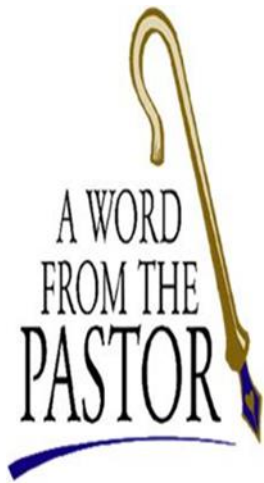


Pastor's Note

You all may recall that in late April, a young man killed five fellow employees and critically wounded a police officer with an AR-15 style rifle at Old National Bank here in Louisville. Ashley, one of our members at St. John, was in the Old National Bank building at the time. She saw a great deal of blood and the shooter's body as she was being led out by police.



The scene was deeply disturbing, and kept coming up in her mind. However, we believe that God's presence is deeper even than this kind of chaos. So, Ashley drew a picture of the scene with God's hands around it, and wrote a paragraph into the picture. It was so remarkable I asked her if I could share it and she said "Yes."

Here is what she wrote: God is speaking. "I was everywhere you looked. I held everything in my arms, even the bad things. I hold every scene of your life like this. I cry for you. I cheer you on. I facilitate your healing. Everyone at this scene was in my hands because everyone there was my child. You have questions about the bad things I allow. You won't always find answers, but you'll find me. -God"

This is the kind of community we are. This is the kind of word God speaks through you in this church. Thanks be to God.



One Worship Service June, July and August

After several people asked Worship committee to consider one worship service, Worship Committee decided to ask the congregation for input on this question. We provided a survey at worship service and online and a deadline of May 16. 54 of our responses indicated that they thought it was a good idea to try one worship service at 10:00 in June, July and August and 5 indicated that they thought this would not be a good idea. Since so many people responded that it would be a good idea to try one worship service in the summer, council has decided that we will go to one worship service in June, July and August, at 10:00. Sunday Bible Study will be at 9:00, as will choir.

In August, we will survey the congregation again to see whether we think it is a good idea to continue with one worship service at 10:00, or to return to two worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 for September 2023 through May 2024.

Thank you everyone for your thoughtful and prayerful responses.

God Bless,
Pr. Andy



Favorite St. John Memories

Each month we will have seven or eight memories.

Trivia Nights when each table had a theme. Our table's themes were Gilligan's Island and Mardi Gras. So much fun dressing up and decorating. – Ann Hovell

How welcoming people are and willing to find Jesus in our midst. I am especially thankful that St. John balances nurturing our church community with our broader Louisville community. – Anya Smith

Caroling in Dec. 2022 – Isaac Smith

My wedding day! Oct. 18, 1997, All of the many VBS weeks, Air Disciples – Terri Pulford

The Sunday my friend Todd became a member and seeing him get more involved over time. – Bill

Pastor Andy and a young woman dancing at the ornament swap this past year 2022. It was hilarious!! – Todd Herbst

Trivia nights with all of the area churches. Snacks, prizes, competition, fun! – Justin Meier



75 Challenge

If you have a friend, acquaintance or family member you think would be blessed at St. John, tell them about something here that you think is part of God's work, or invite them to a worship service, fun event, or opportunity to serve. Maybe we can offer MORE than 75 invitations or stories by Christmas.



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Synod Assembly

Synod Assembly is JUNE 10. We still need one female delegate. It's virtual this year, so less time commitment, but also less fun. Please see Pr. And if you are willing to serve in this way.



St. MAM Is Moving

St. Matthews Area Ministries is moving from its space at Beechwood Baptist Church to St. Matthews United Methodist Church on Browns Lane. Please keep St. MAM in your prayers and be ready to help when they ask for moving hands.



Financial Update

Monthly Financial Update

	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
Income	\$20,451	\$26,214	\$24,081
Expense	\$31,702	\$24,205	\$35,656
Result (Income less Expense)	(\$11,251)	\$2,008	(\$11,575)

Both April and YTD results are negative approx \$11K. This is a timing issue caused by the payment of our annual property insurance. No significant variances to report. 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.



St. John Graduates

We have two St. John graduates to celebrate this year. They both have been very involved in our life together at church and will be greatly missed. We can all be proud of what they have accomplished and look forward to seeing where life will take them in the future.

Holly Perry graduated from DuPont Manual on June 2 and was in the Journalism and Communications magnet. While at Manual Holly sang in the choir and participated in many creative endeavors.

She will be attending Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana where she plans to major in the arts program and minor in business. She found the Hanover photography professor especially helpful in the application process and anticipates that the school will be a good fit. Her parents Dawn and Russ were happy to celebrate the occasion with an open house in her honor at St. John.

Allie Lynch graduated from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky on May 14 with a degree in elementary education. She student taught in Belize this spring and reported that she learned a lot about the country and was able to do some exploring while teaching wonderful students. She was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, Delight Ministries, and the Alpha Upsilon Alpha reading club. She is currently involved in searching for a teaching position in Savannah, Georgia. Her parents Dee and Mark Lynch are naturally proud and delighted that she will be involved in a profession that has interested her for a long time.

If there are other graduates that we have missed please contact the office.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will take place from 6:30-8:30 this summer, July 17-21. We will use a VBS curriculum from ELCA World Hunger Appeal called Tree of Healing. We will also need 8-10 people to help with

games, crafts, songs, storytelling and snack. If you are interested in sending a child to VBS or in helping, please send your RSVP to Sherry Leister, 502-548-2169, sherleister@aol.com.



Holly Perry's Graduation Party

12:00-3:00 Saturday June 3 in Diehl Hall. The congregation is invited to this open house celebration of Holly Perry's graduation from high school. Hooray for Holly and all of our great young folks!



A Note from Mary Stultz's Daughters

Mary died Sunday, March 2 at the age of 100.

To Everyone at St. John,

So many thanks to everyone who called, stopped by to see mom, came to the funeral home and service. We are in sincere appreciation for the love shown to our family. Mom was proud of her St. John Family, and loved each and every member with her whole heart.

Rita Smith
Karen Choate



Father's Day

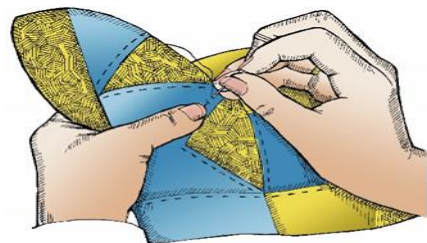
Sunday, June 4. Everyone is invited to bring a photo of your father to church, or someone who is/was a father figure to you. Put the photo on a table in front of the altar. Write his name on one of the cards provided, put it in the basket provided and we will give thanks for him during the prayers.



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group

The men's group is meeting Monday June 10 and 24 at 6:30 in Diehl Hall. They are doing Bible Study and service to the church. Please join us.



QUILTING GROUP

Quilting Group

10:00 to whenever, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of the month. Come to sew, iron or otherwise help make quilts for refugees and disaster survivors.



June Birthdays

Samantha Ludwig	06/01
Robert McKenerick	06/01
Sally McMahon	06/01
Benjamin Schumacher	06/01
Katelyn Tucker	06/01
Jesse Lawson	06/02
Mary Bartow	06/03
Laura Cox	06/03
Michelle Lawson	06/03
Landon Caswell	06/06
Laurie Iannone	06/06
Magdalene McCollum	06/06
Lea Goff	06/07
Alice Fugate	06/08
Ryan Martin	06/08
Eddie Miller	06/08
Kathleen Martin	06/09
Nancy Robinson	06/09
John Goff	06/10
Nancy Worley	06/10
Paul DuFour	06/11
Sally Moreland	06/12
John Burford	06/13
James Heck	06/13
Cory Heslin	06/13
Clifford Thevenin	06/13
Elana Walsh	06/13
Mitchell Dick	06/14
David Meininger	06/14
Mary Wright	06/14
Sara Meierding	06/15
R. J. Perry	06/16
Andy Rutrough	06/16
Albert Buford	06/17
Kim Irwin	06/18

Nathan Pederson	06/18
Nicholas Schumacher	06/19
Ella Dye	06/20
Ida Litz	06/21
Bill Workman	06/21
Leo Burford	06/25
Jennifer Dye	06/26
Korra Lynn Sample	06/26
Catherine Roth	06/27
Amber Lynch	06/28
Julie Abbott	06/29
Barbara House	06/29
Andrew Loiacano	06/29
Deborah Strickland	06/29
Michael Dallas	06/30
Caliegh Eaton	06/30
Cindy Lowen	06/30
Donna Ray	06/30



June Anniversaries

Jim & Margie Bower	06/01
Richy & Candice Hann	06/01
Barry & Nancy Frystak	06/03
Chad & Bridget Beck	06/05
Thomas & Sara Reinking	06/05
Russell & Cindy Lowen	06/07
James & Kyla Eaton	06/10
Rodney & Nancy Hanson	06/10
Michael & Penelope McCollum	06/11
Ran & Susan Florence	06/12
Justin & Emily Kate O'Dell	06/14
Roger & April Caswell	06/18
Steve & Siri Njos	06/23
Jim & Gloria Wynn	06/24
Mark & Barbara House	06/25
Edward & Linda DeVore	06/28
Doug & Jan Kottke	06/28

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Reports Due First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride 6pm - Executive 	6pm - 502 Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11am - Private Event 5pm - Wedding Rehearsal 8pm - AA (ABC) @
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trinity Sunday 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15pm - Evangelism & 6:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am - Bridge Club 6pm - 502 Basketball 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corpus Christi 6pm - Congregation 		6pm - 502 Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am - Synod 8pm - AA (ABC) @
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JUNE 2023 WORSHIP TEAM

	6/4	6/11	6/18	6/25
<u>Assisting Minister</u>				
10:00	Diane K	John N	Cindy L	Patti M
<u>Acolyte/Communion Assistant</u>				
10:00	---	---	---	---
<u>Lector</u>				
10:00	Patti M	John N	Connie S	Dinah H
<u>Cantor</u>				
10:00	Diane K	Laura R	Laura R	Cindy L
<u>Usher</u>				
10:00	Rosie W	Joanne N	Melissa W	Margie H
<u>Altar Guild</u>				
Dinah H, Brenda P				
<u>Communion Prep</u>				
10:00	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	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.

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

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