

Pastor's Note

I was driving to church down I-71 a few days ago when I saw a car beside the road. A woman was laying beside it, half in the grass and half held by an older woman. Another, younger woman stood beside. No one else around. I thought to myself, "Blast" and stopped my car.

"She's had a seizure," the older woman said. "I'm her mother." "Would you like me to call an ambulance?" I said. "No, they'll just tell us to let her sleep it off." I watched. They looked upset. "Would you like me to pray?" "Yes, please."

Prayer is a funny thing. Rarely do I find God answers prayer in exactly the way I ask. Still more rarely do I find no answer at all. (Sometimes I don't find an answer. Sometimes I don't like the answer I find. Sometimes God takes a long time to answer, or else answers in a way that takes me a long time to understand.)

I prayed, "Dear God, please help these people." "Oh Jesus," Mother prays. "Oh Jesus, please help us right now." "Lord Jesus, please hold us in your arms, send your healing hands to this young woman. Be with us, Lord Jesus." "Jesus, please help us."

We prayed for a while. A police officer showed up, then the EMT's. The young woman gradually woke up. The EMT's checked her out. I thanked the officers and

the EMT's for stopping to help. The family drove off. So did I.

God works in everyday moments, like making supper or saying "Good Morning" at the beginning of the day. God works in unusual moments, like a family by the side of the road or a loved one who is grieving. Sometimes we don't know that God is calling us to act in those moments. Sometimes we do.

God's Peace,
Pastor Andy



ELCA Youth Gathering

The Gathering will take place July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, MN and is open to youth currently in 8th-12th grades. Early registration opened September 22, 2021. This is a great event that happens only once every three years. The theme this year is *boundless, God beyond measure*. For more information, contact Pastor Andy or go to www.ELCA.org/YouthGathering.



Friends in Faith

10:00-10:45 Sunday October 17. Gather outdoors (weather permitting) for a time of fun and learning for kids.

HIKING



Activities Group

Saturday October 16: We are planning a road trip to Clifty Falls in southern Indiana. We will meet at St. John's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. We will carpool up and discover the trails that are available. The park's entrance fee is \$9.00. We will stop for some lunch. Don't forget your water bottle. The trails are intermediate. Call Diane Kushman or Karen Karnes if you plan to join the party.



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



Discretionary Fund

We could use some help with our discretionary fund, which pays for occasional

assistance to members, mainly. Please write "Discretionary Fund" in the memo on your check if you feel so called. Thank you!



Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals will be held 1:00-3:00 p.m., Sunday October 3, in the area outside the offices behind the building, near Young Activity Center. Bring your cats, dogs, guinea pigs, elephants, and gerbils. Pastor Andy will say a prayer of blessing for them. If you cannot bring your pet, bring a picture of your pet and we will pray in thanksgiving and blessing for them as well. If you wish to pray online, come to our regular worship link at 3:05 and we will pray for your pets via Zoom.



Online Children's Time

Whitney Adkins will lead a time of Bible learning on companionship, 10:15-10:45 a.m., Sunday, October 3, at our regular worship link.



In-Person Worship

After careful consideration of advice from the Worship Committee, Bishop Bill Gafkjen, and the CDC, the Congregation Council has decided to implement the following Covid-19 protocols to address the recent surge in Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations.

1. For the 11:00 a.m. in-person worship service we will continue registering people so that we can do contact tracing if anyone gets sick. Please call or email the church office by Friday to make a reservation for worship.
2. We will continue social distancing.
3. We now require that masks be worn at worship and church meetings. Your mask must cover your nose and mouth at the same time.
4. We will limit our singing at worship to worship leaders. The congregation is invited to speak or hum the songs.

These provisions apply to all in-person gatherings at church, both gatherings of church members and gatherings of groups and individuals that use the building.

I know this is a disappointment and a burden, but it is also a way of showing love for our neighbor, including those who have not been vaccinated, those with medical conditions, and especially those who are children and cannot yet be vaccinated.

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Financial Update

Monthly Financial Update

	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Income	\$20,922	\$24,161	\$25,758
Expense	<u>\$16,763</u>	<u>\$27,104</u>	<u>\$27,672</u>
Result	\$4,159	-\$2,943	-\$1,913

(Income less Expense)

It is not unusual for us to be in the red over the summer, and expectations are we will recover over the next few months. Current YTD Result is -\$1,079. No benevolences have been paid thus far in 2021, which is a concern we are addressing. 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.



Piano & Flute

New Album from Denine LeBlanc

In partnership with Flutist Kerry Karr, Denine has recorded an album in honor of her father, entitled "God Loves the French." There will be a concert at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 10, 2021, at Central Presbyterian Church, 318 W. Kentucky Street, Louisville. Proceeds will benefit Central's Wednesday Lunch Program. VENMO Denine-LeBlanc. Streaming and CDs are available from Centaur Records.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

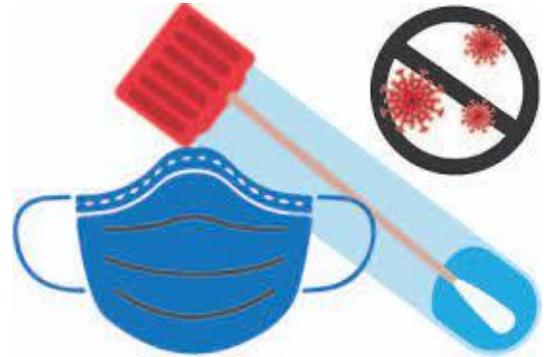
All Saints Sunday

During the prayers at both services November 7, we will name before God all of the members of St. John who have died since last All Saints' Sunday. We will ring a bell and light a candle. There will also be a time when anyone can name any person who has died; a bell will be rung and a candle will be lit.



Taizé Services

At 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, starting October 6, Maggie Blair, Pastor Andy, and members of the choir will offer a fifteen-minute time of singing and scripture online at our regular worship link. Anyone who wishes to come in person is also welcome. It is a moment of peace and reflection in the middle of the week.



Friends School Covid-19 Testing

Free Covid-19 testing is available at Friends School every other Wednesday morning, 7:30-12:00. The next Wednesday will be September 29. St. John people are welcome to receive a free Covid test as well.



Please continue to wear a mask inside.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Recently guidelines have been relaxed regarding wearing masks in public and social distancing. If you have to visit the church, **we ask that you still wear a face mask** while in the building. This includes fully vaccinated individuals. **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.



First Communion
First Communion Classes

First Communion classes for children grades 2-4 will take place online, 10:00-10:45, September 26, October 10, 24, and 31 at our regular worship link. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Andy.

Yvonne Harrod	10/01
Brion Tinsley	10/03
Katie Parks	10/05
Karen Karnes	10/07
Maxine Wines	10/07
Kyle Novak	10/08
Mary Stultz	10/08
Rodney Hanson	10/10
Sue Miller	10/14
Russell Lowen	10/19
Emerald Coleman	10/20
Marjorie Hahn	10/20
Jennifer Sturgeon	10/20
Jenna Nordstrom	10/23
Sara Reinking	10/23
Alison Stemler	10/24
Jake Manning	10/25
Betty Adkins	10/30
Linda Grumley DuFour	10/30

Gardening Day



Gardening Day

Gardening day will be Saturday, October 23, 9:00-1:00. Bring gloves, weeding tools and spades. We will weed the front and the courtyard, and trim hedges in front and beside the road. Last time was fun and made the grounds look great. Let's do it again.



October Anniversaries

Henry & Jennifer Huber, Jr.	10/04
Joseph & Lori Loiacano	10/08
Matt & Chelsea Thornhill	10/08
Gary Ward & Patricia Coffey-Ward	10/11
G. Shawn & Shawn Hall	10/16
Bill & Debbie Lambert	10/17
Larry & Christi Elbert	10/18
Brian & Terri Pulford	10/18
James & Amanda Downey	10/24
Chad & Anna Newman	10/24
Daryle & Karen Karnes	10/28



October Birthdays

Jared Bailey	10/01
Jillian Bailey	10/01
Elizabeth Franklin	10/01

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
8:45am - Online 10:15am - Online 11am - In-Person & 1pm - Blessing of 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	4 Feast of St Francis 12pm - Online Daily	5 12pm - Online Daily 12:30pm - Friends 6pm - Evangelism & 6:30pm - Property	6 10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Book Club 7pm - OA (ABC) @	7 Council Reports Due 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Executive	8 12pm - Online Daily	9 8pm - AA (ABC) @
10 8:45am - Online 11am - In-Person & 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	11 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples* 12pm - Online Daily	12 12pm - Online Daily 12:30pm - Friends	13 10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Book Club 7pm - OA (ABC) @	14 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Congregation	15 Journal Deadline 12pm - Online Daily	16 8pm - AA (ABC) @
17 8:45am - Online 10am - Friends in 11am - In-Person & 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	18 12pm - Online Daily	19 12pm - Online Daily 12:30pm - Friends 6:30pm - Christian	20 10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Book Club 7pm - OA (ABC) @	21 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Worship &	22 12pm - Online Daily	23 8pm - AA (ABC) @
24 8:45am - Online 11am - In-Person & 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	25 12pm - Online Daily	26 12pm - Online Daily 12:30pm - Friends 6:30pm - Sacred	27 10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Book Club 7pm - OA (ABC) @	28 12pm - Online Daily	29 12pm - Online Daily	30 8pm - AA (ABC) @
31 Halloween 8:45am - Online 11am - In-Person & 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	1	2	3	4	5	6

OCTOBER 2021 WORSHIP TEAM

10/3

10/10

10/17

10/24

10/31

Assisting Minister (same person will serve at both services)

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

11:00

Lector

8:45	Dinah H	John N	John T	Denise P	Mike M
11:00	Rosie W	John N	Connie S	Patti M	Dee L

Cantor (same person will serve at both services)

Cindy L	Laura R	Diane K	James & Blair H	Maggie O
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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.

Betty Eggers
John Gray
Vivian Lenberger
Betty Pauley
Nancy Robinson
Skip Stearman
Ruthann Stemler
Shirley Whonsetler

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

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Worship at St. John

Sunday

8:45 a.m. Online
11:00 a.m. Online & In-person

Monday-Friday

12:00 p.m. Online

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Lunch 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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