

**Pastor's Note**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts;  
so I am helped, and my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to him.

Psalm 28:7

Gratitude is a choice. It is not dependent on the good things that have happened to us, nor on how we feel. It is a practice that helps us cope with difficulty and celebrate prosperity. It is an insistence on the presence of God who is with us in the world.

Gratitude does not ignore our difficulties or sad feelings. Gratitude acknowledges the gifts of God the we still have in the midst of difficulties.

For example, the pandemic is receding more slowly than we had hoped, but we do have vaccines for adults and teens, and vaccines are coming for children. The economy is recovering more slowly than hoped, and many of us who manage or own businesses have difficulty finding employees. But many of us still have jobs and businesses. We have food to eat and shelter within which to sleep. We can still choose to thank God even for the most basic things: breath, life, friends, the possibility of a new day.

In this season of thanksgiving, make a regular practice of thanking God, whether by saying grace at mealtime, praying before bed, attending Wednesday service, or worshipping Sunday. It strengthens our souls.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Andy



**Dedication of New Paraments**

New Advent paraments in memory of Tina Pate, Marco Hovel and Helen Brooks will be dedicated with a special prayer and musical offering November 28. We thank God for Cindy Lowen, the Lowen and Pate families, Ann Hovel, and Patti McNellis, who are giving the paraments to the church. We thank God for Tina Pate, Marco Hovel, and Helen Brooks, whose lives witnessed to God's glory, whose love touched so many people, and who now live with God in eternal joy.



**ELCA Youth Gathering**

The Gathering will take place July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, MN and is open to youth currently in 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades. 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](http://www.ELCA.org/YouthGathering).



# CHILDREN'S Sunday School

## Friends in Faith

On November 21, 10:00-10:45, Scarlett Mattingly will lead an outdoor learning time on What are We Thankful For? All children are invited to join us by the picnic tables outside the gym near the playground. If it's too cold we will meet in Diehl Hall with masks. See you there!



## 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



## Daylight Saving Time Ends

On Sunday, November 7, at 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned back one hour. We will then change from Eastern Daylight Time to Eastern Standard Time. The sun will rise a little earlier and we will gain an hour of sleep! Did you know that Arizona and Hawaii are the only U.S. states that don't observe Daylight Saving Time? This is a good time to change the batteries on your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.



## ALL SAINTS' DAY All Saints Sunday

During the prayers at both services on 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.



## COMMEMORATION of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

## All Saints Outside

From 1:00-3:00, Sunday, November 7, Pastor Andy will be available to anyone in the community to pray and ring a bell in remembrance of loved ones who have died. This will take place outside, on the north side of the building, near the playground. If you have friends or acquaintances who might not like to attend church but would like to remember loved ones, please bring them with you.



## JOIN US ONLINE

## Online Children's Time

At 10:15-10:45, November 7, Ali Plato will be sharing with us about heaven and the promise of eternal life.



**Neighbors in Need  
Fund**

**Discretionary Fund**

Thank you to all who contributed to our pastor’s discretionary fund which pays for occasional assistance to members, mainly. We have received \$800 for that purpose. Thanks be to God.



**REFUGEE ASSISTANCE**

**Refugee Fund**

Thank God for everyone who contributed to our love offering for Afghan refugees. Our goal was \$2,500 and we now have almost \$3,200. What a blessing.



**In-Person 8:45 a.m. Worship**

Starting November 7, the 8:45 a.m. service will be open for in-person worship. The same Covid protocols will apply to the 8:45 service as to the 11:00 service, so please register ahead of time so we know how many to prepare communion for, please wear a mask, speak or sing the hymns in a whisper, and observe social distancing. We will continue conducting both services on Zoom as well as in person. All who wish to come are welcome!



**In-Person Worship**

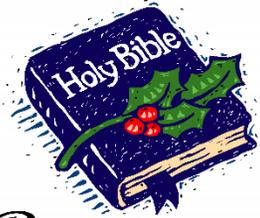
After careful consideration of advice from the Worship Committee, Bishop Bill Gafkjen, and the CDC, the Congregation Council has decided to implement the following Covid-19 protocols to address the recent surge in Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations.

1. For all in-person worship services 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.

God’s Peace,  
Pastor Andy



*Preparing for the  
Christmas Season*  
**Christmas Reading**

If you have children or youth in your home or life, please contact Sherry Leister, at (502) 548-2169 or sleister713@gmail.com about reading part of the Christmas reading on video so that we can play it Christmas Eve. This is a great way to share the joy of Christ's birth with each other and the world.



**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.



**Congregational Meeting**



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On November 14 after the 11:00 worship service we will vote on a budget and elect new council members. We give thanks to God for Renae Barkley and Kara Goodin, who are completing their terms this year.



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

**"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday**

"God's Work. Our Hands" and "Snacks in a bag." was September 12, 2021

Thank you to each and every one who donated snacks, of all kinds, including the many healthy ones, for our annual contribution to the Street Reach Program. With the Covid 19 protocol still controlling many of our actions the masks and social distancing caused a little extra challenge for those who did the bagging. Thank you again for your patience.

The number and amount of snacks, drinks, water, hand sanitizers donated was overwhelming. The volunteers who performed the actual set up and bagging of the snacks on both Saturday and Sunday were extremely efficient in accomplishing so much in so little time. All of you who contributed either product or your time, or both, are very much appreciated.

The 197 baggies were stuffed full, and then taken to the Fern Creek United Methodist Church, from which, they will be distributed to the homeless and the many unfortunate people, living in the margins, in the Louisville area, by their Street Reach Program. Pastor Darryl Glass

left a special voice mail to us, with a special thank for not only the gesture, but the overwhelming volume. Street Reach Ministry checks on and serves the homeless and those living in the margin in Louisville, who will not go inside or to available shelters in the area.

This is the Sunday every year all ELCA Churches celebrate who we are. "One Church freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbors". Success is measured by the love you shared with those in need! Thank you for all the love your shared.

The Evangelism Committee



**Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have been trained to be a support to people who are facing a crisis or going through hard times. They listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual assistance. All interactions are treated with confidentiality. To learn how you – or a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative – can receive care, contact Pastor Andy.



**November Birthdays**

Kara Goodin	11/03
Michael Johnson	11/03
Barty Bailey	11/07
Michael Barkley	11/07
Dustin Geraci	11/07
James Hundley	11/07
Siri Njos	11/07
Larry Elbert	11/08
Robert Eaton	11/10
Bill Lambert	11/10
Ellen Rice	11/10
Thyne Rutrough	11/10

Kacey Bartley	11/11
Macy McCoy	11/11
Chad Newman	11/12
Jan Parson	11/12
Patti McNellis	11/14
Addison Roop	11/14
Skip Stearman	11/14
Ben Hovell	11/15
Debra Koltveit	11/15
Jessica Sample	11/15
Elaine Hart	11/16
Ian Irwin	11/16
Krissy Davis	11/19
Paul High	11/19
Erin Novak	11/20
William Stemler	11/20
Matt Adkins	11/21
Donald Dahl	11/22
Joshua DeVore	11/23
Peter Loiacano	11/24
Virginia Sears	11/24
Rhonda Burks	11/25
Andrew Kratzwald	11/25
Linda Tinsley	11/26
Cynthia Dalem	11/27
Katy Gray	11/28
Margie Bower	11/29
Lisa Loiacano	11/29
Kay Green	11/30
Jan Kottke	11/30
Dawn Perry	11/30
Erin Uldrich	11/30



**November Anniversaries**

Paul & Jodi Hugues	11/04
Craig & Teresa Jones	11/10
Michael & Rhonda Franklin	11/17
Randall & Linda Grumley DuFour	11/20
Kevin & Lori Heslin	11/20
Daniel & Cynthia Lowery	11/24
John & Joanne Nordstrom	11/28
Robert & Cynthia Dahlem	11/29

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<p><b>All Saints' Day</b></p> <p><b>First Day of</b></p> <p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p>	<p><b>All Souls' Day</b></p> <p><b>Election Day</b></p> <p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>12:30pm - Friends</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p> <p>6pm - Evangelism &amp;</p>	<p>9:45am - Bridge</p> <p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>4pm - Book Club</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p> <p>6:30pm - Taize</p> <p>7pm - OA (ABC) @</p>	<p><b>Council Reports Due</b></p> <p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p> <p>6pm - Executive</p>	<p>12pm - Online Daily</p>	<p><b>Hold for Wedding</b></p> <p>8pm - AA (ABC) @</p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p><b>Daylight Saving</b></p> <p>8:45am - Online</p> <p>11am - In-Person &amp;</p> <p>3pm - Eben-Ezel</p> <p>5pm - AA Group 19</p>	<p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p>	<p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>12:30pm - Friends</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p>	<p>10am - Sewing</p> <p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>4pm - Book Club</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p> <p>6:30pm - Taize</p> <p>7pm - OA (ABC) @</p>	<p><b>Veterans Day</b></p> <p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p> <p>6pm - Congregation</p>	<p>12pm - Online Daily</p>	<p>8pm - AA (ABC) @</p>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>8:45am - Online</p> <p>11am - In-Person &amp;</p> <p>12:15pm -</p> <p>3pm - Eben-Ezel</p> <p>5pm - AA Group 19</p>	<p><b>Journal Deadline</b></p> <p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p>	<p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>12:30pm - Friends</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p> <p>6:30pm - Christian</p>	<p>10am - Sewing</p> <p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>4pm - Book Club</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p> <p>6:30pm - Taize</p> <p>7pm - OA (ABC) @</p>	<p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p> <p>6pm - Worship &amp;</p>	<p>12pm - Online Daily</p>	<p>8pm - AA (ABC) @</p>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>8:45am - Online</p> <p>11am - In-Person &amp;</p> <p>3pm - Eben-Ezel</p> <p>5pm - AA Group 19</p>	<p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p>	<p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>12:30pm - Friends</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p> <p>6:30pm - Sacred</p>	<p>10am - Sewing</p> <p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>4pm - Book Club</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p> <p>6:30pm - Taize</p> <p>7pm - OA (ABC) @</p>	<p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Day</b></p> <p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p>	<p><b>Native American</b></p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>12pm - Online Daily</p>	<p>8pm - AA (ABC) @</p>
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<p><b>First Sunday of</b></p> <p>8:45am - Online</p> <p>11am - In-Person &amp;</p> <p>12:15pm - Stephen</p> <p>3pm - Eben-Ezel</p> <p>5pm - AA Group 19</p>	<p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p>	<p>12pm - Online Daily</p> <p>12:30pm - Friends</p> <p>5:30pm - Lourdes</p>				

## NOVEMBER 2021 WORSHIP TEAM

11/7

11/14

11/21

11/28

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

8:45 &  
11:00

Cindy L

Patti M

Diane K

Cindy L

### Crucifer/Communion Assistant (not needed until further notice)

11:00

### Lector

8:45  
11:00

Renaë B

Patti M

Eric H

Margi H

John N

Betty M

Renaë B

Sherley S

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

Cindy L

Laura R

Diane K

Cindy L

### Usher

11:00

Ann H

Rosie W

Joanne N

Sherley S

### Computer Technician

### 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.*

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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**St. John Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, grace-based community proclaiming the gospel through word and deed.**

### 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.

### Church Telephone & Fax Number

Phone: (502) 895-9320

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### Staff

Reverend Andy Rutrough

#### **Pastor**

David McNease

#### **Office Administrator**

TBD

#### **Youth Project Coordinator**

Dr. Maggie Owens

#### **Choir Director**

Dr. Denine LeBlanc

#### **Organist**