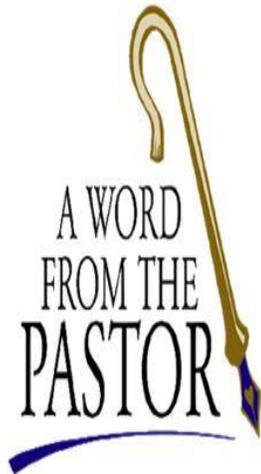


### Pastor's Note

As I write, heavy security is being prepared for the presidential inauguration in Washington D.C. and in capitals across the country. Vaccines for Covid-19 are being distributed and administered, even as record numbers of cases and deaths are recorded due to gatherings over the holidays.



February is usually a regular sort of month. It is Black History Month. It is the month of Valentine's Day. This year and most years, Ash Wednesday and Lent happen in February. (Mardi Gras also, in part because, centuries ago, New Orleans was cooler in February, so people could get together for parties without sweating too much!)

I suspect that while things are likely to move more in the direction of the regular this month—vaccines will continue to be administered, political life may calm down—nevertheless, February will still hold its element of strange uncertainty.

And God will still be with us in the midst of it. Whether we are living through ordinary times or strange times, the light of Christ still shines on us and through us.

In February we may hear of the courage and dignity of Black achievement. If we have a romantic partner, we may take special care to show them how important they are to us. We may receive the blessing of remembering that we are dust on Ash Wednesday. We may live for a while in an attitude of repentance during Lent. We may even party beforehand.

Jesus will be with us, drawing us into a sense of God's hope, pushing us into God's insistence on dignity and blessing for all, changing us with a beauty we have not imagined.

Thanks be to God,  
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



### Estate Planning

A friendly reminder that one of the best ways to support God's work is to include the church in your will or estate planning. If you would like to speak with someone about the many ways this can be done, please contact Pastor Andy, or call ELCA regional gift planner Patricia Hartig at (734) 558-7495.



### Racial Justice Conversation

On Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. we are reading and discussing Robin Diangelo's *White Fragility*, as a way of learning about racism and how to reduce it.



Valentine  
Fellowship  
Lunch

## Valentine's Day Lunch

We are inviting St. John folks, as well as folks at Cypress Pointe Apartments and Breckinridge Square Apartments to join us for a virtual Valentine's Day lunch on February 14 at 1:00 p.m. This is part of our Fully Fed signature ministry. First, we will be feeding spiritually with an uplifting prayer and song. Second, we will be feeding physically. You can choose to have a chicken dinner prepared by St. John, either picked up or delivered, or you can choose to eat your own food as we visit online. **If you wish to have a dinner provided by the church please call the office at (502) 895-9320 by February 8.** Be prepared to indicate if you wish to pick up your meal, or if you would prefer that someone deliver it Saturday between 4:30–5:30 p.m. Also, please let us know if you would like us to pray for anything. You can join us on ZOOM by going to the website: [www.stjohnlutheranky.org](http://www.stjohnlutheranky.org) and navigating to noon daily prayer, or you can call in on your phone using the number (301) 715-8592, then input the meeting number 671 535 477#.



## Wednesday Book Study

Our 4:00 Wednesday book study group is examining *A Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner. Winner looks at ways to experience God in everyday things like rest, food, hospitality, etc. Please join us at our regular worship link at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.



## Magazines for Baptist Hospital

Happy New Year! This seems the time of year when many are clearing out "stuff" from last year, so I am encouraging you to bring your old magazines to be taken to Baptist East Hospital. Yes, they are still welcoming magazines. We always cover the identification labels with our church labels so there is no need to cover labels or cut them out. They remind us at the hospital that they like the magazines to be no more than two years old. Obviously, the magazines are welcomed by visitors to the hospital when their loved ones may be there recovering. Thank you for supporting this St. John project for our hospital neighbors.  
Evangelism Committee



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## 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](http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov).



## **St. Matthews Area Ministries**

Between January 24 – February 7, 2021, St. Matthews Area Ministries needs YOUR help by tackling hunger in our neighborhoods. Please DONATE cans of CHUNKY/GLUTEN FREE OR BROTH SOUPS for their annual SouperBowl of Caring Food Drive.



## **Fully Fed Ministry**

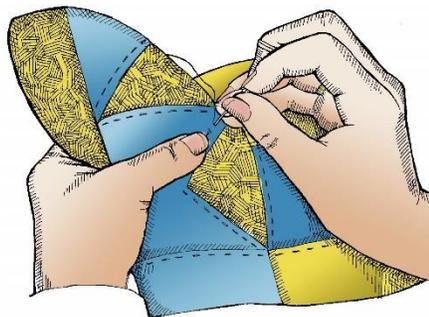
The Fully Fed ministry has had a successful start. At Thanksgiving we served 30 meals, 21 to apartment dwellers at Cypress Pointe, and 9 to church members. We had 10 volunteers and 2 sponsors. The Christmas Festival had 32 meals, 14 to the apartments.

We met on January 6 to create the vision for this group. We are interested in serving the elderly and alone. We are expanding to another apartment complex to start with. Our next event is going to be on Valentine's Day. We will be making cards for the people who we are serving. We are also going to send post cards to keep in touch between meals, to keep reminding them that we are thinking of them.

For Valentines we are looking at serving baked chicken, potatoes, green beans, salad, and dessert. Laura Meier and Margi Hahn are looking into card kits to be picked up or dropped off to be able to make cards for Baptist East, the food recipients, or

the refugees. Diane Kushman and Karen Karnes are looking into sending postcards to the previous food recipients to remind them that they are in our prayers. Mike Murray and Renae Barkley are looking into the groups that we wish to serve.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry please leave your contact information with David in the office.



## **QUILTING GROUP**

### **Quilting Group**

St. John's quilting group is working on two quilts for refugee families at this time. We also have completed 27 sets of hats, scarves, and fuzzy mittens for the Kentucky Refugee Ministries. These were funded by a Thrivent card. Pastor recently blessed them during our online worship service. We have also made several sets for Pastor Andy to share with people seeking help. We are currently making cloth masks for Cavalry Episcopal Church to share with homeless people to whom they serve meals weekly. We have completed 50 masks for this ministry so far.

We have used another Thrivent card to purchase a new sewing machine, so that more people can sew without having to bring a machine from home.

The Popcorn Station, located at 9569 Taylorsville Road in Jeffersontown Commons Shopping center, continues to sell masks and soup bowl cozies that we have made. All of the money they collect for us is donated directly to Kentucky Refugee Ministries. To date, our joint effort has raised \$1,010.00 to support Mikyeke Aoci and other refugees. Please check out the Popcorn Station and thank the owner, Dana, for all the free help she has given us.

All are welcome to join us in this quilting ministry. (If you don't sew but would like to learn, we can teach you.) We share stories and stitches each Wednesday in Diehl Hall from 10:00 a.m. until we

get tired. We follow CDC guidelines by wearing masks and physically distancing when we work. If you would like to join us in this ministry, leave your contact information with David in the office. May God bless everyone who serves and shares in this mission.



## Share Your Stories

### Sharing Our Stories

All of us have had one time or other in our lives when we have felt like God is close to us. Perhaps it is when we have given birth, or hold a baby for the first time. Perhaps it is when we have helped someone else, or when someone else has helped us. Can you bless us with that story? Don't worry, we are not asking you to get up in front of a bunch of people, just meet with Pr. Andy and tell your story, and let Rebecca Dimon make a brief video. Just pretend the camera is not there!

Stories should be two to five minutes long. We will show them in church, so that others can see how God is at work in our lives.

If you are willing to share a story, please call the church office and let us know. Our first video recording session will be Saturday, February 20, 1:00 p.m.



### Kroger Community Rewards

**Did you know....** One of the ways you can contribute to the mission of St. John is through the **Kroger Community Rewards** program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to St. John, all

you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

#### **1. Create a digital account, if you don't have one already**

A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. Google Kroger Community Rewards to get started.

#### **2. Link your Card to St. John**

- Sign in to your digital account.
- Select Community Rewards
- Search for St. John either by name (St. John Lutheran Church), or by our organization number (PR608). You will know you have the correct one by the address.
- Select St. John from the list and click "Save".
- St. John will display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your selection, you can always do so under your Account details.

#### **3. The earnings start to add up.**

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to St. John, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations. St. John receives a quarterly email from Kroger with our contributions results, followed by a check.

Please note that individual contributors are NOT identified in the letter received from Kroger, so you will not see evidence of these contributions on your annual St. John statement. You will, however, know that you are helping to further our mission every time you go to Kroger. How cool is that? Please reach out to Christi Elbert if you have questions or concerns.



### Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday is February 17: online at 6:30  
Outdoor Imposition of Ashes and Communion: 7:45  
Midweek Lenten Worship: Wednesdays at 6:30.  
We will use Taizé worship style.  
Pastor Andy will preach on a series of hymns.



**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 December. This is wonderful news! Thanks to your generous contributions, we have ended the year on a high note, in spite of the Pandemic! Please continue to mail in your contributions.

	December	YTD 2020
Income	\$36,521	\$337,585
Expense	\$36,521	\$334,934
Result	\$0	\$2,652

(Income less Expense)

All benevolences were paid in full in December. Thanks for your generosity! Feedback welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to Christi Elbert or Jim Kushman if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.



**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	02/06
Kim Hahn	02/07
Anna McMahan	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
Marla Newton	02/13
Matthew Abbott	02/14
Noah Brown	02/15
Michael Gray	02/15
Starr Panther	02/15
Mitchell Swett	02/15
Kaleigh Coleman	02/16
David McNease	02/16
Davis Goodin	02/17
Don Parson	02/17
Russell Perry	02/17
Richy 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
Charles & Janet Heitmiller	02/24
Chuck & Brenda Lind	02/25

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>First Day of Black</b> 10am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily	12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - 6:30pm - Property	10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Online Book 6pm - Cancelled - 6:30pm - Cancelled - 7pm - OA (ABC) @	<b>Council Reports Due</b> 9am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - Executive	12pm - Online Daily	8pm - AA (ABC) @
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## FEBRUARY 2021 WORSHIP TEAM

**2/07**

**2/14**

**2/21**

**2/28**

### Assisting Minister (same person will serve at both services)

8:45	Cindy L	Mark L	Diane K	Jen S & Rebecca D
11:00				

### Crucifer/Communion Assistant (not needed until further notice)

11:00

### Lector

8:45	Rena B	Jen S & Rebecca D	Denise P	John T
11:00	Patti M	John N	Betty M	Mark L

### Cantor

Cindy L	Laura R	Diane K
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### Computer Technician

Nick S	Daryle K	Jim K	Jen S & Rebecca D
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### Altar Guild

Dinah H, Brenda P

### Communion Prep (not needed until further notice)

8:45

11:00

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

Lorraine Beyer  
Merle Dahl  
Annabelle Krupp  
Vivian Lenberger

Phyllis Neumayer  
Skip Stearman  
Shirley Whonsetler

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### Online Worship at St. John

Sunday  
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday-Saturday  
12:00 p.m.  
Also 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

### Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Lunch 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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