

### Pastor's Note

Generosity is one of St. John's many gifts. People here seek to serve Jesus, to work for Jesus through this church, to be generous with their hearts and hands, to orient their lives toward sharing God's love.

Every time I look at our average giving, I am touched at how some of us give more than I ever would have thought.

It shows Christ's love: folk giving first-fruits, as the first check they write, their first financial priority.

The other day, Patti asked me how to include the church in her estate plans. I gave her the phone number of Carl Biermann, the synod gift planner. Now, those of us who know Patti understand that she is not hugely wealthy. Nevertheless, she wants St. John to be a part of her gift to the world, even after she goes on to heaven. That's powerful.

In my own life, Thyne and I give 11% of our income, mostly to St. John. We do this because generosity deepens our sense of God's presence in our lives, and because we want to do everything we can to make St. John a thriving, more vital community that continues to grow in showing the power of Christ's love.

Of course, we could use that money in other ways, but what better use could we make of it than to be a part of God's work in the world? We are a lean church. To do the

work God calls us to do, we need a lot of people to participate. We do God's work really well when people step forward and participate.

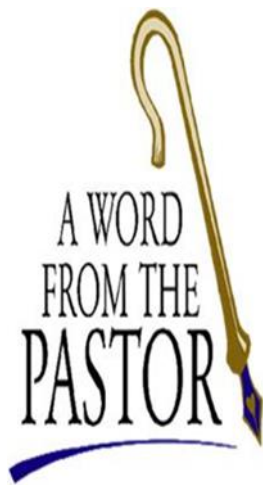
Thank you for your generosity and participation.

In the last few weeks alone, I have been privileged to be a part of Trey's baptism, a resurgence in choir, a confirmation class in which four very smart middle schoolers from St. John think and ask questions about prayer, forgiveness and the Bible. I've seen St. John folks literally hauling in cases of food for people who are hungry and I've seen them bringing communion to our homebound.

Also, I have seen people change, deeply, because they begin to believe that Jesus loves them.

Jesus makes this happen. Your generosity makes it happen at St. John. Your gifts matter, whatever they might be. So, celebrate generosity. Follow Jesus with your whole life.

Thank you for all you are and give and do.  
God's Blessing,  
Pr. Andy



# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



## All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 5. During prayer time at worship All Saints Sunday, we will light a candle and ring a bell to remember before God, people in our congregation who have died in the year since last All Saints' Sunday. If you would like us to name other loved ones, please send their names to the church office by October 31, with a note indicating they are for All Saints Sunday, and we will say their names as well and light a candle for them all.



## St. John Social Media

We are expanding our online outreach. Follow St. John news, pass on images and notes of encouragement, share invitations and events with family and friends.

Instagram:

Instagram@stjohnlutheranlouisville,

Youtube:

Youtube@Stjohnlutheranchurch2993



# Time, Talents & Treasure

## Intent of Giving Cards

Intent of Giving November 19: Please return your intent of giving cards this day. Cards will be mailed to everyone's homes and provided at church in case anyone forgets.



## New Visitor Folders

We have placed a brown folder on the front pew and the 7th pew in church. The folders provide an opportunity for visitors to share their names, E-mails, and, (if they want a loaf of bread), addresses. Please pass the folders around at the beginning of worship.



## Activities Group

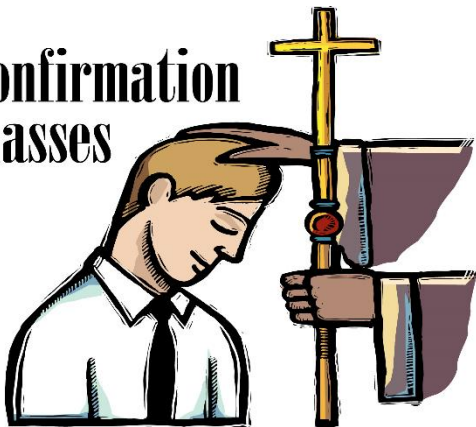
Brown County shopping. Meet at church at 10:00 A.M. Thursday November 16.

FRIENDS  
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**Friends in Faith**

November 26: Pr. Andy will talk with kids and youth about what they would like to put in the Christmas pageant. We will then write and produce our own Christmas pageant for December 17.

**Confirmation Classes**



**Confirmation**

Nov. 19: From 1:00-4:00 in room 2 at St. John.



**Sewing Group**

10:00 till whenever, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month in Diehl Hall. Making quilts for refugees and disaster survivors, as well as quilting crafts. Lunch provided. Join us!



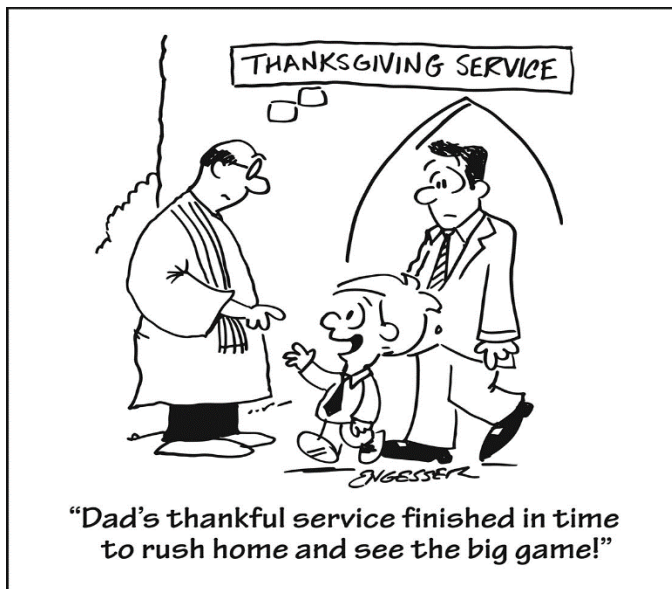
**Financial Update**

Monthly Financial Update

	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
Income	\$25,219	\$22,443	\$23,478
Expense	\$22,504	\$25,362	\$22,553
Result	\$2,715	(\$2,918)	\$925

(Income less Expense)

We have a positive result this month for the first time in several months! We remain significantly down for the year, and have still paid no benevolences. Pastor is addressing our cash flow challenges with our benevolence recipients. The council continues to review options to reduce any unnecessary spending, and remains optimistic giving will increase during the coming holidays. Thank you for your continuing support of the mission of St. John. Please continue to mail in your contributions. Feedback welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to Christi Elbert or Diane Kushman if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.







### Men's Group

The Men's Group meets every other Monday. November meetings will be Nov. 13 and 27 in Diehl Hall at 6:30 PM. All are welcome. The Men's Group is studying 'The Spirituality of Men, Sixteen Christians Talk About Their Faith.'



## Donate Flowers

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Flowers for All Saints Sunday, November 5, have been ordered. If you would like some lovely flowers to take home and enjoy for a week or more we would love for you to help with that. The two bouquets will be on the altar and cost \$28 each or \$55 for both bouquets.. Please contact the church office with your name and if you want to dedicate them to someone. Thank you so much for helping us to dress up our church on these special occasions!



### St. Matthews Area Ministries

#### St. MAM is collecting Thanksgiving Baskets.

In a paper bag or new reusable grocery bag please place: stuffing mix, 2 cans of carrots, 2 cans of green beans, 2 cans of cranberry sauce, 2 cans of yams, 1 bag of marshmallows, 1 box of cake mix, 1 can of icing, turkey gravy, corn muffin mix.

Bring your donations to Beargrass Christian Church, 4100 Shelbyville Rd (front of the church at the stained-glass doors), Sunday, November 12, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. In addition, please consider donating a \$25 Walmart gift card for a turkey and perishable items.

#### St. MAM Adopt-A-Child Christmas Program

Here is how you can help provide some Christmas magic: St. MAM is collecting \$25 Walmart gift cards from Monday, Nov. 6 to Monday, Dec. 4 (distribution day is Dec. 6). To avoid confusion, please verify the amount and write it on the card with a black Sharpie. Contact Sarah Banks if you have any questions: by phone – (502) 893-0205 ext. 104, by email – SarahBanks@stmam.com. Thank you for helping us bring the love and joy of Christmas to our community! St. Matthews Area Ministries, 319 Browns Lane.

# Congregational Meeting



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Congregational Meeting November 12: Please stay after church to vote on budget and review goals for 2024. We would particularly like someone to explore serving as finance secretary. Most folks with a little computer experience and a bit of a head for numbers can do it. It takes an hour and a half a week, plus two meetings each month: executive committee and council.



## November Birthdays

Kara Gooding	11/03
Michael Johnson	11/03
Eric Hall	11/05
Barty Bailey	11/07
Mike Barkley	11/07
Dustin Geraci	11/07
James Hundley, Jr.	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
Chad Newman	11/12
Patti McNellis	11/14
Addison Roop	11/14

Skip Stearman	11/14
Ben Faust	11/15
Paul High	11/19
Erin Novak	11/20
William Stemler	11/20
Joshua DeVore	11/23
Peter Loiacano	11/24
Rhonda Burks	11/25
Andrew Kratzwald	11/25
Cynthia Dahlem	11/27
Margie Bower	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
John & Joanne Nordstrom	11/28
Robert & Cynthia Dahlem	11/29



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			All Saints Day First Day of American 9:30am - Bridge Club 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	All Souls Day Council Reports Due (1st 6pm - Executive		8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Saving Time 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)		Election Day 6:15pm - Evangelism & 6:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Technology	10am - Sewing Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	6pm - Congregation	Veterans Day (substitute) 10am - Activities Group -	Veterans Day 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 11am - Congregational 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	6:30pm - Men's Group		Journal Deadline 10am - Sewing Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	10am - Activities Group - 4pm - Worship & Music		8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 1pm - Confirmation Class 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)		6:30pm - Christian	10am - Sewing Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	Native American Heritage Office Closed	8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 11am - Friends in Faith 12pm - Stephen Ministry 3pm - Eben-Ezel 5pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	6:30pm - Men's Group		6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC			

## NOVEMBER 2023 WORSHIP TEAM

	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26
<b><u>Assisting Minister</u></b>				
10:00	Cindy L	Diane K	Ann H	Renae B
<b><u>Lector</u></b>				
10:00	Eric H	Dinah H	Margi H	Mike M
<b><u>Youth Lector</u></b>				
10:00	Lily B	Alex	Magdalene M	Emilia M
<b><u>Cantor</u></b>				
10:00	Cindy L	Diane K	Laura R	Laura R
<b><u>Crucifer</u></b>				
10:00	Melvin G	Trey L	Melvin G	Trey L
<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>				
10:00	Lily B	Alex	Magdalene M	Emilia M
<b><u>Usher</u></b>				
10:00	Joanne N	Melissa W	Sherley S	Edie M
<b><u>Communion Prep</u></b>				
10:00	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P
<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>				
Dinah H, Brenda P				

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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.*

Vivian Lenberger  
Betty Pauley  
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.

# St. John Lutheran Church

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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

10:00 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

[stjohn@stjohnlutheranky.org](mailto:stjohn@stjohnlutheranky.org)



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### Staff

Reverend Andy Rutrough

#### **Pastor**

David McNease

#### **Office Administrator**

TBD

**Youth Project  
Coordinator**

TBD

**Choir Director**

Dr. Denine LeBlanc

**Organist**