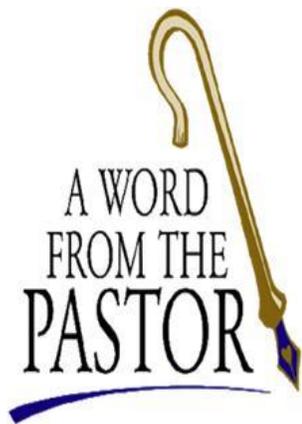


Pastor's Note

Last night a tree fell on my house. I knew it was rotting, and I had been planning to hire an arborist to cut it down before the ice storms came. But the tree was more hollow than I thought, and the soil more wet. So



now I have a tree on my house. I feel kind of stupid looking up at it, sitting there. I can almost hear it saying, "Look, I've been hanging over your roof for the last four years, and you thought you'd deal with me—

when?" And I say, "Well, you were big and overwhelming and I didn't know what to do with you and frankly I was scared of you." And it says, "I'm a tree."

I think a lot of us feel that way about a lot of things, especially about money. We want to make a budget, but it's a big job and full of anxiety and more than a little scary. And that's even before we start dealing with any disagreements we might have with our spouse or loved ones about how to use our money. We want to start paying off debts more effectively or save for the future but unexpected expenses and bills keep getting in the way. There are many techniques for budgeting, many ways to address debt, and I do not pretend to be an expert on them. But I will say one thing. Money is not God. Money does not define who we are. It says nothing about our value or importance. It

doesn't even keep us safe. Not in the end, anyway. God does all those things.

Money is a tool. In the church, we can talk about our tools and we can learn how to use our tools, even the ones that scare us, because we know there is someone bigger than our tools. God is bigger. God will see us through. So, if you have a tree hanging over your house—or sitting on it—don't be afraid. It's not God. It's a tree. If you have money hanging over your life—or sitting on it—don't be afraid. It's not God. It's money. So, let's talk about money in the church, as well as all those other things that scare us, because God is bigger. We don't have to be so afraid.

God's Blessing,
Pr. Andy

ELCA National Assembly

Among other actions, the ELCA national assembly passed a resolution supporting immigrants and refugees, declaring the ELCA a sanctuary church. Evidently certain news organizations have picked this up and taken it out of context. This is a statement by the national body and leaves individual synods and congregations to decide for themselves how to show the love of God to all people, including immigrants and refugees. Further information is available from a Bishop's letter at the synod website, IKsynod.org, or from the church office.

Confirmation Class



Confirmation Classes Begin

Confirmation Classes begin September 8 with our participation in “God’s Work. Our Hands” activity after 11:00 worship.

After the activity, we will meet for a brief introduction to the year.

Senior Task Force

As a member of the Senior Task Force, I ask that you consider filling out one of our Survey Forms and returning it to St. John Church. We are trying to determine how many of our senior members could use some assistance with transportation, communication, or are concerned about safety issues, relationships, etc. We are also trying to determine how many people would be willing to assist with any of these needs. It may be a ride to church or it may be playing chess or checkers with someone once a week or taking a man or woman to get a haircut. Don’t forget, you may be a senior someday who may be looking for such kind of assistance! Please think about lending a little of your time to assist one of your fellow congregation members! The surveys (found in this newsletter) may be mailed or dropped in baskets in the narthex or kitchen next to Diehl Hall at St. John.

Thank you, Edie Miller

Contribution Statements

Greetings from the finance team! Hope you are enjoying the summer! The year is speeding by and soon we will be facing the end of 2019. You will be receiving your annual contribution statement by the end of January 2020. We thank you so much for your contributions, which make the good works of St. John possible. If you would like to know how you stand in advance of year-end, please reach out to me, Christi Elbert, Finance Secretary, at celbert@bellsouth.net or at (502) 876-8947 (cell). You may email, call, or text. Please provide your envelope number if you know it, your name, and your inquiry. I will be happy to run the numbers for you.



Book Club

We continue to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Homemade Ice Cream & Pie Kitchen, 3737 Lexington Road.

We welcome all readers, even those who just want to hear about the books.

Our 2019 books are...

Sep. 10 – *My Sister’s Keeper*, Jodi Picoult

Oct. 8 – *Killers of the Flower Moon*, David Grann

Nov. 9 – Each reader to read a new classic and share with the group.

Dedication of Candle Lighters

On Sunday, September 15, at both services, the new candle lighters that were donated anonymously will be dedicated.



Friends in Faith

From September through May, every second Sunday of the month, we will have Friends in Faith, a VBS-style learning experience for our children. From 9:45-10:45 a.m., kids will sing, do crafts, games and learn Bible principals. September 8, we will look at Hebrews with the basic point, "Be Kind." "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16



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

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday is September 8. All ELCA congregations are encouraged to participate with a project that helps others. This year we are hoping to collect many non-perishable snacks which will be sorted and put into personal packages. We will gather after the second service on September 8 for lunch and assembling the packages. The snacks in a sack will be donated to Street Reach whose ministry it is to personally check on the homeless living on the streets and in the

margins here in Louisville. They carry the snacks and drinks to share as a gesture of compassion. We hope that many of you will be moved to donate and help out on September 8.

The Evangelism Committee



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.

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



St. Matthews Area Ministries

Many thanks to all who donate food and miscellaneous household supplies to St. MAM. The collection boxes remain in the hallway outside Diehl Hall and a shopping cart designated for St. MAM collections is in the narthex. Debbie Utz takes our donations to the food pantry about every two weeks.

Women of St. John

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO

PARTICIPATED IN THE YARD SALE!

For donating items and buying them, for eating at the cafe, for setting up and taking down. We truly appreciate all your support. Special thanks to Betty Meyers who priced most of it, Mark Lynch who hauled items in, and He-Shawn who hauled items out.

We made over \$1000.00, half of which will go to the youth. We were also able to donate items to Kentucky Refugee Ministry and Habitat for Humanity.

Next up is "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday September 8th after second service. See you there!



Oktoberfest

Come and enjoy the festivities! Food includes schnitzel, jagerschnitzel, bratwurst, hot dogs, and delicious sides. Gordon Biersch Brewery will feature craft-brewed beer. There will be a bouncy castle, games, silent auction, music and more! Free admission and parking. Proceeds help send youth from ELCA South Central Conference churches to the Lutheran Youth Gathering in Minnesota, Summer 2021. Volunteers needed – GetYourOktoberfestOn.com.

Halt deine Lederhosen fest!

Blessing of the Animals

October 4 is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Among many other remarkable traits, St. Francis loved animals. So, this is the day when churches traditionally do a blessing of the animals. St. John will have a very simple blessing of the animals from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, October 4, on the lawn across the parking lot from the church offices, next to the playground. Bring animals of whatever sort, (on leashes, or other physical restraint, please), and we will pray a blessing and thanksgiving.



Activities Club

Here are some of our upcoming events. Come join us!

September 7 – Meet at church at 10:00 to walk across the bridge and enjoy the tree walk in Jeffersonville.

September 11 – Meet at Karen Karnes' house to go to Salato Wildlife Education Center. Cost is \$5

October 8 – Meet at church at 6:30 p.m. to carpool to the Iroquois Park pumpkin walk. Cost is \$14

November 16 – Meet at church at 9:00 a.m. to drive to Ferdinand, IN to go to Christkindlmarkt. This is an all-day event.

Thank You to the St. John Family

I cannot properly express the words to thank all of our church family at St. John for the many cards and expressions of condolences surrounding the passing of Eddie. He loved all of you and would tell me often how we needed to come and visit more often. The luncheon was awesome and all of our family and friends that stayed commented to me how great that gesture was (and the food was good). Thanks for sharing your love and the church for his service.

Dianna Hunsinger



September Birthdays

Laurie Workman	9/1
Judd Johnson	9/3
Ruthann Stemler	9/3
Marshall Sample	9/4
Hilda Davis	9/6
Marisa Newton	9/7
Barbara Speck	9/11
Hailey Hart	9/12
David Lamar	9/12
Kirk Berglund	9/13
David Bugg	9/15
Charlotte Gettelfinger	9/15
Tim Gettelfinger	9/15
Deb Janes	9/15
Bradley Lowen	9/15
Dinah High	9/16
Rita Smith	9/17
James Holden	9/18

John Florence	9/19
Barbara Gentry	9/19
Paul Harvey	9/19
Chuck Lind	9/20
Stephanie Coffey	9/21
Nathaniel Janes	9/21
Sophie Hann	9/22
Chase Malone	9/22
PJ Young	9/22
Edward DeVore	9/23
Justin O'Dell	9/23
Hallie Stemler, Jr.	9/23
Karen Kaiser	9/27
Robert Pilkington	9/27
Nathan Jackson	9/28
Terri Dallas	9/29
Jim Eaton	9/29
Jennifer Stanfield	9/30
Joanna Stoll	9/30
Chelsea Thornhill	9/30



September Anniversaries

Laurie & Eric Iannone	9/2
William & Alison Stemler	9/6
David & Marie Meininger	9/13
Michael & Renae Barkley	9/16
Matt & Whitney Adkins	9/17
Tom & Nancy Johnson	9/17
Leah & Al Taber	9/23
Ernie & Annie Worman	9/23
Brent & Teresa Florence	9/25

St. John Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Sep 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 11am - Worship	2 Labor Day Office Closed 10am - Monday	3 6:30pm - Evangells	4 9:45am - Bridge 11am - Prayer Team 1pm - Sewing Group 6pm - Early Service 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - Overeaters	5 9am - Walk & Talk @ 6:30pm - Executive 6:30pm - Questars	6	7 10am - Set-up for
8 8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 9:45am - Sunday 10am - Choir 11am - Worship 12pm - Gods Work	9 10am - Finance 10am - Mom's Club 11am - Care and	10 6:30pm - Book Club 6:30pm - Property	11 11am - Prayer Team 6pm - Early Service 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - Overeaters 7:30pm - Study &	12 9am - Walk & Talk @ 6:30pm - Congregati	13	14
15 Journal Deadline 8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir 11am - Worship 12:15pm - Stephen	16 10am - Monday	17 7pm - Christian	18 11am - Prayer Team 1pm - Sewing Group 6pm - Early Service 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - Overeaters 7:30pm - Study &	19 9am - Walk & Talk @ 6pm - Worship &	20	21 3pm - Private Event
22 8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir 11am - Worship	23	24	25 11am - Prayer Team 6pm - Early Service 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - Overeaters 7:30pm - Study &	26 9am - Walk & Talk @ 7pm - South Central	27	28 4pm - Oktoberfest
29 8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir 11am - Worship	30	1	2	3	4	5

SEPTEMBER 2019 WORSHIP TEAM

9/01

9/08

9/15

9/22

9/29

Assisting Minister

8:45	Diane K	Jennifer S	Rebecca D	Mrs Shawn H	Diane K
11:00	Mr. Shawn H	Terri M	Mark L	Patti M	Mr. Shawn H

Crucifer/Communion Asst

11:00	Nicholas S	Amber L	Holly P	David J	Nicholas S
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Lector

8:45	Bob G	Rebecca D	Mr Shawn H	Mary Lou F	Lisa Y
11:00	Don F	Mark L	Dinah H	Connie S	Denise P

Ushers

8:45	Barry & Nancy	Larry & Christi	Linda & Jen	Don & Mary Lou	Paul & Dinah
11:00	Tom & Nancy	John & Deb	Jake, Terri	Mr Shawn H	Matt & Whitney
	Sherley S, Lisa D	Eddie M, Rosie W	Margi H, Ann H	Nordstrom's	Mark L, Dan L

Acolytes 11:00

Ben S	Jake M	Nathan J	Lauren J	Ben S
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Altar Guild

September – Deb J

Communion Prep

8:45	September – Renae B, Diane K, and Karen K
11:00	September – Ann H

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
Vivian Lenberger
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Wednesday
7:30 p.m.

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