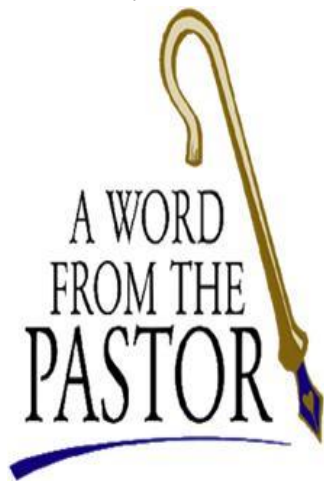


Pastor's Note

More often than I would like to admit, my mind goes to bad places when I stand in line at the grocery store, or have to wait at a stop light. My mind cries out to the heavens, WAIT? I have to WAIT? This is outrageous! This is MY precious TIME, and it is being WASTED!



But is our time being wasted, really? Is waiting that bad? After all, when we have to wait for something, don't we value it more

deeply? Also, is it all that necessary to fill our lives with an unending train of things to do, experiences to enjoy, people to connect with? Doesn't it do our souls good to simply be for a while? Isn't it healthy to be able to stop and wait?

Advent is a waiting time. We make space for Christ to come into our lives and our world. God opens us up to the capacity for wonder, the ability to stand in awe of something deeper than our deepest fear, more loving than our wildest dreams, more intimate than our slightest breath. God opens us up Christ Child coming, when we wait.

So light an Advent candle in your home. Come to an Advent service Wednesday night. Give a nest of chicks or a goat to a

family in the developing world. Learn a part to Silent Night. Invite a friend to Christmas Eve.

But don't do it all. Use Advent and Christmas to make a space for wonder, for the possibility of hope and the reality of joy. Make a space for the Christ Child coming.

Blessings,
Pastor Andy

Join Us at
Advent Worship



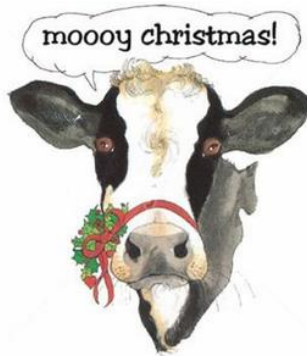
Advent Worship

Advent Worship: Do Less, Wonder, Hope
Advent worship noon and 7:30 p.m., December 4, 11, and 18. We will examine readings and pray, focusing on the themes of Do Less, Wonder and Hope. Noon will be a spoken service. In the evening, we will sing a series of quiet, meditative songs called Taizé hymns. Please come and prepare for the coming Christ.



Learning Silent Night

During announcement time the Sundays of Advent, we will learn how to sing *Silent Night* in parts, so that those of us who are here at Christmas can sing *Silent Night* in parts on Christmas Eve. Please give this a try. The parts are not difficult to learn and they make a wonderful proclamation of Christ's coming.



Give an Animal for Christmas

In the Narthex during Advent, we can purchase a number of animals for families in the developing world: honey bees, chicks, pigs, goats, and cows. These animals can be bred to make more animals and bring a sustainable source of protein for a family.



Christmas Cantata

Cantata Sunday will be December 15 this year. During sermon time at both services, the choir will sing *A Christmas Carol Gallery, Portraits of the Season*, by Larry Shackley. A five minute homily will precede the cantata.



CAROLING

Youth and Choir Caroling

After 11:00 worship on December 8, the choir and youth will go Christmas caroling to our homebound members. If you like to sing carols and you want to see some beautiful moments, please join us.



Christmas Eve Worship

We will celebrate the birth of Christ on December 24 at 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with Christmas carols, Holy Communion and candle light. Please invite a friend to this worship of the newborn savior.



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 2020 books are...

Jan. 14 – *The Goldfinch*, Donna Tartt

Feb. 11 – *Nothing to See Here*, Kevin Wilson



What are the Youth Up To?

December

On Sunday, December 8, the youth and choir will be teaming up for their annual Christmas Caroling outing. All are welcome to join! We will have a quick bite to eat after late service and then head out from there! Let Whitney know if you have any questions!

On Saturday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m., the youth will be headed to Climb NuLu for an afternoon of rock climbing! Please let

Whitney know if you would be interested in joining us!

January

On the weekend of January 10-12, the youth will be heading up to Cincinnati for the annual YouthQuake event. It will be a weekend full of music, workshops, guest speakers and more! It's not too late to sign up! Let Whitney know if you are interested!

On Saturday, January 25, the youth will be going ice skating at Iceland Sports Complex. Stay tuned for further details!



Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Andy will be out of the office December 25-30. Rev. Scott Meier, (260) 273-2279, will preach on December 30, and be available for pastoral emergencies



Christmas Decorating

Christmas Decorating Schedule: Please consider volunteering to help. Refreshments will be available!

Sunday – December 1 after late service set up Christmas Tree

Sunday – December 8 after late service decorate the tree and the church

Sunday – December 22 – set up brass candleholders down main aisle

Saturday – January 11 take down Christmas decorations

Contact Ann Hovell at (502) 523-0213 to volunteer or for more information.



Women of St. John News

Craft Fair: We wish to thank all of the volunteers who made the craft fair a profitable fundraiser. We made a total profit of \$1,083.48. We rented booths, sold baked goods, craft items, and food to try to maximize the profit. If you have a handcraft that you wish to donate next year please start early so that we have a full booth. It has been great to see just some of the talent that our members have.

Lunch Meeting: At the January meeting we will decide how to distribute the 2019 proceeds. Please attend the meeting on January 12, 2020, after second service. Lunch will be provided by the "Lunch Ladies" group. BBQ and sides will be provided.

Activities: Please bring your ideas of the fun and/or fundraising ideas to the January meeting so that we can schedule a fun filled year.



St. Matthews Area Ministries

We are blessed to learn that Cynthia and Dan Lowery have agreed to represent St. John on the St. Matthews Area Ministries Board of Directors. Their presence can already be felt in the number of announcements and information being shared on our Facebook page. Thank you.

Activities Group

During December we are walking Mall St. Matthews on Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. All levels of fitness are welcome to join in. In 2019 we walked the downtown bridge and the Jeffersontown tree walk, Salado Wildlife Center, the pumpkin walk at Iroquois Park, Christkindlmarkt in Ferdinand, Indiana and walked the mall. Watch the *January Journal* to see the exciting activities planned for 2020 and come out and join in some or all! If you have questions please contact Diane Kushman.



Sewing Group

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Diel Hall. Please Join the Group. NO experience or equipment is needed. We made three quilts and provided several items for the craft fair. The quilts were made for our refugee family. Two twin quilts were made for the children and a full quilt for the parents.

Come out on December 4 or 18 to join the fun of sharing skills and learning the joy of creating something useful. If you have any questions please contact Laura Meier at (260) 273-2279.



Friends School Dinner & Auction

You're invited. Eat, drink, and be tacky! Saturday, December 7, 2019, 6:00-10:00 p.m. The Regency, 8900 Limehouse Ln, Louisville, KY 40220. Reserved tables of 8 are \$200. Additional tickets \$25 per person. Ugly sweaters (or outfits) encouraged. Cash bar. RSVP by November 27, 2019 to www.friendsschoollouisville.org, select Support FSL, then choose New Products. Current families receive 4 free tickets. Questions contact melanie@friendsschoollouisville.org.



December Birthdays

Chloe Cox	12/1
Samantha Bright	12/4
Beth Coleman	12/4
Brenda Lind	12/4
Brent Florence	12/5
Brandon Lowen	12/5
Jeanette Gettelfinger	12/6
David Janes	12/6
Rosalie Wiebusch	12/6
Norah McCollum	12/7
John Gray	12/8
Holly Smith	12/8
Henry Huber, Jr.	12/8
Norma Gruen	12/10
Holly Perry	12/10
Pete Dallas	12/15
Michael Murray	12/15
Donis Hukee	12/17

Thomas Reinking	12/17
Jennifer Blair	12/19
Alexander Burtnett	12/19
Matt Janes	12/19
Candice Hann	12/20
Dee Lynch	12/20
Sherrill Williams	12/21
Aaron Lind	12/22
Teresa Jones	12/23
Sarah Nehring	12/23
Mark Bartow	12/25
Phillip Heslin	12/26
Allison Oost	12/26
Xander Florence	12/27
Alex Jackson	12/27
Thomas Irwin	12/28
Bella O'Dell	12/28
Elijah O'Dell	12/28
Herb Reeser	12/28
Lindsay Romer	12/28
Jackson Eaton	12/29
Paula Eaton	12/29
Allison Greer	12/29
Destiny Nordstrom	12/29
Haley Tabler	12/29
Savannah House	12/30
Lisa Thirlwell	12/31



December Anniversaries

Sherley & Rose Mary Sample	12/9
Russell & Dawn Perry	12/12
John & Mary Frances Gray	12/13
Bill & Gail Workman	12/16
Paul & Lisa Konar	12/19
Steven & Katy Gray	12/21
Eric & Kim Hahn	12/21
Chet & Barbara Gentry	12/26
Bernard & Donis Hukee	12/26
Jerry & Rosalie Wiebusch	12/28
Sabrina & Russell Bent	12/30

St. John Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Dec 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir 11am - Worship	2 Dinner for West End 10am - Monday 5:30pm - Our Lady	3 5:30pm - Our Lady 6:30pm - Evangelis	4 9:45am - Bridge 11am - Prayer Team 12pm - Worship & 1pm - Sewing Group 5:30pm - Our Lady 6pm - Cantata Choir	5 9am - Walk & Talk 5:30pm - Our Lady 6:30pm - Executive 7pm - South Central	6 Ornament Exchange 5:30pm - Our Lady	7 10am - SOKY 8pm - AA (ABC) @
8 8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 9:45am - Sunday 10am - Choir 11am - Worship 12:45pm - Conformat	9 10am - Finance 10am - Mom's Club 11am - Care and 5:30pm - Our Lady	10 5:30pm - Our Lady 6:30pm - Property	11 11am - Prayer Team 12pm - Worship & 5:30pm - Our Lady 6pm - Cantata Choir 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - OA (ABC) @ 7:30pm - Worship &	12 9am - Walk & Talk 5:30pm - Our Lady 6:30pm - Congregati	13 5:30pm - Friends 5:30pm - Our Lady	14 10am - Cantata 10am - SOKY 8pm - AA (ABC) @
15 Journal Deadline 8am - Cantata 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir 11am - Worship 12:15pm - Stephen	16 10am - Monday 5:30pm - Our Lady	17 5:30pm - Our Lady 7pm - Christian	18 11am - Prayer Team 12pm - Worship & 1pm - Sewing Group 5:30pm - Our Lady 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - OA (ABC) @ 7:30pm - Worship &	19 9am - Walk & Talk 5:30pm - Our Lady 6pm - Worship &	20 12pm - Friends 5:30pm - Our Lady	21 10am - SOKY 8pm - AA (ABC) @
22 8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir 11am - Worship	23 5:30pm - Our Lady	24 Christmas Eve 4pm - Worship 7:30pm - Worship	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 7pm - OA (ABC) @	26 9am - Walk & Talk 5:30pm - Our Lady 7pm - South Central	27 5:30pm - Our Lady	28 10am - SOKY 8pm - AA (ABC) @
29 8:15am - Choir 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir 11am - Worship	30 11am - Blood Drive 5:30pm - Our Lady	31 New Year's Eve 11am - Blood Drive	1 New Year's Eve 11am - Blood Drive	2 New Year's Eve 11am - Blood Drive	3 New Year's Eve 11am - Blood Drive	4 New Year's Eve 11am - Blood Drive

DECEMBER 2019 WORSHIP TEAM

12/01

12/08

12/15

12/22

12/29

Assisting Minister

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

Crucifer/Communion Asst

11:00	David J	Holly P	Amber	Nicholas	David J
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Lector

8:45	Lola H	Rebecca D	Lisa Y	Mary Lou F	Ashley T
11:00	Denise P	Mark L	Alice F	Don F	Dinah H

Ushers

8:45	Lisa & Linda	Larry & Christi E	Barry & Nancy	Paul & Dinah H	Don & Mary Lou
11:00	Tom J, Lisa D Edie M, Debbie U	Nordstrom's Rosie W	Terry & Jake Doug & Andrea	Ann H, Dan L Matt & Whitney	Mark L, Margi H Ann H, Rosie W

Acolytes 11:00

Nathan J	Lauren J	Jake	Benjamin	Nathan J
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Altar Guild

December – Shared by all

Communion Prep

8:45	December – Renae B, Diane K, and Karen K
11:00	December – Ann H

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

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

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Wednesday
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