

Pastor's Note

Repentance is out of favor these days. It is far more fashionable to double down, to point out how it's really someone else's fault, to wax eloquent about how everyone else is engaged in the same unhealthy practices as we are and how no one has the right to judge.

This is understandable. A serious reflection on our mortality, the selfishness of our thinking, the laziness of our attitudes, the privilege of our assumptions, the ways in which our systems, which we work so hard to fit into, nevertheless grind others underfoot, serious reflection on these realities makes us feel small and helpless and unworthy.

That's good, because those feelings free us.

When we set aside ourselves and our precious systems, we can begin to see God. We can glimpse the Christ who meets us where we are most mortal, who touches us with the Holy Spirit's breath precisely where we are most dead, most hateful, most cowardly most petty, and who loves us there.

Now we can be human. We can hold each other in God's care, sometimes challenging, sometimes comforting, always with the wonder of God in mind. Now we can be family, in other words. We can have community.

So, let us come to the Baptismal font, to the place where God turns us back towards God's life again and again each day. Let us thankfully set aside the trappings of our pride. Let us kneel down, confess our sin and quickly lay ourselves on the mercy of God. That's where peace will find us. That's where we come home.

God's Blessing,
Pastor Andy

Connect Team

Small Groups: Good news. Fifty-eight people responded to our Connect survey, indicating that they were interested in a small group of one kind or another. Now, we need you to fill out a Welcome form at church and check the "I am interested in forming or joining a small group" box. We will be asking people especially to consider checking this box Sundays March 10, 17 and 24.

Thrivent/Habitat for Humanity **Raise the Roof**

ELCA churches in the Louisville area, along with other churches, are teaming up with Thrivent to build a Habitat House. We need volunteers for a number of days, but especially for the "Raising of the Roof," 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 21-23. To sign up, go to the link below and scroll down to Thrivent Habitat Raise the Roof day 1, 2, or 3.

<https://louisvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/thrivent/>

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Services with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion will take place 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6.

Wednesdays in Lent

Wednesday Lenten Worship will take place Wednesdays, March 13–April 10, 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. The noon service will be a brief, spoken Holy Communion service. In the evening, we will use what is called a Taizé form of worship—contemplative and repeated, peaceful songs to focus our minds on God’s mystery and love. A soup supper will be available at 6:00 p.m.

Monday Morning Bible Study

We will be starting a new study guide called *Study and Meditation* in April. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays in Diehl Hall. Contact Diane Kushman, 773-0836, to order a book or for more information. Please join us.

ThunderBlast 2019

Rebecca Dimon’s new job provides an opportunity for you to attend a Thunder related event for free with an AMAZING view of the fireworks! ThunderBlast 2019! is one of the most exciting days at the Kentucky Science Center!

ThunderBlast, held in conjunction with Thunder Over Louisville, is the Science Center’s largest family-friendly event. Guests will enjoy the airshow and fireworks along the river from the Science Center’s parking lot on Saturday, April 13. Plans are well underway to make this day an exciting day for our guests, volunteers, and staff members!

More than 100 volunteers are needed to make this event a success! In exchange for a four-hour shift, volunteers will receive free admission to the event, access to all the activities, a Science Center t-shirt, and free parking.

Please share this opportunity with your family and friends. Volunteers can sign-up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fa8ad2aaaf49-thunderblast2>.

Big Finance Team Announcement!

The finance team is excited to announce that we have a new giving platform to introduce. The new giving platform is called Tithe.ly. It will be replacing the current online giving method (Vanco). The ELCA recently reached a "preferred vendor agreement" with Tithe.ly to offer online giving options to congregations. As a national organization working with many congregations and denominations, Tithe.ly offers a cost-effective way to support online giving at a reduced rate over Vanco. Tithe.ly also offers a mobile giving app with no annual or monthly fee. If you currently use Vanco for your giving, we are asking you to convert to Tithe.ly ASAP, to help reduce expenses for St. John.

Using Tithely is easy! If you are interested in automating your giving using Tithe.ly, you may use the URL to go directly to the St. John giving page. Once there, you can establish your account.

Type this link in your browser, and it will take you directly to the St. John giving page: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=474643>

If you prefer, you can download the Tithely app to your phone. You'll find it at the app store.

Once you establish your login, you will see the St. John giving page.

- You may select regular offering, alter flowers, etc. from the drop down.
- You may use a credit card or transfer directly from your checking or savings account.
- You may elect to cover processing fees, ensuring St. John receives the full value of your gift.
- You may set up automated giving on a weekly, monthly or other basis. Please note fewer transactions means fewer fees – so consider a monthly donation.
- Please put your envelope number in the optional field called Member Number, when setting up your donation.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to

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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 2019 books are...

Mar. 12 – *Calypso*, David Sedaris

Apr. 9 – *The Broken Road*, Richard Paul Evans

May 14 – *Code Girls*, Lisa Munday

Jun. 11 – *Never Caught*, Erica Armstrong Dunbar

Jul. 9 – *The Japanese Lover*, Isabel Allende

Aug. 13 – *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*, Alexander McCall Smith



**Episcopal Lutheran Ministry
University of Louisville
Midday Prayer and Meal
Wednesdays at Noon
UofL Interfaith Center
Food Provided**

What are the Youth Up To?

February

The first Friday in February, the youth at St. John hosted our annual Broomball game! All youth throughout our conference were invited. We ended up with a turnout of over 20 youth, and they had a great time!

The last Saturday of February, the youth held our annual Trivia Night fundraiser. Although the event occurred too late in the month to include a recap in this newsletter, stay tuned for details on how it all went!

March

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

On Tuesday March 5, the youth will host a Pancake Supper for Fat Tuesday! Dinner will be served in the Activity Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There is no cost, but a free will offering will be taken. Join us for some sweet eats to kick off the Lenten season!

South- Central Conference Variety Show

On Saturday March 16, 7:00 p.m., the South-Central Conference will be hosting a Variety Show at Christ Lutheran Church, 9212 Taylorsville Rd., for all the youth conference-wide. Any and all youth (or even those who are just youth at heart) are welcome to perform! Tickets to attend are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and there will also be a Chili Cook-Off! This should be a really fun event, and a great opportunity to connect with others throughout our conference!

April

Easter Egg Hunt

Coming up in April, the youth will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 20

at the church. Keep an eye out for further details!

Easter Brunch

On Easter Sunday (April 21), the youth will also host the annual Easter Brunch in the Activity Center between services.

Women of St. John

Thank you to everyone who came out and made Valentines. Quite a lot were made and distributed to the VA hospital, our home bound members and others. We had a lot of fun and a great meal as well!

Keep an eye on the bulletin for our March activity.

In April there is an executive board meeting on Monday, the 8th at 11:30. Restaurant yet to be determined. On April 14th we will have our quarterly meeting in Diehl Hall following the second service with I'm sure another wonderful meal. Put the date on your calendar and bring another woman who hasn't been before. Let's share our fun and fellowship!

March Birthdays

Terri Manning	3/1
Samantha Ward	3/1
Lauren Janes	3/2
Kathryn Voss	3/3
Timothy Newton	3/3
Deidree Whitworth	3/3
Annabelle Kratzwald	3/4
Mia Howard	3/6
Jacquelyn Tinsley	3/6
Felicia Dick	3/7
Gloria Wynn	3/9
Connie Schumacher	3/12
Sharon Heck	3/13
Ava Eaton	3/15

Leah Tabler	3/15
Margaret Carmen Malone	3/17
Emily Uldrich	3/18
Ava Florence	3/19
Collin Downey	3/20
Jack DuFour	3/21
Lorraine Beyer	3/22
Doug Manning	3/22
Daryle Karnes	3/23
Dianna Mazzoni	3/23
John Wright	3/23
Carin Wicke	3/24
Carolyn Kraft	3/25
James M. Eaton	3/26
Helen Lauterbach	3/27
Emily Njos	3/27
Elizabeth Schumacher	3/28
Ethan Abbott	3/31
Hailea Gentry	3/31
Avery Hoskins	3/31

March Anniversaries

Pete & Terri Dallas	3/16
Jack & Jennifer Sturgeon	3/23

Housekeeping Update

As we all get used to the loss of our friend, David Alcorn, there are some housekeeping situations that need to be addressed.

- Set up and tear down for events are to be done by the committees that are planning the event. Our congregation is always more than willing to help out if there's a need, so please ask for help if the event is too large.
- We need to clean up after ourselves as we used to do. Our cleaning company is very specific as to their duties. If an area like Diehl Hall needs to be mopped, they will certainly mop. But if there is food/debris left on floor after an event, the organizers of that event to sweep up the area. In

addition, the cleaning company does not clean our kitchens. They only empty trash and mop/sweep floors if necessary. So please clean the kitchen if you use it. The cleaning company comes in Monday-Friday at 6:00 p.m. and you never know who is going to use the area before it's cleaned again.

- If you leave an area or your committee is responsible for a particular area being used (for instance the Nursery in our Sanctuary), please turn off lights, heat (if heated separately from the roof units) and make sure doors are locked if appropriate.

It is quite an adjustment getting used to not having David to care for us the way he did, but I know we can all work together to be sure we are keeping our property safe and tidy as we continue to be considerate of others.

"Thank you!" from David McNease

After my first month at St. John, I'd like to take a moment to say how much I'm enjoying working with you. I'm excited to be learning new things every day, and to be meeting more and more of you. Please be patient with me as I get to know you. You may have to remind me of your name several times since there are many of you to remember! I'd like to especially thank all the volunteers who are helping in the office with the various administrative tasks, assisting with the bulletins, newsletter, and mailings, and generally providing company. I very much appreciate your giving freely of your valuable time and expertise! You are crucial to the day-to-day success of your church.

<p>SUN 24</p> <p>8:45am Worship 9:30am Coffee and Pastries 10am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>3 more</p>	<p>MON 25</p> <p>5:30pm OLOL - YAC</p>	<p>TUE 26</p> <p>5:30pm OLOL - YAC</p>	<p>WED 27</p> <p>11am Prayer Team - Rm. 35 5:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm OLOL - YAC</p> <p>3 more</p>	<p>THU 28</p> <p>9am Walk & Talk 5:30pm OLOL - YAC 7pm SCOC - DH</p>	<p>FRI Mar 1</p> <p>5:30pm OLOL - YAC</p>	<p>SAT 2</p> <p>10am SOKY - YAC</p>
<p>3</p> <p>8:45am Worship 9:30am Coffee and Pastries 10am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>2 more</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am Monday Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6pm Youth Pancake Dinner (YAC) 6:30pm Evangelism</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday 6</p> <p>9:45am Bridge Group 11am Prayer Team - Rm. 35</p> <p>5 more</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am Walk & Talk 6:30pm Executive Committe 6:30pm Quest Stars</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time starts 8:45am Worship 9:30am Coffee and Pastries</p> <p>4 more</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10am Moms Club -DH 11am Care & Concern Cmte -Rm. 35</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30pm Book Club 6:30pm Property</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30am FS - Friendship Breakfast - D 11am Prayer Team - Rm. 35 12pm Lenten Worship Service</p> <p>5 more</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am Walk & Talk 6:30pm Congregation Council</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Journal Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30pm Variety Show/Chili Cook-Off,</p>
<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day 8:45am Worship 9:30am Coffee and Pastries</p> <p>7 more</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10am Monday Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7pm Christian Education</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11am Prayer Team - Rm. 35 12pm Lenten Worship Service 5:15pm Bible Study</p> <p>3 more</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am Walk & Talk 10am Synod Workshop 1pm Gist Piano</p> <p>2 more</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
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MARCH 2019 WORSHIP TEAM

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3/10

3/17

3/24

3/31

Daylight Saving Time begins

Assisting Minister

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

Crucifer/Communion Asst

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

8:45	Rebecca D	Dina H	Mrs. Shawn H	Mary Lou F	Renae B
11:00	Lola H	Connie S	John N	Rosie W	Denise P

Ushers

8:45	Christi E Larry E	Jennifer S Lisa Y	Mary Lou F Don F	Nancy F Barry F	Dinah H Paul H
11:00	Tom J, Rosie W Ann H, Margie H	Gretchen & Kevin H Mary Jo S, Edie M	D Lowry, Ann H Sherley S, Mr Shawn	Ann H, M Dick John B, Mr Shawn	Matt/Whitney A Mark L, L Dick, Ann H

Acolytes 11:00

Benjamin	Lauren	Maddie	Jake	Benjamin
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Altar Guild

March – Scarlett M

Communion Prep

8:45	March – Jane B and Karen K
11:00	March – Connie S

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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Worship at St. John

Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Worship on Wednesday

7:30 p.m.

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Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

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