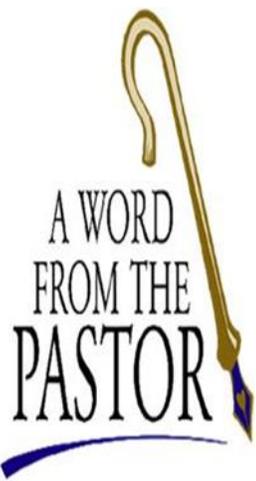


### Pastor's Note

Two and a half years ago, many of us worried about how the Covid-19 pandemic would affect the church. Many of us feared that scarcity would take over; that we would not have enough. But that has not happened. God has been abundant.



Now we are in a different phase of the pandemic. We have vaccines. (Please, get a course of vaccines if you haven't already.) We have more treatments.

And the church? We still have hybrid worship services. We probably will always have them. We still have fewer members than in years gone by. But we also have active, vibrant fellowship and community. We have ministry with refugees, ministry with shelterless people, ministry through St. MAM and much more. God is up to something here. It is exciting to be part of St. John.

So, I want to thank you for the many ways in which you all have worked to continue worship, care for one another, and share the Gospel in our community.

You have been deeply generous, to make sure our ministry remains strong. I believe that through this crisis, God has shown us our need to walk together, innovate, and step up to share God's love in a world that still desperately needs to see God's presence.

As we look to the future, God calls us to new adventures, and your generosity will help us get there. During our stewardship program this year, we are thinking about all the ways that we see generosity and abundance.

In this newsletter, we are sharing three stories about the impact that just one piece of our ministry at St. John has had for people during the pandemic. Thank you to Ann Hovel, Don Finley and Laura Rogers for sharing about online daily prayer.

Pastor Andy



### Member Testimonials

#### **Laura Rogers on the church's online daily prayer during the pandemic:**

When my sister Robin died of Covid-19, I couldn't be there with her. I couldn't sit with her and hold her hand. I had to go to daily prayer because I didn't have any other place to go. Just to have you all there, to support me and help me through it.

She called me one afternoon to tell me how bad she felt. She wanted to talk. She went into a coma and they sent her to the hospital that evening. That was on a Thursday. The next Wednesday she died. I mean, it took her with a vengeance.

I felt so alone, I would go to prayer and you all supported me and you were there, it meant so much. It was comforting. It was life saver. Thank you.

**Don Finley on the church's online daily prayer during the pandemic:**

For me, the last two years has been good news, bad news. Bad news was the pandemic, which lead to isolation because I am in a senior living facility and they strictly limited visitation. And I had two falls which broke my ankle and then my hip. So, my going out was also strictly limited. The good news is that I could share the good news with my St. John family through noon prayers and Sunday services. This greatly brightened my days during those long two years.

**Ann Hovel on the church's online daily prayer during the pandemic:**

A little over 2 and a half years ago my sweet husband Marco passed away from Covid 19. During the 17 days he was in the hospital on the ventilator I was stuck at home, not able to be with him at all. I was still employed so working from home kept my mind off of things, for a while anyway. I would receive daily phone calls from the hospital giving me updates on his condition which slowly deteriorated. During the day I would stop working and log into Zoom to join my amazing church family for the St. John noon daily prayers. This group would lift my spirits and fill me with so much love, support, and hope, which would get me through the rest of the day and evening. Even now when I have trouble sleeping, I go to the St. John Facebook page and listen to the prayer service recordings. This calms me

down and soothes my mind to fall back to sleep.

I also received numerous phone calls and a flood of cards in the mail. My mailman was very busy during this time! Unfortunately, on April 8th, 2020 my beloved Marco passed away. Again, my church family was here for me. Even though we were not able to be together due to Covid restrictions I could feel their love.

Now that time has passed, I continue to feel the love, support and hope each time I walk into St. John. This is through a warm welcome, a smile, or a hug. I am so blessed and honored to be a part of this amazing congregation and will continue to love and serve my Lord to the best of my ability knowing I have the support of my dear friends, the grace of our Lord and my Marco forever by my side. God bless,

Ann



**Blessing of Animals**

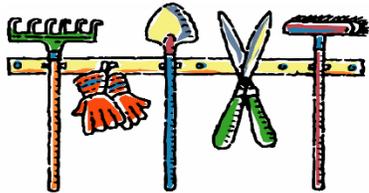
On October 2, we will have a moment in worship to bless our animals. If you wish for your animal to be blessed, send a photo of your dog, cat, hamster, rooster, kangaroo, etc., along with their name and yours, to the church office by Sept. 29. Or, you can bring a photo of your pet to church on Oct. 2. We will put the photos on a board and pray for them. You can also bring your animal(s) to the front door of the church between 12:30 and 2:00 that day, and we will say a prayer for them in person.



## ART SHOW

### An Art Affair

On October 13 there will be a St. Mam fundraiser at Belmont Village, 4500 Bowling Blvd., from 5:00-8:00. Come see (and maybe buy) art from local artists, and support St. Matthews Area Ministries.



## Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds

### Garden Day

Saturday, October 15, 9:00-12:00. Bring gloves, rakes, weeding tools clippers, etc. We will weed and trim the grounds of the church so they look nice. Thanks!

## Confirmation Class



### Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will take place at Ascension Lutheran Church and online, from

1:00-4:00 Sunday, October 16. We will have class, fun, food.



## Halloween Concert

### Les Six Concert

les six, a piano/wind ensemble of which our organist, Denine LeBlanc is a member will present a Halloween concert at St. John on Sunday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. The musicians will be in costume and the audience is encouraged to do the same. The music will feature Beauty and the Beast, the Sorcerer's Apprentice and the Witches' Dance. Halloween treats will be served after the program.



## Altar Flowers

### Altar Flowers

The Altar Guild has ordered flowers for Reformation Sunday and All Saints Sunday and would like to open it to anyone that would love to enjoy the flowers the following week at their home. You can donate one or both of the arrangements. Contact the office if you are interested in sponsoring these flowers. Reformation Sunday is Oct. 30 and All Saints Sunday is Nov. 6. The flowers cost \$54.95 so one bouquet is about \$27.50. They can be picked up in the Diehl Hall kitchen after the 11:00 a.m. service. Altar Guild



### Halloween Events

Blessing of the Costumes October 30:  
Everyone who is dressing up for Halloween this year is invited to wear your costume to church. We will bless the costumes, have a snack and a time for games after 11:00 worship for kids age 3-6 grade.

Halloween Party: Youth grades 5-12 of St. John and of other ELCA churches in the Louisville area are invited to a Halloween party, Sunday, October 30 from 4:00-6:00. Wear your costumes. We will have games and food. We will meet in the St. John “dungeon,” that is, the basement down the stairs in the central courtyard. See you there and bring a friend, Bwahahahahaha!



### 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



### ALL SAINTS' DAY

#### All Saints Sunday

During the prayers on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6, we will say the names of members of the congregation who have died in the last calendar year, and ring a bell for each name. After we have read these names, we will read other names that have been sent to us. If you would like a name read for you at the altar, send the name in to the church office by October 3. There will also be a time when worshippers themselves can speak the name of a loved one out loud or in their hearts, in remembrance before God. We will then ring the bell a final time.



#### Consecration Sunday

The week of October 17, you should receive a letter with a pledge card and an envelope. Please think and pray about your giving to St. John, remember the generosity God has shown us, and the ways God works through this congregation. Then, write down the amount of money you intend to give to St. John in 2022, and bring it to church on

Consecration Sunday, Oct. 23. If you can't make it to church then, please send it St. John, or E-mail your pledge to our finance secretary, Diane Kushman, [dpkushman@gmail.com](mailto:dpkushman@gmail.com). Thank you!



**October Birthdays**

Jared Bailey	10/01
Jillian Bailey	10/01
Elizabeth Franklin	10/01
Yvonne Harrod	10/01
Kelly Hamsley	10/03
Brion Tinsley	10/03
Katie Parks	10/05
Matthew Foster	10/06
Drew Ludwig	10/06
Karen Karnes	10/07
Maxine Wines	10/07
Parker Dye	10/08
Mark Munday	10/08
Kyle Novak	10/08
Mary Stultz	10/08
Bridget Beck	10/09
Rodney Hanson	10/10
Sue Miller	10/14
David Lawson	10/16
Spencer Elbert	10/18
Catherine Gettelfinger	10/18
Anthony Gray	10/18
Cate McMahan	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
Steve Filardo	10/29
Betty Adkins	10/30
Linda Grumley DuFour	10/30
Kim Munday	10/30



**October Anniversaries**

Henry & Jennifer Huber, Jr.	10/04
Joseph & Lori Loiacano	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 & Channa Newman	10/24
Daryle & Karen Karnes	10/28



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Blessing of Animals 8:45am - Worship @ 11am - Worship @ www. 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19	12pm - Online Daily	Feast of St Francis of Assisi 12pm - Online Daily 12:30pm - FS Dance 4pm - Book Club 6pm - Evangelism & Outreach 6:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Technology	9:30am - Bridge Club 12pm - Online Daily 3pm - FS Dance Class 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	Council Reports Due 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Executive	12pm - Online Daily	10am - Goal-Setting 8pm - AA (ABC) @ 8pm - AA (ABC) @
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## OCTOBER 2022 WORSHIP TEAM

**10/2**

**10/9**

**10/16**

**10/23**

**10/30**

**Assisting Minister** (same person will serve at both services)

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

11:00

**Lector**

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

**Cantor** (same person will serve at both services)

	Cindy L	Laura R	Diane K	Laura R	Diane K
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**Usher**

11:00	Edie M	Ann H	Doug M	Melissa W	Sherley S
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**Altar Guild**

Dinah H, Brenda P

**Communion Prep** (not needed until further notice)

8:45

11:00

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*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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### Worship at St. John

#### 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

#### Monday-Friday

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

### Church Telephone & Fax Number

Phone: (502) 895-9320

Fax: (502) 895-3979

### Email

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### Staff

Reverend Andy Rutrough

#### **Pastor**

David McNease

#### **Office Administrator**

TBD

#### **Youth Project Coordinator**

TBD

#### **Choir Director**

Dr. Denine LeBlanc

#### **Organist**