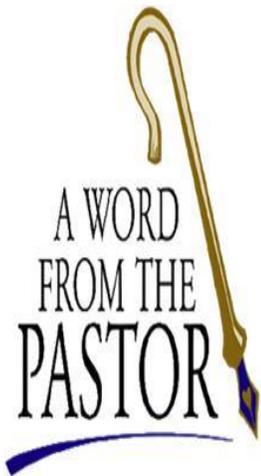


Pastor's Note

Guess what: It's still Easter! In the church year, the season of Easter lasts for eight weeks. It takes that long to celebrate the fact that Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

So we still have the common challenges of our lives. We still deal with our jobs, families, emotions and friendships. We still have



difficult issues to deal with as citizens of our city and state, nation and world. We still have much to learn, and we are still sinners on a journey of repentance and forgiveness. But the reality of Easter surrounds all of that. The truth of the resurrection

changes our understanding of everything else. For this reason, the way we treat a co-worker or an employee or a boss is not just a nice way to get along in life. It is a window on the nature of reality at its greatest depth. It is a witness to God's love.

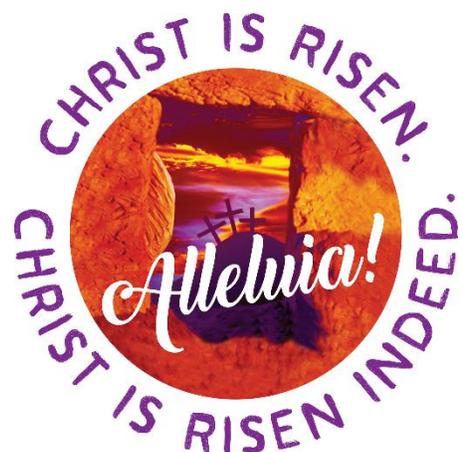
We look out on a world that is still beset by a pandemic, and by misinformation about the pandemic. We see a world where shootings continue to rock the country, where authoritarian regimes seek to increase their power at the expense of free societies, where mistrust, cynicism, polarization and extremism seem to be rewarded with fame and money. These

things are still real. They are still true. But they are not the greatest truth. The greatest truth is Jesus' resurrection.

This means two things. First, we matter. All of us. Jesus' resurrection life reaches beyond our successes and failures, achievements and wisdom, position and background. Our dignity and our hope come from God, and cannot be taken away. Second, what we do matters. God works through our compassion, our growth, our integrity, our repentance, our humility and our love, halting and flawed though it may be. We may not be able to change the world ourselves, but God's love changes the world through us. We might not be able to achieve the final victory ourselves in our own time, but God's final victory breaks into our time every day.

We are a people of the cross, a people of hope, a people of Easter. Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Andy





In-Person Worship

After careful consideration of hospitalization rates, death rates and positivity rates in Jefferson County, as well as the number of people at St. John who have been fully vaccinated, Worship Committee and Council have decided that we will begin in person worship for the 11:00 worship service starting April 25. 8:45 worship service will continue online. For the present, we will ask people to register ahead of time. Our limit will be 25 people per Sunday. (With five worship leaders, this makes thirty people, one tenth of our building capacity.) We require masks and social distancing of 6 feet from people outside our regular households. While cantors and worship leaders will sing, we ask that congregation members not sing. Moreover, we will limit singing to 3 hymns, 2 verses each. Cantors and worship leaders will have special singing masks, and will stay 20 feet away from congregation members when singing. If the positivity rate or the number of hospitalizations or deaths due to Covid-19 spikes, we will consider returning to online worship only. If they go down, we will consider further measures to open up.

Thank you, everyone, for your patience and your good-hearted endurance. This has been a very hard journey, and it's not completely over yet. As with any difficult time, we will not be able to return to exactly

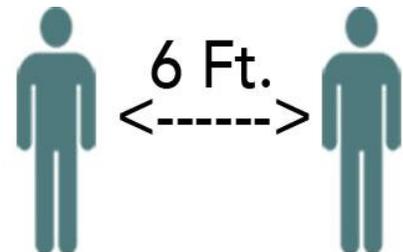
the way it was before. Some things will be different. But God has always been with us, and will always be. So our witness is the same. Jesus, who loves all people, loves you. Jesus, who shared our death, is alive.



separated seating
grouped for individuals,
couples & families



sanitizing stations
available throughout
the church



social distancing
please continue
practicing throughout



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



St. John Bowling Team

Our bowling team consists of five members. This is the first time in a few years that all of the team members are from St. John Lutheran Church. Team members are John Burford, Daryle Karnes, Mark Lynch, Chuck Lind, and Jose Zellers. The ultimate goal of a bowler is to bowl a perfect game which is a 300 (score). On April 8, 2021, our bowler, Chuck Lind, rolled a 300 (a perfect game). Also, Chuck has the highest average on the team. And we are a team.

Jose Zellers



Vacation Bible School

For this summer's Vacation Bible School program, our theme will be Rocky Railway! Climb aboard for a mountain of fun as we go on a faith-filled adventure where kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. As we start the planning process, we are looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Leading A Class
- Locomotion Games
- Imagination Station (Crafts)
- KidVid Cinema
- Bible Adventures
- Snack
- Music
- Decorations

Please consider volunteering your time to ensure our kids have a great experience - our VBS program would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers! Let Whitney know if you'd like to help out or if you have any questions!



Financial Update

Monthly Financial Update

	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21
Income	\$22,802	\$24,215	\$29,551
Expense	\$23,047	\$22,553	\$42,803
Result (Income less Expense)	-\$245	\$1,662	-\$13,252

Holiday contributions for Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter totaled \$2,485 to date. This figure is included in the income reported above. No benevolences have been paid thus far in 2021. There is a sizable negative result at the end of March, primarily due to the payment of our annual insurance invoice. Please continue to mail in your contributions. Feedback welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to Christi Elbert or Jim Kushman if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.

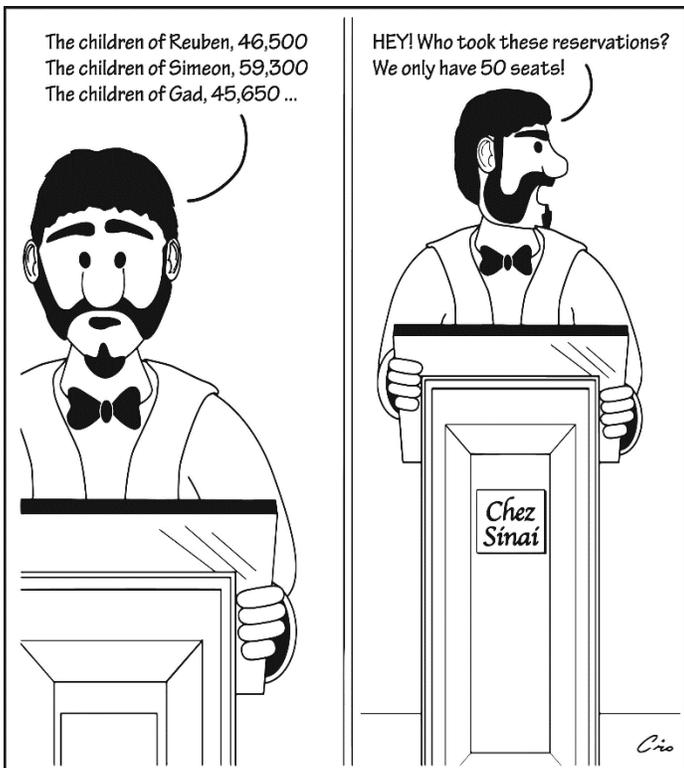
Parking Lot Paving

Please be aware that at some time soon the church parking lot will be repaved. The work will occur over two Saturdays, therefore no one will be able to park in the lot on those days. You may, however, park in the parking lot of the adjacent medical office building and walk over to the church. The specific dates will be announced as soon as the work is scheduled.



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.





May Birthdays

Tom Johnson	05/01
Laura Rogers	05/01
Amanda Filardo	05/02
Steven Harvey	05/02
Thomas Tucker	05/02
Kendall Beck	05/03
Sherley Sample	05/03
James McKenerick	05/04
Grace Adkins	05/05
Zoe Bent	05/05
Austin Iannone	05/05
Emily Cox	05/06
Mrs. Shawn Hall	05/06
Allison Lynch	05/06
Stephen Benner	05/09
Alex Coleman	05/09
Kylee Beck	05/10
Lori Loiacano	05/10
Douglas Yahl	05/10
John Foster	05/11
Barry Frystak	05/11
Tyler Lynch	05/11
Gabrielle Victor	05/12
Rachael Hovell	05/13
Wyatt Goodin	05/16
Eric Hahn	05/17
Gwyneth McMahan	05/17
Terri Pulford	05/17
Barbara Huber	05/18
Kristy Jackson	05/18
Otto Pollei	05/18
Kim Swett	05/18
Lisa Young	05/19
Diane Kushman	05/20

Bernard Hukee	05/21
Jan Foshag	05/22
Kyle Hamsley	05/22
Jaxen Coulter	05/23
Delea Cracraft	05/23
Laura Nehring	05/23
Ernie Worman	05/23
Steven Gray	05/25
Florence Bright	05/27
Owen Uldrich	05/27
Meg Garl	05/30
Carolyn Wicke	05/31



May Anniversaries

Jim & Betty Adkins	05/09
James & Cheri Hines	05/14
Mike Murray & Lynn Kaiser	05/16
Jennifer Stanfield & Rebecca Dimon	05/19
John & Lea Goff	05/25
Marty & Lisa Dick	05/27
Mark & Dee Lynch	05/28
John Burford & Debbie Utz	05/31
Herb & Sabra Reeser	05/31

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Bible Quiz

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
8:15am - Cancelled - 8:45am - Online 9:30am - Cancelled - 10am - Cancelled - 11am - Online	10am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily	12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - 6:30pm - Property	Cinco de Mayo 10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Online Book 6pm - Cancelled -	Council Reports Due 9am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Executive	12pm - Online Daily	First Day of Asian 8pm - AA (ABC) @
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:15am - Cancelled - 8:45am - Online 9:30am - Cancelled - 10am - Cancelled - 11am - Online	10am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily	12pm - Online Daily	10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Online Book 6pm - Cancelled - 6:30pm - Cancelled - 7pm - OA (ABC) @	Ascension Day 9am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Congregation	12pm - Online Daily	8pm - AA (ABC) @
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mother's Day 8:15am - Cancelled - 8:45am - Online 9:30am - Cancelled - 10am - Cancelled - 11am - Online	10am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily	12pm - Online Daily	10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Online Book 6pm - Cancelled - 6:30pm - Cancelled - 7pm - OA (ABC) @	Ascension Day 9am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Congregation	12pm - Online Daily	Journal Deadline 9am - Activities 8pm - AA (ABC) @
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Pentecost 8:15am - Cancelled - 8:45am - Online 9:30am - Cancelled - 10am - Cancelled - 11am - Online	Whit Monday 12pm - Online Daily	12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - Sacred	10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Online Book 6pm - Cancelled - 6:30pm - Cancelled - 7pm - OA (ABC) @	9am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily 7pm - Cancelled -	12pm - Online Daily	8pm - AA (ABC) @
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Trinity Sunday 8:15am - Cancelled - 8:45am - Online 9:30am - Cancelled -	Memorial Day Office Closed 12pm - Online Daily					

MAY 2021 WORSHIP TEAM

5/2

5/9

5/16

5/23

5/30

Assisting Minister (same person will serve at both services)

8:45 & 11:00	Cindy L	Patti M	Diane K	Mark L	Diane K
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Crucifer/Communion Asst (not needed until further notice)

11:00

Lector

8:45	Margi H	Dinah H	Diane K	Denise P	John T
11:00	Sherley S	Connie S	Patti M	Dee L	Patti M

Cantor (same person will serve at both services)

Cindy L	Laura R	Diane K
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Computer Technician

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.

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
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Sunday
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Monday-Friday
12:00 p.m.

Church Office Hours

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