes at (502) 254-7547. Ticket price is \$15.50 + any charges or fees from the website. Money has to be paid in advance for discount tickets. At the door tickets will be available for around \$19.00.

April 23 – YEW DELL GARDENS. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We will meet at Karen Karnes house and travel to the Gardens to tour and enjoy spring in bloom, then we will grab a bite to eat.

March 16 – BERNHEIM FOREST. At 10:00 a.m. we will meet at St. John and travel to the forest to explore the giants and get lots of walking in.



February Birthdays

Zachary Adkins	02/02
Nicholas Gray	02/02
Morgan Hines	02/02
Jakob Njos	02/02
Leighton Cook	02/04
William Mattingly	02/05
Christi Elbert	02/06
Teresa Florence	02/06
Mikaela Munday	02/07
Kim Hahn	02/07
Anna McMahon	02/07
Russell Bent	02/08
Alice Edwards	02/08
Matthew Pulford	02/08
Star Webb	02/09
Lori Heslin	02/10
Zachary Strickland	02/10
James Hines	02/11
Roger Caswell	02/12
Emily O'Dell	02/12
Annabelle Krupp	02/13
Julie Nehring	02/13
Maria Newton	02/13
Matthew Abbott	02/14
Noah Brown	02/13
Michael Gray	02/15
Starr Panther	02/15
Mitchell Swett	02/15
Kaleigh Coleman	02/16

Davis Goodin	02/17
Don Parson	02/17
Russell Perry	02/17
Ricky Hann	02/18
Doug Kottke	02/18
Darrell Schultz	02/18
Jill Hoskins	02/19
Lucy Offutt	02/20
Rebecca Cox	02/22
Betty Shumate	02/23
Nancy Hanson	02/24
Alexander Smith	02/24
Robert Goodin	02/25
Tom Ludwig	02/26
Carolyn Newton	02/26
John Nordstrom	02/26
Mary Lou Finley	02/27



February Anniversaries

Jim & Diane Kushman	02/13
James & Sharon Heck	02/14
Donald & Alice Fugate	02/17
Charles & Janet Heitmiller	02/24
Chuck & Brenda Lind	02/25

St. John Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Feb 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir 11am - Worship	10am - Monday 5:30pm - Our Lady	5:30pm - Our Lady 6:30pm - Evangelis 6:30pm - Property	9:45am - Bridge 12pm - Prayer Team 1pm - Worship & 5:30pm - Our Lady 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - OA (ABC) @ 7:30pm - Worship &	9am - Walk & Talk 5:30pm - Our Lady 6:30pm - Executive	5:30pm - Our Lady	10am - SOKY 8pm - AA (ABC) @
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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FEBRUARY 2020 WORSHIP TEAM

2/02

2/09

2/16

2/23

Assisting Minister

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

Crucifer/Communion Asst

11:00	Nicholas S	Holly P	David J	Amber L
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Lector

8:45	Dinah	John	Margi	Diane K
11:00	Patti M	Mary S	Lola H	Dee L

Ushers

8:45	Don & Mary Lou	Barry & Nancy	Paul & Dinah	Larry & Christi
11:00	Tom J, Eddie M Ann H, Sherley S	Marty & Lisa D Margi H, Mark L	Doug & Andrea P Terri & Jake	Matt & Whitney John & Debbie

Acolyte

11:00	Benjamin S	Jake M	Nathan J	Lauren J
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Altar Guild

February – Dee L

Communion Prep

8:45	February – Renae B, Diane K, and Karen K
11:00	February – Sharon H & Brenda 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 emailed or mailed to you, please contact the church office.

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