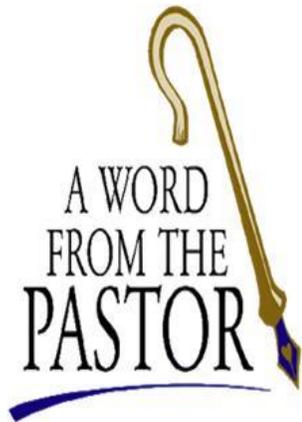


Pastor's Note

Halloween makes me jumpy. I like it and I hate it. I like it because it gives us an opportunity to pull out the scary parts of ourselves and look at them. Frankenstein's monster, for example, is supposed to have



been constructed by the great and arrogant Dr. Frankenstein. But then the monster turns on him. Well, who has not created situations out of their own arrogance that have turned out dangerous or

destructive? Or ghosts: Who has not felt haunted by events and people of the past? Or zombies: Who has not run into the relentless, mindless onslaught of task after task or threat after threat, none of them particularly dangerous in and of themselves, but together, enough to devour us?

These aspects of our lives are not pretty, but it's good to know about them. Pulling them out and playing with them a little bit robs them of their seriousness, and of their power.

On the other hand, there are some very serious powers of evil in our world. Greed, selfishness, laziness, the assumption, often not examined or even noticed, that our gender or our ethnic group is somehow more important or more "normal" than

others. These powers kill bodies and enslave souls.

How do we, in fact, deal with evil? First, we believe in the resurrection. We ground ourselves firmly in the fact that God's goodness is stronger than any evil. Despair is against our religion. So is blissful ignorance. We learn from Scripture what Jesus is like, then watch for him at work in the world. When we find him, we join his work. And if we don't see something already happening that shows Christ's love, then we make it happen.

Second, we face evil realities. We shine the light on them, look at them plainly. If we can practice the art of acknowledging the smaller evils, both personal and global, then we will be more able to address the greater wrongs. "If you are faithful in little then you will be faithful in much."

Third, don't go it alone. Seek prayer, expertise, support and accountability from others in your work. Christ sent his disciples out in pairs to cast out demons, not by themselves.

Third, take it a step at a time. Focus on one or two actions that fit your abilities and calling. Do not be pulled apart by many. Remember, we are part of Christ's work. But we are not all of it. The world and our lives, sad and broken as they sometimes can be, are still in God's hands.

Happy Halloween, Pastor Andy



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.



Bishop's Luncheon

The Bishop's Luncheon will be held at St. John on Thursday, October 10. This luncheon is hosted by the Bishop's office for retired pastors and deacons. We welcome these servants of the Gospel and wish them fellowship and grace.

Women of St. John

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who

donated and came to put the snack bags together. The Care & Concern group served a great lunch as usual!

October 7th at 11:30 is the next Executive Board meeting. The lunch venue has yet to be decided.

October 13th after second service is our next Quarterly meeting. The Yard Sale group will be providing lunch. We will be having the election of officers. If anyone is interested in running for an office, please contact Diane Kushman.

The Craft Fair and Cafe is quickly approaching on November 9th from 9-3. If you know of anyone interested in renting a booth, please contact Diane Kushman. Start spreading the word!



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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...

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

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



Friends in Faith

"When Scary Things Happen" Friends in Faith, October 13, 9:45-10:45 a.m. VBS-style learning time with children of the congregation. This month, Halloween is coming up. We will talk about how God helps us in times of fear. At home, kids and parents or grandparents are encouraged to recite a Bible passage, "I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved," to pray, and to sing *This Little Light of Mine* which includes, *Even if I'm afraid, I'm gonna let it shine!*

Refugee Family

We have wonderful news to share: Felicien has a job working full-time for Swift! Queen attends a KRM sponsored daycare while Beatrice is in English class, and Blessing is in public school. They are all doing well, and are grateful to St. John members for their prayers and support.

St. John's financial commitment to the family is completed, and with the generous donations given at the fundraising luncheon, we already have a good start toward sponsoring another refugee family next year. We will continue to visit Beatrice's family to help them learn English, but they are well on their way to independence! Thank you for all that you have done to help them get a good start in their new home!

We will plan a celebration to mark their independence in the next month or so. The St. John's sewing group is working on quilts to be presented to the family at that time. Laura Meier

Nadia Boltz-Webber Speaking

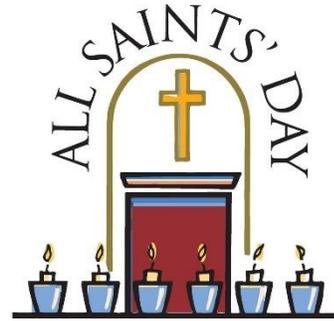
ELCA pastor and author Nadia Boltz-Webber will speak at St. Matthews Episcopal Church on October 13, preaching at a worship service at 5:00 and speaking at 6:00. It's free but registration is expected. See <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nadia-boltz-weber-tickets-67058033383>.



Community Yard Sale

Our 4th year of August Community Parking Lot Yard Sales was a great success! With 5 Saturdays to sell, we filled a total of 49 parking spaces. A total of \$940 will be donated to ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (thanks to Natalie Lowen for the suggestion). We had 3 sellers participate in all 5 Saturdays – we created a lovely little make-shift community. If you didn't have a chance to drop by, put it on your calendar for next year. Even if you don't buy anything, getting to know the people who are using our space to sell their treasures is worth the price of admission (which is free...). We had food each Saturday – the Women of St. John's Café, Bruce the Hot Dog Man (from 8th and Market downtown), and Chew On This food truck.

Rebecca Dimon



All Saints Sunday

At worship on All Saints Sunday, November 3, we will light a candle for each member of the congregation who has died in the last calendar year. There will also be a time of silence when anyone can name, whether silently or aloud, a loved one who has died.

Wednesdays This Fall

Brief Holy Communion service, noon on Wednesdays until Advent. 8:45 a.m. service choir rehearsal at 6:00 p.m., 11:00 a.m. service choir rehearsal at 6:30 p.m., Bible Study with Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m. Come to sing, learn and worship!



Activities Club

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

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.



October Birthdays

Jared Bailey	10/1
Jillian Bailey	10/1
Elizabeth Franklin	10/1
Kelly Hamsley	10/3
Brion Tinsley	10/3
Jackson Molsberger	10/4
Katie Parks	10/5
Matthew Foster	10/6
Drew Ludwig	10/6
Karen Karnes	10/7
Maxine Wines	10/7
Parker Dye	10/8
Mark Munday	10/8
Kyle Novak	10/8
Mary Stultz	10/8
Bridget Beck	10/9
Rodney Hanson	10/10
Sue Miller	10/14
David Lawson	10/16
Mo Wickstrom	10/17
Spencer Elbert	10/18
Catherine Gettelfinger	10/18
Anthony Gray	10/18
Cate McMahon	10/18
Russell Lowen	10/19
Gage Munday	10/19
Taylor Munday	10/19
Emerald Coleman	10/20
Marjorie Hahn	10/20
Jennifer Sturgeon	10/20

Brad Gordon	10/21
Jenna Nordstrom	10/23
Sara Reinking	10/23
Marcus Semona	10/23
Alison Stemler	10/24
Brayden Coulter	10/25
Jake Manning	10/25
Stephen Oost	10/25
Catherine Meyer	10/27
Steven Filardo	10/29
Betty Adkins	10/30
Linda Grumley DuFourt	10/30
Kim Munday	10/30



October Anniversaries

Joseph & Lori Loiacano	10/8
Darrell & Natalie Schultz	10/10
Gary Ward & Patricia Coffey-Ward	10/11
Alex & Kristy Jackson	10/12
G. Shawn & Shawn Hall	10/16
John & Linda Foster	10/17
Bill & Debbie Lambert	10/17
Larry & Christi Elbert	10/18
Brian & Terri Pulford	10/18
Patrick & Kelly Hamsley	10/23
James & Amanda Downey	10/24
Chad & Channa Newman	10/24
Daryle & Karen Karnes	10/28

St. John Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Oct 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		6:30pm - Evangelis	9:45am - Bridge 11am - Prayer Team 12pm - Worship & 1pm - Sewing Group 6pm - Early Service	9am - Walk & Talk @ 6:30pm - Executive 6:30pm - Questars	5:30pm - Blessing of	10am - Council 8pm - Alcoholics
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir 11am - Worship	10am - Monday 11:30am - Women of	6:30pm - Book Club 6:30pm - Property	11am - Prayer Team 12pm - Worship & 6pm - Early Service 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - Overeaters 7:30pm - Worship &	9am - Walk & Talk @ 10:30am - Bishop's 6:30pm - Congregati		8pm - Alcoholics
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 9:45am - Sunday 10am - Choir 11am - Worship 12:15pm - WOSJ -	Columbus Day 10am - Finance 10am - Mom's Club 11am - Care and	Journal Deadline 7pm - Christian	11am - Prayer Team 12pm - Worship & 1pm - Sewing Group 6pm - Early Service 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - Overeaters 7:30pm - Worship &	9am - Walk & Talk @ 6pm - Worship &		8pm - Alcoholics
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir 11am - Worship 12:15pm - Stephen	Dinner for West End 10am - Monday		11am - Prayer Team 12pm - Worship & 6pm - Early Service 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - Overeaters 7:30pm - Worship &	9am - Walk & Talk @ 7pm - South Central		8pm - Alcoholics
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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OCTOBER 2019 WORSHIP TEAM

10/06

10/13

10/20

10/27

Assisting Minister

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

Crucifer/Communion Asst

11:00	Amber L	Holly	David J	Nicholas S
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Lector

8:45	Mrs. Shawn H	John T	Diane K	Denise P
11:00	Mr. Shawn H	Cindy L	Betty M	Sherley S

Ushers

8:45	Larry & Christi E	Don & Mary Lou	Linda H	Paul & Dinah H
11:00	Doug & Andrea P Tom J, Rosie W	Eddie M, Lisa D Sherley S, Mr. Shawn H	Terri & Jake Mark L, Margi H	Matt & Whitney A Dan L, Ann H

Acolytes 11:00

Jake M	Nathan J	Lauren J	Benjamin S
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Altar Guild

October – Elizabeth S

Communion Prep

8:45	October – Renae B, Diane K, and Karen K
11:00	October – Gail W

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

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