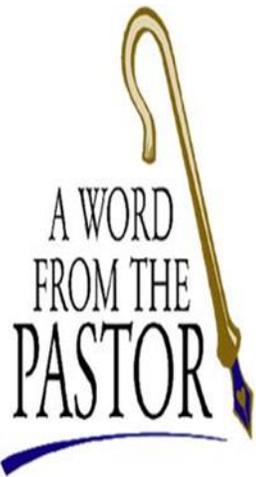


Pastor's Note

Things begin to gear up again in August. Even though it's hot, school starts. We begin stewardship conversations, we begin to carry out plans for the coming fall, winter and spring. You may have taken a vacation this summer, or are taking one now. As we move into times of greater busyness, let's keep a piece of vacation in our minds, or, if we did not take a vacation, let's keep some of God's peace in our minds. All of our activity is ultimately to serve God. So, we let it rest in God's hands. Take a deep breath every once in a while. Take five minutes to be quiet once a day or so, even as September comes. Just sit and listen to some music, not doing anything else. We may or may not be busy, but true servanthood comes from relationship with God, not busyness. Whether we have had a vacation or not, our destiny is peace with God. Let's remember that.

God's Blessing,
Pastor Andy



St. MAM Food Pantry

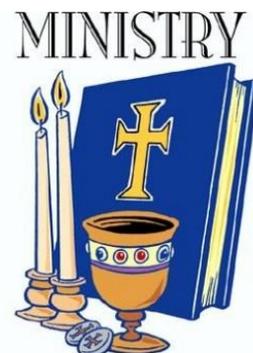
St. MAM Food Pantry needs a boost of food. Friends, please bring your St. MAM groceries to church. Julie Abbott says they are

particularly needed right now. Greatly needed items include: peanut butter, jelly, rice (brown & white), gluten free oats, deodorant, ramen noodles, and Vienna sausage but anything is welcome. Let's help stock the shelves at St. MAM!



Building a Culture of Generosity

Beginning in August, St. John will be using a stewardship program called "Building a Culture of Generosity." This program will involve a good deal of story sharing about how God has touched our lives. Stories could be dramatic or simple, but God has touched us all, so we respond with thanksgiving.



ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister Training

August 21, after 11:00 worship, Assisting Ministers are asked to gather for a brief time to review our worship service.



**God's work.
Our hands.**



Snacks in a Sack Suggestions

Donations must be non-perishable and individually wrapped. Some ideas include: Vienna sausages, beef jerky, peanut butter cups (think Jif, not Reese's), Pop Tarts, cereal bars/protein bars, protein drinks (like Boost), applesauce pouches/cups, fruit cups, pudding cups, snack cakes (like Little Debbie's), Rice Krispy bars, chips, crackers, nuts, trail mix, prepackaged ready to eat meals, raisins, cookies. We especially want to emphasize the need for healthy snacks.

Also needed: gallon size Ziplock bags, Gatorade and bottled water, individually wrapped hand sanitizing wipes.

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday is Sunday, September 11, 2022. The day is an opportunity for all congregations in the ELCA to celebrate who we are – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The Evangelism and Social Ministries Committee considered many service options that could involve people of all ages and means and decided to support the Street Reach Ministry of Fern Creek United Methodist Church. Members of this group check on Louisville homeless people living on the streets or on the margins and hand out Snacks in a Sack. Our task is to collect non-perishable snacks during July and August. On Saturday, September 10 we will organize the snacks. On Sunday, September 11 we will sort and assemble the bags for distribution by Street Reach. We will need four (4) or five (5) volunteers each day to help with this process.

Thoughts from the Bishop: It is not our duty to evaluate the need, but to do what we can to show God's love in this place. A snack pack of Oreos or a pack of cheese and crackers can be the way to show others that someone out there is thinking about them. Not with scorn or pity, but with compassion. Please look for the collection containers at church and consider helping fill them to the brim.

Evangelism and Social Ministries Committee

Community Yard Sale



Community Yard Sale

For the seventh year, we'll be hosting a Community Yard Sale in our parking lot each Saturday in August and Labor Day Weekend, September 3. Church members are welcome to come sell alongside members of the community. Parking spaces are \$20. Sales run from 9 am to 1 pm.

If you have any questions, contact Rebecca at beckysporch@yahoo.com or 502-403-7671.

The proceeds from the parking spaces "sold" will be sent to the local nonprofit The Hope Buss/The Hope Village. Two years ago we sent \$1000 to the program. I hope to be able to send the same amount or more this year. I also hope to have representatives from the Buss and Village on site each week to answer questions and receive donations. For more information, check them out at <http://www.thehopebuss.org> and <http://www.facebook.com/thehopevillage>.

The Women of St. John will feed us each Saturday while they are selling baked goods and craft items in Diehl Hall.

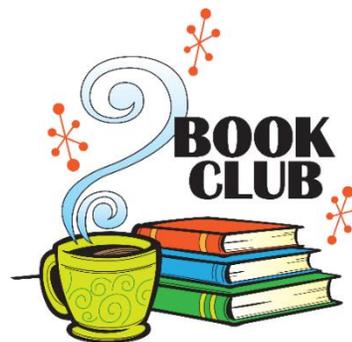
Nitty gritty details: set up is from 7:30 am – 9 am. Cars will be directed to spaces on a first come basis. Cars will be moved to a different area of the parking lot before 9 am. The \$20/space will be collected shortly after 9 am. I don't collect money before the day of. I don't save spots. You have to bring your own tables and chairs. A pop-up style shelter is recommended as our parking lot is very exposed to the sun.

Rebecca Dimon



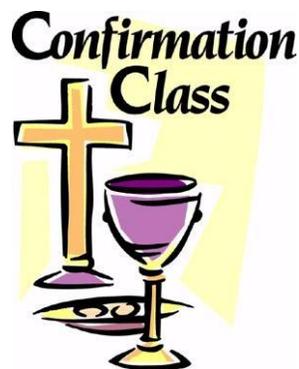
Online Worship

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



Book Club

St. John Book Study will resume online August 16 at 4:00. We will read Prince Caspian by C. S. Lewis. First half of the book on August 16, second half, August 23.



Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class is beginning in September. If you have someone in your life who is confirmation age, please contact Pr. Andy to find out more about this special time of learning and fun.



Movie Night

All youth and children are invited to the second biannual screening of The Princess Bride, Friday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn provided. If you want more food, bring a snack to share.



Blessing of Backpacks

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We will have a blessing of backpacks at church August 7. All students and teachers of whatever stage, from kindergarten to post graduate, are invited to bring their backpacks, pens and notebooks, laptops, whatever tools of learning they might have. At worship, after the sermon hymn, we will say a prayer over these items to thank God and ask God's blessing on those of us who are called by God to learn and teach.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministry Training

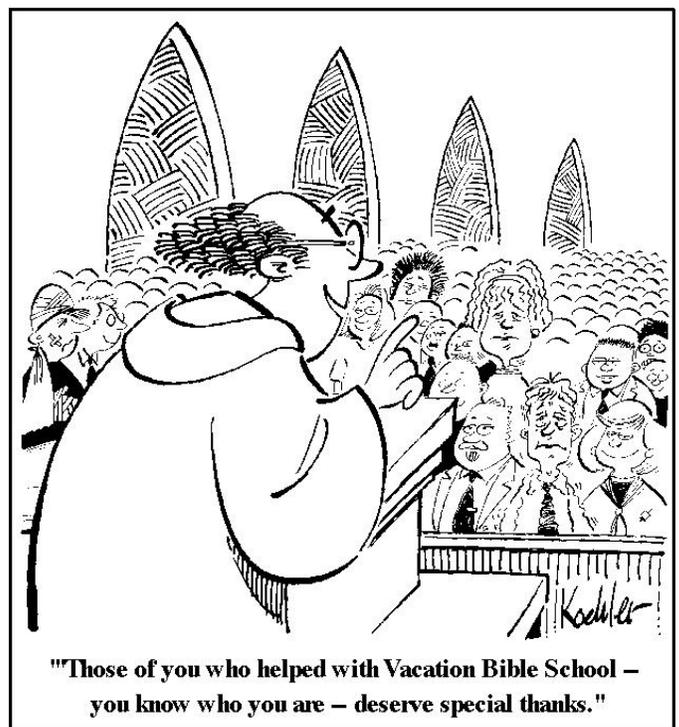
Stephen Ministry was born of a need to provide people to assist pastors in caring for those experiencing difficult times. Stephen Ministers are trained to listen respectfully to people's concerns and to provide prayerful support to them during a time of need.

Dr. Bob Goodin and his wife Carol, long time members of St. John and also members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Naples Florida, became Stephen Ministers in 2008 at Emmanuel. Bob remembers the experience as being the best spiritual journey of his life. After they became Stephen leaders in 2009, he and Carol brought the idea to St. John and, with Pastor

Andy's blessing, taught the first class which was commissioned in August of 2017. Bob especially clings to the Stephen Ministry touchstone which says that Stephen Ministers are the Christian care givers and God is the cure giver.

Stephen Ministry congregations are responsible for training new Stephen Ministers. Patti McNellis and Connie Schumacher have completed the required 50- hour on-line training course qualifying them to lead our active program and to teach those interested in becoming Stephen Ministers. We hope that some of you are called to consider becoming part of this life transforming Ministry. The experience could make a difference for you and for those who may be going through a tough time and need a listening ear, a person who will keep confidential all that is said, and one who will pray for and with them. A new training class will be offered in the fall.

An informational meeting is scheduled for August 28 after the second service. It would be a blessing to see you there.



"Those of you who helped with Vacation Bible School – you know who you are – deserve special thanks."



Financial Update

Monthly Financial Update

	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22
Income	\$24,832	\$37,915	\$16,873
Expense	\$20,830	\$36,231	\$19,888
Result	\$4,003	\$1,685	(\$3,014)

(Income less Expense)

Year to date result is positive by \$36.04. While this does not seem like a lot, it is important to note that we are usually in the hole during the summer months. Keep up the good work! 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.



August Birthdays

Kevin Heslin	08/01
Kevin Williams	08/01
Susan Florence	08/04
Patrick Hamsley	08/04
Ingrid Irwin	08/04
Bonnie Wright	08/05
Douglas Bailey	08/07
Lisa Dick	08/07
Taylor Florence	08/07
Randall Wright	08/07
Karen Irwin	08/08
Nathaniel Jarrett	08/08
Brett Lowen	08/08

Ellen Goff	08/09
Daniel Hart	08/09
Silas Payne	08/09
James Downey	08/11
Brenda Painter	08/11
Charles Hann	08/12
Laura Bower	08/13
Brian Pulford	08/14
Rebecca Rube	08/14
Sandra Lamar	08/15
Joseph Loiacano	08/16
Denise Puthuff	08/19
Ethan Lind	08/20
Roehn Dye	08/21
Meagan Pulford	08/21
Brian Foster	08/22
Bill Parks, Jr.	08/22
Spencer Jones	08/23
Ryan Rube	08/23
Emily Reeser	08/24
Mark Lynch	08/26
Kai Florence	08/26
Jennifer Brown	08/28
Betty Meyers	08/29
Aiden Ball	08/31
Caleb Newman	08/31



August Anniversaries

Derrick & Jennifer Brown, Jr.	08/01
E.J. "Al" & Betty Shumate	08/05
Randall & Bonnie Wright	08/06
Douglas & Barty Bailey	08/11
Paul & Dinah High	08/22
Kevin & Gretchen Hoskins	08/29
Joshua & Laura Cox	08/31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	12pm - Online Daily	12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Evangelism & 6:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Technology	10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Book Club 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	Council Reports Due 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Executive	12pm - Online Daily	8pm - AA (ABC) @
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Blessing of Backpacks 8:45am - Worship @ 11am - Worship @ www. 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	12pm - Online Daily	12pm - Online Daily	10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Book Club 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Congregation	12pm - Online Daily	8pm - AA (ABC) @
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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AUGUST 2022 WORSHIP TEAM

8/7

8/14

8/21

8/28

Assisting Minister (same person will serve at both services)

8:45 & 11:00	Cindy L	Ann H	Diane K	John N
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Acolyte/Communion Assistant

11:00	Nathan & Laura J	---	---	---
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Lector

8:45	Renae B	Dinah H	Denise P	John T
11:00	Sherley S	Connie S	John N	Patti M

Cantor (same person will serve at both services)

	Cindy L	Laura R	Diane K	Laura R
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Usher

11:00	Rosie W	Edie M	Joanne N	Sherley S
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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.

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

If you would like a copy of the addresses emailed or mailed to you, please contact the church office.

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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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9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Lunch 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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