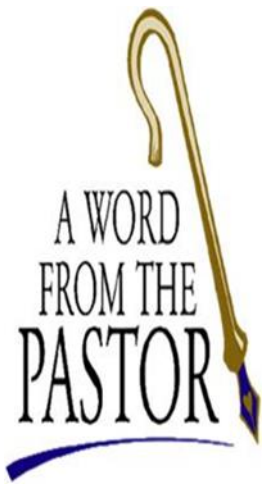


### Pastor's Note

#### Goals and Objectives for 2023

In early October of last year, the congregation council and others invited Nancy Nyland from the ELCA to meet with us and discuss goals for the near future. At its retreat in January, council focused those

goals into four basic categories, which you can find below. Council also designated a number of objectives we wish to achieve in order to meet those goals. Some of these objectives will need new volunteers to make them happen. I have marked these objectives with the capitalized



“OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.”

One objective, we ask everyone to do: We would like as a congregation to extend 75 personal invitations to people outside our congregation to a St. John event, OR tell 75 stories to someone outside the congregation about some way God has worked through St. John, by June 4. This is an opportunity for EVERYONE TO SERVE.

Please have a look at our goals, and we have done since October to achieve them, and please participate in our plans for the future.

God's Blessing,

Pr. Andy

1. Increase and improve communication and relationship with people

connected with the congregation, with consistent emphasis on building connections with people who are outside the congregation.

- a. What we have done since October:

- i. Improved sound transmission of online worship service
- ii. Begun hiring process for technology associate with responsibility for online worship and online publicity.
- iii. Daily prayer
- iv. Call people for Friends in Faith, give subject:

- b. Further objectives for 2023:

- i. New sign
- ii. Publicity in online presence, church screens, pre-worship powerpoint and website
- iii. Storytelling training: Would like 10 people to attend, we now have 6.
- iv. Offer mentoring program: Recruit and train 5 people to connect with new folks, invite them to events for 6 months: OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
- v. Renew communion visitation

- vi. Find nice prayer boxes for prayer booths
  - vii. In the year 2023, 75 people at St. John invite one person to a St. John event/service or tell one person not a member about some way that they have seen someone touched by God's presence through St. John. OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
  - viii. New Member Packet: Brochure, Calendar, Contact Information
  - ix. Revive online games: one person, monthly OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
  - x. Begin an online greeter program to greet people who attend worship on Zoom. OPPORTUNITY FOR TO SERVE
2. Expand communication and partnership with community and churches: Evangelism-Social Ministry
- a. What we have done since October:
    - i. We have active relationships with Hope Buss, St. MAM, Friends School and Kentucky Refugee Ministry.
    - ii. Started a Little Library on the Kresge Ln. sidewalk.
  - b. Further objectives for 2023:
    - i. Expand on Hope Buss, St. MAM and Friends' School involvement
      - 1. If Hope Buss continues to use

the kitchen, St. John people volunteer with them once a month.

- a. Include prayer box at volunteer cooking times.

2. Prepare for St. MAM to store food

3. Engage in two of Friend's School events, such as Trunk or Treat.

- a. Explore including prayer box at these events.

ii. Do at least 1 Community interview a month: Find one or two people. OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Possible for 2024

Expand communication and partnership with other churches.

3. Reinitiate active music program: Worship

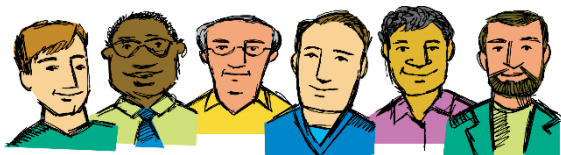
a. What we have done since October:

- i. Engaged Denine as interim choir director
- ii. Held a Choir Sunday with 4 Christmas anthems

b. Further objectives for 2023:

- i. Hire Choir Director
- ii. Work on recruiting program for choir

- iii. Add 4 people to Altar Guild OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
  - 4. Assess and address facility: Property
    - a. What we have done since October:
      - i. Property Chair has begun inventory of needed issues in physical plant
      - ii. Changed lightbulbs in the gym
      - iii. New lightbulbs in parking lot
    - b. Further objectives for 2023:
      - i. Clean Out Store Rooms: Jan. 28
      - ii. Repair roof
      - iii. Improve Landscaping
      - iv. Paint Steeple  
Restripe Parking Lot
- Possible 2024:  
Remove Wall in Sanctuary  
Add Orange/Warm Lights in Sanctuary



## **MEN'S GROUP**

### **A Men's Group Has Begun**

A men's group now meets Mondays at 6:30 in Diehl Hall. If you are interested, please see Daryle Karnes or come at 6:30 tomorrow!



### **Stephen Minister Commissioning**

February 19, Stephen Ministers will be commissioned.



## **Lenten Worship Schedule**

### **Lenten Schedule**

Ash Wednesday: 6:30 February 22. Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Wednesdays in Lent: 6:30 March 1-29. We will sing Holden Evening Prayer, with communion.



## **Our Church's Anniversary**

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Save the date for March 19. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, March 19, to celebrate a major milestone at St. John – our church's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary! The bishop will join us for a 10 AM combined service, followed by a luncheon to commemorate this occasion. Circle the date for now and look for more information about several special events to mark this year in our church's history.



### **Pastor Andy in Ghana**

Pr. Andy and Thyne are taking a long-delayed trip to Ghana the first two weeks of February. They will be gone from Feb. 1 through Feb. 15. Revs. Scott and Laura Meier will preach and preside Feb. 5 and 12. Pr. Andy will be back in the office Feb. 17 and will preach and preside Feb. 19.



### **Congregational Meeting**

After 11:00 worship Sunday February 19. We will present and answer questions about 2022 reports and 2023 goals.



Children's Ministry

### **Friends in Faith**

Feb. 19: all children ages 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to a time of fun and learning at 10:00-10:45 Sunday Feb. 19. We will be exploring about how Jesus is special.



### **Youth Broomball**

Youth from the ELCA churches in Louisville and the surrounding area are invited to play broomball at Iceland Arena, Saturday, Feb. 25 from 4:00-6:00. Youth grade 6-12, parents and friends are welcome to participate. Please let Pr. Andy know if you might like to come.



### **St. MAM Donations**

St. Matthews Area Ministries seeks to unite the resources and people of area congregations to effectively meet community needs. Through St. MAM, area congregations collaborate and partner with government, schools, businesses, and other non-profits to meet emergency needs, to stabilize families in transitional situations, to provide a nurturing and healthy environment for children and youth, and to offer resources for the benefit of the whole community.



### **Online Worship**

Daily Prayer – 12:00 Noon Monday-Friday  
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



**Financial Update**

Monthly Financial Update

	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22
Income	\$23,680	\$18,593	\$42,747
Expense	\$18,052	\$22,389	\$36,383
Result	\$5,627	(\$3,796)	\$6,365

(Income less Expense)

It is with great joy I report that our final balance as of EOY 2022 is positive \$565. All benevolences have been paid, and we still have a few dollars left to put towards our new sign! This is an amazing end to a challenging year. Thank you for your continuing support of the mission of St. John. Your contributions are truly appreciated. Please continue to mail in your contributions. Feedback welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to Christi Elbert or Diane Kushman if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**  
**February Birthdays**

Morgan Hines	02/02
Jakob Njos	02/02
Isaac Smith	02/02
Leighton Cook	02/04
Christi Elbert	02/06
Kim Hahn	02/07
Matthew Pulford	02/08
Lori Heslin	02/10
Zachary Strickland	02/10

James Hines	02/11
Roger Caswell	02/12
Emily O'Dell	02/12
Julie Nehring	02/13
Maria Newton	02/13
Matthew Abbott	02/14
Noah Brown	02/15
Michael Gray	02/15
Starr Panther	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
Steve Florence	02/21
Rebecca Cox	02/22
Daniel Lowery	02/23
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**  
**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
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			<b>First Day of Black History</b> 9:30am - Bridge Club 12pm - Online Daily 3pm - FS Dance Class 4:30pm - OLOL	<b>Council Reports Due</b> 12pm - Online Daily 4:30pm - OLOL 6pm - Executive	12pm - Online Daily 4:30pm - OLOL	9am - SOKY Basketball 8pm - AA (ABC) @
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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## FEBRUARY 2023 WORSHIP TEAM

**2/5**

**2/12**

**2/19**

**2/26**

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

8:45 & 11:00	Cindy L	Renaë B	Diane K	Patti M
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**Acolyte/Communion Assistant**

11:00	---	---	---	---
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**Lector**

8:45	Renaë B	John N	Denise P	John T
11:00	Todd H	Connie S	John N	Patti M

**Cantor** (same person will serve at both services)

	Cindy L	Laura R	Diane K	Cindy L
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**Usher**

11:00	Rosie W	Joanne N	Melissa W	Edie M
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**Altar Guild**

Dinah H, Brenda P

**Communion Prep**

8:45 & 11:00	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P
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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.*

John Gray  
Vivian Lenberger  
Betty Pauley  
Otto Pollei  
Nancy Robinson  
Skip Stearman  
Maxine Wines

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### Worship at St. John

#### Sunday

8:45 a.m. Online & In-person  
11:00 a.m. Online & In-person

#### Monday-Friday

12:00 p.m. Online

### Church Office Hours

#### Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Lunch 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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### Staff

Reverend Andy Rutrough

#### **Pastor**

David McNease

#### **Office Administrator**

TBD

#### **Youth Project**

#### **Coordinator**

TBD

#### **Choir Director**

Dr. Denine LeBlanc

#### **Organist**