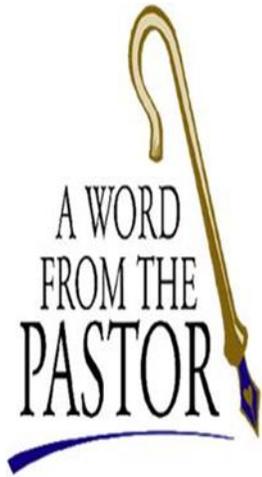


Pastor's Note

Spring is coming, but March is notoriously unpredictable. We could have piles and piles of snow with deadly cold, or we could be sweating by April, or both. Similarly, many of us hope that the end of the pandemic is coming. We hope to set aside our masks, or if not, perhaps at least to go out more and connect more closely with people—hug, even! But we don't know for sure. Another Covid variant could come. It is a time of uncertainty, and many of us, I think, are sick and tired of uncertainty. So here are a few of things that are certain.



First, God loves us, absolutely. Second, we are mortal, not God. Third, we are sinners; we need God's help. Fourth, Jesus brings God's help. Jesus brings forgiveness and life.

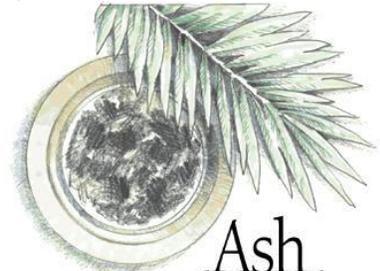
Our job as a church is to show these certainties: God's love, our humility, human sin, Jesus's life.

We do this by receiving spiritual strength at church so that we can use that strength to show God's love, our humility, the knowledge of human sin and the power of Jesus's life in our everyday routines. We also show these certainties as a whole church by reaching out to our neighborhood and world.

That's why we sent the Valentine Sunshine cards and did the Blessing of Relationships and provided journals for Maryhurst girls in February. That's why we are doing the Imposition of Ashes outside and worshipping with St. George's Episcopal in March.

Spring will arrive, eventually. Covid will diminish, ultimately. Jesus shines, always. We live that certainty in an uncertain world.

God's Blessing,
Pastor Andy



Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

We will hold our regular Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m. The service will be both in-person and online, with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes. Please join us.



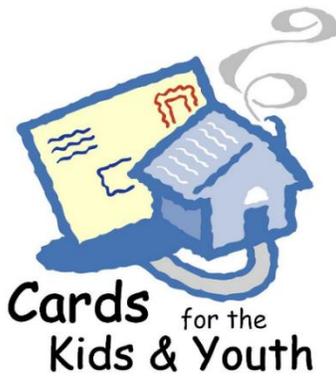
Outdoor Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, March 2, 4:00-6:00 p.m. This ancient tradition reminds us that we are mortal, our abilities and energy are limited, and also that we are sinners and need God's help. Come to the front of St. John between 4:00 and 6:00 March 2, and we will say a brief prayer, mark the sign of the cross on your forehead with ashes and oil, and say this blessed reminder: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."



Choir and Instrumentalists

During the interim period before a new choir director is hired at St. John, the church would like to provide some music beyond congregational singing. We are looking for vocal soloists, duos, trios and/or quartets and instrumentalists to perform at one or both services on a given Sunday. Rehearsals for these ensembles will be scheduled on the first three Wednesdays of the month from 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Andy.



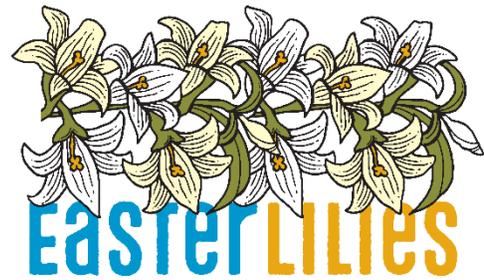
Cards for Kids and Youth

On Sunday, March 27, we will sign Easter cards for the children and youth of the congregation. Please stop by the narthex after church and sign cards there, as a reminder of God's love for them.



Online Children's Time

10:15-10:45 March 6 at our regular worship link.



Easter Flowers

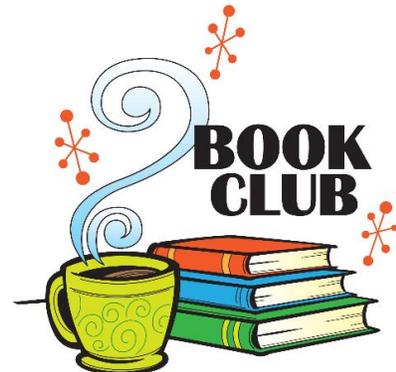
This year we are offering lilies, hyacinths, and tulips for \$15 per plant. The flowers will be used to decorate the altar for Easter Sunday services. You may purchase flowers in honor, memory, or celebration of someone. The names will be listed in the Easter bulletin. The deadline to order flowers is Wednesday, March 30.



LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesday Lenten Worship

6:30 Wednesdays in Lent, online and in person. We will have quiet song and prayer, with Holy Communion. Pastor Andy will preach on the differing emphases and many similarities of the pictures of Jesus painted in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Paul.



Wednesday Book Club

The Wednesday Book Group meets at 4:00, Wednesdays, online at our regular worship link. We are reading *The Seeker and the Monk*, *Everyday Conversations with Thomas Merton*, by Sophronia Scott.



How Do We Say “Thank You”?

Husband and I have talked frequently over the last few months about sending a HUGE Thank You to each of you, our family, at St John. We’ve discussed what we want to say, but he felt I was the person who should do the writing.

Me being the person who should write the thank you note is kind of funny, because on several occasions, I had to be told what happened or blank moments filled in, not to mention, my eye sight still isn’t the best...

I remember, what seemed like just a few days, preparing for surgery, leading into standing in the waiting room with the neurosurgeon, family and Pastor, God’s messenger, while he prayed for ME. We thank you for that!

I remember being told about All the people who were praying for me to have a speedy recovery. We thank you for that! I remember being told, I came home 3 days after surgery, only to be taken back to the hospital by family, because something wasn’t right. We thank you for that!

Apparently I was experiencing seizures and couldn’t respond to questions. I forget how long this lasted, but I know in my heart, there were hundreds of prayers being sent to our Lord. When I did come around, family and Pastor were in my room. We thank you for that!

Again, I went home, only to be readmitted to the hospital. This time it was only for 16 days. For us, our Thanksgiving and Christmas was spent in the hospital. Even though the doctors

and staff were trying very hard to get me home for Christmas. We told them, it really didn’t matter, we had already experienced our Christmas miracle, because of your continued prayers. We thank you for that! To everyone who offered to take me to appointments, who prayed relentlessly or sent cards or just had us in your thoughts, we thank you for that!

We especially want to thank everyone who brought husband food while I was in the hospital and continued to do so after I came home. The time and effort you took away from your personal lives to give to us was a tremendous amount of Grace given freely. We thank you for that!

I wasn’t going to mention any names because there were so many of you that helped us in one way or another. Knowing me I might leave someone out. But, there is one person, who convinced me it was ok to accept gifts of grace. I don’t know why it’s so hard for me to be on the receiving end. Karen, we thank you!! To Pastor...thank you for being the shepherd over our flock at St John. I don’t know how you did it, but it seemed like you were at the hospital in my room every time I woke up. Mmm, let me think? Truly God’s messenger. We thank you for that!

To everyone, we love you very much!
Shawn & Shawn Hall



Bible Readings Discussion

Sunday mornings, 10:00-10:50, in Diehl Hall.
Discussion of the Bible readings for the day.



Worship with St. George's

11:00 worship on Sunday, March 20, we will have worship at St. George's Episcopal Church, 1201 S. 26th St., Louisville. The service will be streamed on our regular worship link. 11:00 worship will not take place at St. John's 901 Breckenridge Ln. location.



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



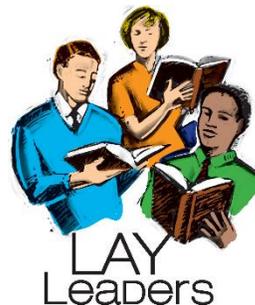
Thank You!

Jim and Sharon Heck would like to thank those responsible for the Valentine Sunshine cards. They were a blessing and a lift of spirits.



A Word From the Bishop

A note of condolence was sent by Bishop Bill Gafkjen to the congregation and the Stemler family upon the death of Ruthann Stemler. Ruthann was an ELCA Associate in Ministry at St. John.



Lay Leaders' Check-In

At 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 24, lay leaders will check-in with the Synod Council President. Watch St. John Happenings for the link.



COVID-19 Guidelines

Recently guidelines have changed regarding wearing masks in public and social distancing. If you have to visit the church, **we ask that you still wear a face mask** while in the building. This includes fully vaccinated individuals. **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.



Friends in Faith

10:00-10:45 at St. John, Sunday March 27.



Financial Update

Monthly Financial Update

	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
Income	\$17,152	\$42,582	\$27,098
Expense	\$21,183	\$25,724	\$16,581
Result	-\$4,031	\$16,858	\$10,517

(Income less Expense)

Result is positive this month for several reasons. Several members paid their 2022 pledge in full. In addition, we received several annual rental payments for the gym and other rooms. Great way to begin the year! 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.



March Birthdays

Terri Manning	03/01
Samantha Ward	03/01
Lauren Janes	03/02
Timothy Newton	03/03
Kathryn Voss	03/03
Deidree Whitworth	03/03
Annabelle Kratzwald	03/04
Sherry Leister	03/04
Jacquelyn Tinsley	03/06

Brad Webb	03/06
Felicia Dick	03/07
Rachel Cooper	03/08
Gloria Wynn	03/09
Kendall Ball	03/10
Sadie Plato	03/10
Gabrielle Iannone	03/11
Kylie Schultz	03/11
Connie Schumacher	03/12
Sharon Heck	03/13
Ava Eaton	03/15
Leah Tabler	03/15
Margaret Carmen Malone	03/17
Alexandria Lawson	03/18
Emily Uldrich	03/18
Addison Cook	03/19
Ava Florence	03/19
Scott Sprigg	03/19
Collin Downey	03/20
Jack DuFour	03/21
Douglas Manning	03/22
Daryle Karnes	03/23
Dianna Mazzone	03/23
John Wright	03/23
Carin Wicke	03/24
Carolyn Kraft	03/25
James Eaton	03/26
Elizabeth Gray	03/27
Emily Njos	03/27
Sabrina Bent	03/28
Elizabeth Schumacher	03/28
Joshua Cox	03/29
Alyson Cox	03/30
Ethan Abbott	03/31
Hailea Gentry	03/31
Robert Goodin	03/31
Avery Hoskins	03/31



March Anniversaries

Pete & Terri Dallas	03/16
Jack & Jennifer Sturgeon	03/23

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
		First Day of Shrove St. David's Day 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Evangelism & 6:30pm - Property	Ash Wednesday 9:30am - Bridge 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Ash 4pm - Book Club 6:30pm - Ash 7pm - OA (ABC) @ 7:30pm -	Council Reports Due 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Executive	12pm - Online Daily	9am - SOKY 8pm - AA (ABC) @
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:45am - In-Person 11am - In-Person & 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	12pm - Online Daily	12pm - Online Daily	10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Book Club 6:30pm - Taize 7pm - OA (ABC) @	12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Congregation	12pm - Online Daily	9am - SOKY 8pm - AA (ABC) @
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Saving 8:45am - In-Person 11am - In-Person & 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	10am - Mom's Club 12pm - Online Daily	Journal Deadline 12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - Christian	10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Book Club 6:30pm - Taize 7pm - OA (ABC) @	St. Patrick's Day St. Patrick's Day 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Worship &	12pm - Online Daily	8pm - AA (ABC) @
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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MARCH 2022 WORSHIP TEAM

3/6

3/13

3/20

3/27

Assisting Minister (same person will serve at both services)

8:45 & 11:00	Cindy L	John N	Diane K	John N
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Crucifer/Communion Assistant (not needed until further notice)

11:00

Lector

8:45	Margi H	Mike M	Renaë B	Eric H
11:00	Dinah H	John N	Dee L	Sherley S

Cantor (same person will serve at both services)

Cindy L	Laura R	Diane K	James & Blair H
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Usher

11:00	Ann H	Edie M	Ann H	Joanne N
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Altar Guild

Dinah H, Brenda P

Communion Prep (not needed until further notice)

8:45

11:00

Send a cheerful note to our members who are "under the weather" and/or can't make it to church services or church events.

Betty Eggers
John Gray
Vivian Lenberger
Betty Pauley
Nancy Robinson
Skip Stearman

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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

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