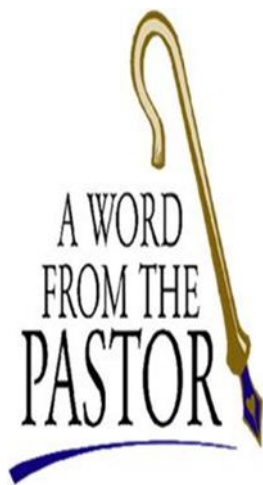


Pastor's Note

Spring time has come. It's not so cold any more. Already, flowers have been blooming or some weeks. Most of us will be familiar with the comparison Jesus makes between a seed falling in the earth, dying, and new life springing up. Martin Luther also compared Christ's resurrection with the cycle of seasons in the temperate parts of the world. Winter, of course is the time when the world seems to die, and spring, when the resurrection comes.

Could it be that the Holy Spirit was serious when John the Divine heard God say, "Behold, I make all things new."? Could it be that the resurrection is not just about us and for us, but also for the whole world? What if the entire universe was headed for new life? What if our efforts to bring that life, through honesty and integrity and caring lives and just relations between peoples, what if all those efforts actually had an effect, like the flower that grows slowly into the air until one day it blooms into a miracle of beauty? What if God has made us a part of God's hopes for the world becoming real?



Service of Prayer and Healing

Service of prayer and healing for people who have experience of trauma: 6:30 Wednesday April 10. On the first anniversary of the shooting

at Old National Bank here in Louisville, we will hold a quiet service of healing for persons who have experienced trauma. This service is an acknowledgement of the pain and senselessness of traumatic events, and an affirmation that God's goodness is deeper than those events. It will involve scripture, song, sharing, communion, and an opportunity for listening and prayer.



Friends in Faith

After worship, April 28. "I am the vine, you are the branches:" We will find out how Jesus makes us strong.



Invitations and Stories

As of mid-March, we as a congregation have extended invitations or told stories about God's work at St. John to 64 people. We have 136 to go by Christmas. Keep up the good work!



Confirmation Class

1:00-4:00 Sunday, April 21 at Ascension Lutheran Church.



All-Church Potluck
Second Sunday Potluck

After church, April 14.



Coffee with Pastor or Member

If you know someone you would like to introduce to Pr. Andy, or to another person at St. John, please let us know. We will pay for coffee for a visit and chat, just to make connection.



Instagram and YouTube

Please like and subscribe to our Instagram and YouTube channels, and share our postings with family and friends. This is a way to convey the presence of God in our lives.



Eagle Scout

Richard Logsdon received his Eagle rank at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on March 11. His Eagle Scout project involved building and installing three Little Libraries for books and food and fundraising to fill them. St. John is a

beneficiary of the project and Mark Lynch was one of his mentors. Richard is currently an Engineering student at Murray State University and active in Army ROTC.



Financial Update

Monthly Financial Update

	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24
Income	\$60,487	\$29,088	\$24,542
Expense	\$27,030	\$29,219	\$25,782
Result	\$33,457	(\$130)	(\$1,240)

(Income less Expense)

We were a little down in February, but not bad for right after the holidays. For the month, down \$1,240, and YTD we are down \$1,371. We made an extra \$1000 payment to LG&E to offset our budget amount shortfall. This is to avoid a forced catchup when our budget audit is completed in July. Please continue with your generous contributions to help us achieve our goals! Please continue to mail in your contributions. Feedback welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to Christi Elbert or Marty Dick if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.



Time and Talent Opportunities

Stewardship is how we use God given gifts, our time, our talent, and our treasure to carry out Christ's work in the world. This spring the Stewardship Committee is emphasizing time and talent. Each committee has reviewed their goals and identified a varied list of long- and short-term opportunities. These are listed below.

We are asking each member to review the available opportunities and consider making a commitment to volunteer two to five or more hours a month. On April 28 cards will be sent to each member to complete recording your commitment. We are asking that the cards be returned on or before Sunday May 12 at the Pastor's Pot Luck. Those who complete cards will receive a special dessert prepared by members of our Fabulous Fellowship Committee. Any of the committees welcome new members.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

- Funerals – Set up, clean up, and food donations. As needed.
- Pastor's Pot Luck – Coordinate, cook the main dish. Rotating monthly.
- Confirmation Class – Prepare lunch and clean up after. Rotating every other month.
- Receptions (New Member, Baptism, Confirmation) – Set up, decorations, food preparation, donations and clean up . Occasional.
- Saturday August and Labor Day Yard Sale – Sale donations, treats for sale, working the kitchen. All or part of August and the first Saturday in September.
- Chat and Chew – Sunday morning breakfast or treats.
- Friends in Faith – Cook and clean up lunch. Rotating monthly.
- Lent-Souper – Each Wednesday in Lent. Rotating weekly.
- Other Holidays – Help with various meals.
- Quilting group – Every Wednesday but the first of the month.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- Fall/Spring planting of flower beds at the front door of church and two planters by the church office door. 2 to 4 hrs.

- Spring/Fall cleanup of the courtyard – Cleaning beds, trimming shrubs and trees,
- Spring/Fall cleanup of the courtyard- Cleaning beds, trimming shrubs and trees, and cleaning walkways. 2 to 4 hrs.
- Assist Fellowship Committee in setting up and tearing down tables and chairs for funerals, church dinners, potlucks and Saturday Yard Sales in August and September. 2 to 4 hrs.
- Checking and replacing all furnace filters (HVAC equipment located on the roof).
2 to 4 hrs. quarterly.
- Pick up church grounds. 1-2 hrs. weekly.
- Cleanup courtyard (remove dead blossoms, small twigs, pull weeds) 1-2 hrs. as needed.
- Cleanup around inside of dumpster enclosure and ensure gates are closed. (Friday would be the best day as the dumpster is emptied on Thursday) weekly.
- Complete a light check both inside and outside the building and replace bulbs when needed. 1 to 2 hrs. weekly.
- Respond to minor maintenance requests from Friends School and the church office. The goal is to have several people who would be willing to do this on a monthly on-call basis. All calls would go through the property Chair. estimated time 2-4 hrs. a month.
- Clear snow from sidewalks and spread ice melt as needed.
- Spray for weeds in the parking lot/sidewalk/curb. as needed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- Be a member of the Christian Ed Committee to share ideas supporting educational interactions with children, youth, and adults. 1 hr. monthly/meeting.

- Recording Secretary for the Christian Ed Committee. Take notes at the monthly meeting and distribute notes appropriately. 2 hrs. monthly.
- Send cards to kids in the congregation quarterly marking holidays and birthdays.
- Attend extracurricular activities of children and youth to cheer them on. Occasional.
- Plan and host games for 4th-6th graders in the month of your choice. 2 hr.
- Work with Vacation Bible School in various capacities. Yearly, 5 days plus prep.
- Friends in Faith Activities
 - Plan and supervise a game -month of your choice 1 1/2 hr.
 - Plan and give a story -month of your choice 1 1/2 hr.
 - Plan and provide instructions and materials for a craft-month of your choice. 1 1/2 hr.
 - Plan and provide snack-month of your choice 1 1/2 hrs.

EVANGELISM & SOCIAL MINISTRIES

- Homebound Communion delivery –time varies.
- Bread delivery to visitors – occasional time varies.
- Greeters at services – 15-20 minutes before service. Sunday of your choice.
- Participate in Trunk or Treat at Halloween-yearly , 2 hrs.
- Participate in God’s Work Our Hands – yearly 1-2 hrs.
- Bring needed items to church for St. Mam, WaterStep.
- Help paint Advent ornaments – yearly. Time varies.
- Participate in the prayer booth at the August/September Yard sales. 2 hrs.

- Become a second person to represent St. John on the Board of St. Matthews Community Ministries. 2 hrs. a month.
- Read to children at Friends School.
- St. Mam (stock shelves, pack food boxes, admin support, etc. contact Julie or Suzanne at 502-893-0205).
- Hand in Hand Ministries (work on safety and accessibility projects for qualified applicants etc. 502-459-9930).
- Kentucky Refugee Ministry (work as a support to the English as a Second Language program or as a transportation volunteer etc. 502-479-9180).

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

- Help Pastor Andy change the messages on the outdoor sign (Until the new sign has been approved). 1/2 to 1 hr.
- Help decorate the church for Christmas and Easter. 2 hrs.
- Help with communion preparation. rotating monthly 1 1/2 hrs.
- Prepare the Sanctuary:
 - Dust the railings and the organ.
 - Replace the candles.
 - Change the paraments.
 - Dewax the candle holders.
 - Polish the silver.
- Act as an usher, assisting minister, cantor, greeter, lector, acolyte, or crucifer (young or adult) – Rotating weekly 1/2 to 1 1/2 hrs.
- Help assemble bulletins for Sunday service. 2 hrs.
- Help assemble the monthly Journal for mailing. 2 hrs.
- Join the choir. 3 hrs. weekly.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

- Become a member of the Stewardship Committee. 1-1 1/2 hrs. per month.
- Present a Temple Talk- This is when a member of the congregation speaks about why St. John is meaningful to them or a way in which our ministry has

touched their life. A 3–5-minute presentation in person during service or on video.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- Help revamp the website.
- Train as a Zoom operator to fill in on occasional Sundays or special services. As needed.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

- If you have a finance or investment background or some fundraising experience consider becoming a member of the Endowment Committee with the goal of increasing St. John’s endowment.

SPIRITUAL CARE

- Attend online daily noon prayer with Pastor Andy. 20 min. weekly, Monday-Friday.
- Taking Communion to the homebound.
- Participate in prayer booth at the August/September Saturday Yard sale.

Gary Ward	04/11
Patricia Coffey-Ward	04/12
Annie Worman	04/12
Alex Berglund	04/13
Emilia McCollum	04/13
Ann Hovell	04/16
Debbie Utz	04/16
Zach Cunningham	04/18
Kyla Walsh	04/18
Derrick Brown, Jr.	04/20
Thatcher Cook	04/20
Marty Dick	04/23
Emily Gaddie	04/23
Wendy Rube	04/23
Rhonda Franklin	04/24
Chet Gentry	04/24
Jodi Hughes	04/25
Shelby Mattingly	04/25
Joanne Nordstrom	04/26
Heather Roth	04/28
April Caswell	04/29
Karen Choate	04/29
Aspen Cunningham	04/29
Chris Hall	04/29
Noah Rizwan	04/29
Barbara Beck	04/30
Taylor Hines	04/30



April Birthdays

Christy Pollock	04/01
Nancy Johnson	04/02
Jerry Wiebusch	04/04
Bob Gordon	04/07
Ian Holt	04/07
Beth Leister	04/07
Lorri Messerole	04/07
John Uldrich	04/07
Nancy Walsh	04/07
Cheri Hines	04/08
James Oost	04/08
Christopher Filardo	04/09
Emily Holt	04/09
Michael Jarrett	04/10



April Anniversaries

Charles & Linda Boley	04/02
Derik & Laura Novak	04/09



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Easter Monday Easter Monday Office Closed 6:30pm - Men's Group	2 6:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Technology	3 9:30am - Bridge Club 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	4 Council Reports Due (1st) 6pm - Executive	5	6 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
7 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 3pm - Eben-Ezel 6pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	8	9	10 10am - Sewing Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Prayer & 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	11 6pm - Congregation	12	13 11:30am - Memorial 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
14 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 3pm - Eben-Ezel 6pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	15 Journal Deadline Tax Day 6:30pm - Men's Group	16 6:30pm - Christian	17 10am - Sewing Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	18 4pm - Worship & Music 6:15pm - Evangelism &	19	20 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
21 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 1pm - Confirmation Class 3pm - Eben-Ezel 6pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	22	23	24 10am - Sewing Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	25	26	27 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
28 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 11:15am - Friends in 12pm - Stephen Ministry 3pm - Eben-Ezel 6pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	29 6:30pm - Men's Group	30	1	2	3	4

APRIL 2024 WORSHIP TEAM

	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28
<u>Assisting Minister</u>				
10:00	Renae B	Diane K	Cindy L	Ann H
<u>Lector</u>				
10:00	Haley T	Denise P	Dinah H	John T
<u>Youth Lector</u>				
10:00	Alex B	Magdalene M	Lily B	Emilia M
<u>Cantor</u>				
10:00	Laura R	Diane K	Cindy L	Laura R
<u>Crucifer</u>				
10:00	Melvin G	Trey L	Melvin G	Trey L
<u>Acolyte</u>				
10:00	Alex B	Magdalene M	Lily B	Emilia M
<u>Usher</u>				
10:00	Edie M	Joanne N	Melissa W	John B
<u>Communion Prep</u>				
10:00	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
Dinah H, Brenda P				

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

Vivian Lenberger
Betty Pauley
Nancy Robinson
Skip Stearman
Maxine Wines

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Monday-Friday

12:00 p.m. Online

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Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Lunch 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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