

Pastor's Note

Well, it's almost over. The midterm elections will go down as one of the most divisive in recent history. Both sides say that their level of rhetoric is justified because the other side is just so very bad. Both sides have a sense of desperation in their voices.

(By the way, here is a nice break from the din: a Republican and Democrat who saved the last ten minutes of their debate to sing a duet.

<https://www.sevendaysvt.com/OffMessage/archives/2018/10/19/walters-vermont-political-rivals-duet-goes-national>)

What does Jesus say about these days? Does Jesus have anything to say about the tone of our political dialog, or is he only concerned with getting as many people into heaven as possible? And if Jesus does have something to say, does it go any farther than just "be nice"?

Scripture would suggest that he does. And as usual, his word is both more hopeful and less comfortable than we would at first imagine. Jesus sets out the priorities we are to follow in our political decisions and conversation. Jesus is concerned for all people, and especially for those who have less power than most. Jesus requires us to love our neighbor as ourselves. He wants us to make our actions fit our words. He claims that true power is found in servanthood and sacrifice. He says that God is active in the world.

As usual, we will differ in how we apply Jesus's priorities to our actions, whether political or otherwise. And as usual, we will not do so perfectly.

Here is, perhaps, a slightly new thought: Vote. The power to vote has been given to us by God and by many people, both military and civilian, who have lived and died to keep our voting rights. If you don't like the candidates, write somebody in. But don't ignore this sacred duty.

Vote. But do not vote for yourself. Do not vote just for your own interests, out of your own feelings and your own outrage. The leaders we elect are to represent all of us, not just those who agree with us. They are to seek the benefit of all people, especially those who have less power than most. They are to encourage the love of neighbor, make their actions fit their words, and walk a journey of servanthood and sacrifice.

Above all, remember this: God is active in the world. There is a force for good beyond our own mistakes, beyond the bull-headedness of others. That force moves the world toward justice and the soul toward resurrection. And whether we like it or not, it will cause us to grow. Watch for that force: the power of God, the love of Christ. Trust it and follow it. This is the way forward in these and all days.

God's Blessing,
Pastor Andy

Congregational Meeting

On November 11, after the 11:00 service, we will elect Council members and vote on a budget. Please watch your mail for more information on Council candidates and proposed budget.

Stewardship 2018:

During the last week of October and the first week of November, all members will receive a letter asking you to think and pray about your giving to St. John in 2019. This is necessary for church planning, so we have an idea of our income for 2019. It is also important for our life in Christ. If we give to others, we will have a sense of God's abundance for ourselves.

Please think and pray for how much God is calling you to give in 2019. Consider practical matters such as income and debt. Consider spiritual matters such as the work done by St. John and the presence of God in your life. You can give less if financial difficulties arise in 2019. You can give more if finances go better than expected. Write the amount on your Pledge Card and put it in the plate November 11. We will have pledge cards in the pews Nov. 11 and 18 in case anyone leaves their card at home. Whatever amount you give, God is a part of your earning, saving, investing, spending and giving money. Whatever amount you give, thank you for your thought, prayer and support.

Miralea Worship:

Pr. Andy will be leading worship at Miralea Center, a part of Masonic Homes, on Thursday, November 29.

Book Club

November 13 at 6:30pm, Homemade Pie and Ice Cream Kitchen on Lexington Road.

It is time for discussing Luther!

Martin Luther by Eric Metaxas

Come join us even if you didn't make it all the way through the book!

Connect Training:

Edie Miller, Jodi Hughes, Diane Kushman, James Holden, Daryle Karnes and Pr. Andy will attend the Link 1 training for the Connect Transformational Ministry Process November 2 and 3. Please keep them in your prayers.

Ken Boehm Installation:

After two years of education and preparation, Ken Boehm, the Synodically Authorized Minister at Ascension, will be installed as pastor there. The service will be Sunday, December 2 at 3pm Please keep Ken in your prayers. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

Advent Animals:

We will be selling ELCA World Hunger Appeal Good Gifts animals for people in the developing world again this Advent. Please purchase your ornament in the Narthex Sundays December 2, 9, 16 and 23. As usual, we will have honey bees, chicks, pigs, goats, sheep, and a cow available. Also, perhaps an extra surprise as well!

Advent Worship will take place, 7:30-8:30 Wednesdays, December 5, 12 and 19.



Sunday School Schedule 2018-2019

Nov. 4 All Saints Sunday
Nov. 11
Nov. 18
Nov. 25 Christ the King Thanksgiving
Weekend, No Sunday School, Advent Starts
Dec. 2 Christmas Pageant Practice
Dec. 8 (Saturday) Christmas Pageant
Practice
Dec. 9 Christmas Pageant
Dec. 16 No Sunday School
Dec. 23 No Sunday School
Dec. 30 No Sunday School
Jan. 6 **First Day of Winter Term**
Jan. 13
Jan. 20
Jan. 27
Feb. 3
Feb. 10
Feb. 17
Feb. 24
Mar. 3
Mar. 10 Lent begins
Mar. 17
Mar. 24
Mar. 31
Apr. 7
Apr. 14 Palm Sunday
Apr. 20 Easter Egg Hunt
Apr. 21 Easter Sunday No Sunday School
Apr. 28
May 5 After Derby
May 12 Mother's Day
May 19

May 26 Last Day of Sunday School - Wrap up party :)

Christmas Pageant:

The Children's Christmas Pageant will take place December 9 at 11:00 worship.

Practice will be during the Sunday School hour on December 2 and at an as-yet-to be-determined time on Saturday, December 8.

If you are a child or youth and would like to be a part of sharing the Christmas story, please watch the bulletin for information on how to get involved.

Photo Directory

Are you a new member (or someone who's been around awhile) who didn't receive a photo directory? We have extra copies in the office. If you need one, let Pr. Andy know and he'll have one for you next Sunday – or you can stop by during office hours and get one.

Collection Room

The small room off the Sanctuary that used to be the Prayer Room is now the Collection Room. This room will be used for some storage but mostly for those times we collect things and don't have a good place to put them. For instance, the Youth are collecting Thanksgiving baskets for St. MAM. Instead of putting everything in the regular St. MAM collection containers, you will place your items on the shelves in the collection room. In the summer, VBS items will be collected into this one location instead of leaving them in various places around the building.

Women of St. John

With our elections last month, we've had a change in officers. We decided to add two ad hoc members to the executive board so Patti McNellis decided to take one of those positions. Betty Meyers will be the other ad hoc member. Karen Karnes stepped up to become our new Treasurer. The other positions remained the same. Diane Kushman as President, Margi Hahn as Vice President, and Marlene Klingeman as Secretary. Thank you to all of you for being willing to serve The Women of St. John in 2019.

During the holidays, the women's bulletin board by the Diehl Hall entrance will display announcements of holiday programs that members of our church are involved in-Adults, teens and children. If your school, scout troop, social group etc. is having a holiday program or event, make a flyer and post it on the bulletin board. St. John members, if you are looking for some holiday cheer, check out the board and visit one of these events. Let's support our fellow members!

Thyne Rutrough	11/10
Kacey Bartley	11/11
Chad Newman	11/12
Jan Parson	11/12
Patti McNellis	11/14
Elaine Hart	11/16
Ian Irwin	11/16
Paul High	11/19
Erin Novak	11/20
William Stemler	11/20
Matt Adkins	11/21
Donald Dahl	11/22
Peter Loiacano	11/24
Rhonda Burks	11/25
Andrew Kratzwald	11/25
Linda Tinsley	11/26
Cynthia Dahlem	11/27
Ed Hunsinger	11/28
Lisa Loiacano	11/29
Phyllis Neumayer	11/29
Kay Green	11/30
Marco Hovell	11/30
Jan Kottke	11/30
Erin Uldrich	11/30

November Birthdays

Kara Goodin	11/3
Merle Dahl	11/6
Barty Bailey	11/7
Michael Barkley	11/7
James Hundley	11/7
Siri Njos	11/7
Larry Elbert	11/8
Bill Lambert	11/10
Ellen Rice	11/10

November Anniversaries

Jodi & Paul Hugues	11/4
Teresa & Craig Jones	11/10
Clifford & Mona Thevenin	11/15
Rhonda & Michael Franklin	11/17
Linda Grumley DuFour & Randall	11/20
Kevin & Lori Heslin	11/20
John & Joanne Nordstrom	11/28

St. John Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Nov 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12:45pm - Confirmation	29	30 6:30pm - Evangelism	31 Halloween 11am - Prayer Team - Rm. 5:15pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Bible Study	1 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall 6:30pm - Executive 6:30pm - Quest Stars	2	3 8pm - AIAnon
4 Daylight Saving Time ends 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship	5 10am - Women's Bible	6 Election Day	7 9:45am - Bridge Group 11am - Prayer Team - Rm. 5:15pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Bible Study	8 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall 5:30pm - Craft Fair set up 6:30pm - Congregation	9 5:30pm - Craft Fair set up	10 Craft Fair Wedding 8pm - AIAnon
11 Congregational Meeting Veterans Day 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12:45pm - Confirmation	12 Veterans Day observed 10am - Mom's Club - DH 11am - Care & Concern	13 6:30pm - Book Club 6:30pm - Property	14 11am - Prayer Team - Rm. 5:15pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Bible Study	15 Journal Deadline 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall 6pm - Worship & Music	16	17 8pm - AIAnon
18 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12:15pm - Stephen 12:15pm - Youth Council	19 10am - Women's Bible	20 7pm - Christian Education	21 11am - Prayer Team - Rm. 5:15pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Bible Study	22 Thanksgiving Day 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall	23 Black Friday	24 8pm - AIAnon
25 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 12:45pm - Confirmation	26	27	28 11am - Prayer Team - Rm. 5:15pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - OA Meeting 7:30pm - Bible Study	29 9am - Walk & Talk @ Mall	30	1 8pm - AIAnon

What Are the Youth Up To?

October

On Saturday October 27th, the youth led a group to Brown Park to participate in its annual Trunk or Treat. With a Disney-themed tent, the youth handed out candy to around 5,000 St. Matthews area children.

November

The early signup deadline for YouthQuake is coming up on November 6th. For those unfamiliar, YouthQuake is a weekend-long event that takes place in Cincinnati, for middle and high school students. The event takes place January 11th to 13th and has music, speakers and workshops. If you would like to join or would like any additional information, please let Whitney know.

The youth will be collecting nonperishable food items to assemble into donation baskets, which will then be brought to St. MAM and distributed to less fortunate families for Thanksgiving. The last day to donate items will be Sunday November 18th, at which point the youth will sort them after late service for delivery to St. MAM the following day. A list of items needed can be found in the bulletin or in the narthex. Please leave your items in the Collection Room.

December

Coming up in December, the youth and the choir will join forces again to go Christmas Caroling. Look for more details in the bulletin as December approaches. All are welcome to join!

Altar Flower Chart

The 2019 Flower Chart is up and ready for you to sign up for flowers for special Sundays. Each Sunday has two slots available. You may take both slots or just one. Each slot is \$22.50 (\$45 for both). After second service on your Sunday of choice you may take your flowers.

The chart is in two places this year – the Narthex and the usual bulletin board on the way to Diehl Hall from the Sanctuary. Please include your phone number so an Altar Guild member can call you.



All Saints Sunday, November 4

There will be a time for remembrance during the prayers on Sunday, November 4, as we name and light a candle for each congregation member who has died since All Saints Sunday, 2017. After the final candle is lit, we will take a brief moment for members of the congregation to name, silently or aloud, others who have died in the last year.



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NOVEMBER 2018 WORSHIP TEAM

11/4

11/11

11/18

11/25

Assisting Minister

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

Crucifer/Communion Asst

11:00	Jake M	Amber L	David J	Nicholas S
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Lector

8:45	Margi H	Lisa Y	Jen S	Diane K
11:00	Mary S	Dinah H	Mark L	Lola H

Ushers

8:45	Dinah & Paul High	Mary Lou & Don F	Larry & Christi E	Larry & Christi E
11:00	Tom J, Dan L Terri and Jake M	Edie M, Margi H Lisa & Marty D	Chet L, Sherley S Maryjo S, Rosie W	Matt & Whitney A Ann H, Mark L

Acolytes at 11:00am

Lauren J	Madelyn B	Holly P	Ben S
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Altar Guild

Month of October – Ann H

Communion Prep

8:45	<i>Month of October – Jane B</i>
11:00	<i>Month of October – Dawn P</i>

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, please let Rebecca know and she can email or mail the list to you.

Barbara Huber
Vivian Lenberger
J. Herman Mahaffey
Lorraine Beyer
Ott & Dot Pollei
Nancy Robinson

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community proclaiming the gospel through word and deed.

Worship at St. John

Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study with

Communion

5:15-6:15pm or 7:30-8:15pm

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

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