

## Pastor's Note

This is an exciting time. After church on September 23, the congregation voted to participate in the Connect Transformational Ministry Process. We already have some folks willing to go to the training November 3-4. If you would also like to go, please see Pr. Andy.

The transformation team attends two 24-hour training sessions each year, one in November and one in May, for two years. Over those two years, the team implements their training with the congregation back home.

Both of our congregational meetings included some very good questions about specifics. For example, if Pastor Andy is going to spend 30-50% of his time on outreach, what comes off his plate and who does it? Also, how will this process influence our budget? What ministries will be set aside in order to fund other initiatives? How will those decisions be made?

The specifics of these answers will be informed by what we learn at our training sessions. The training is based on the experience of several churches which have been growing over the last several years. We will apply that experience to our own situation.

At the same time, it is clear to me that we need to be transparent and accountable to each other as we move forward. We need to set meaningful, achievable, measurable goals for ourselves, with

specific objectives and tasks that will lead us to those goals. We need to hold each other accountable for follow-through on those tasks. We need to ask each other for help when we are having trouble getting something done. We need to offer help and accept help. We need to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We need to always connect goals with mission: to show Christ to the world, to be a part of God's work of grace touching everything.

Whatever happens, I am convinced that Christ is working in the community and world around St. John, and that we are blessed to be a part of that work. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your pastor. This is an exciting time.

God's Blessing,  
Pastor Andy

### We did it!!

We filled 96 personal care bags for The Healing Place on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We were also able to send a lot of extra things to fill their shelves.

About 35 stayed after the second service to enjoy the fellowship and meal that is such a big part of every God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. It is amazing how quickly we can fill these bags when we all work together and it's fun to do.

Thanks to everyone for all that you donated and to Thrivent for its financial help.

~The Evangelism Committee



## Sunday School Schedule 2018-2019

Oct. 7  
 Oct. 14  
 Oct. 21  
 Oct. 28 Reformation Sunday  
 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 :)

### St. MAM Food

After many years of transporting collected food to the St. MAM food pantry, Cliff and Mona Thevenin have retired. They have been amazing and we are grateful for their faithful service.

We are looking for one or more people to try to fill their shoes. The job involves picking up collected items from St. John and taking them to the St. MAM Food Pantry at Beechwood Baptist Church, 201 Biltmore Rd. (behind the Office Depot on Shelbyville Road) in St. Matthews during regular business hours. Once or twice a month should be sufficient unless donations are especially generous.

Please contact the church office or Connie Schumacher if you can be of help.

### Adult Sunday School

Starting in October, adult Sunday School will alternate weeks between a video by Dr. Craig Koester of Luther Seminary and a discussion led by Pr. Andy. Both the video and discussion will examine major people, events and books of the Bible. In October, we will look at the Bible as Dialog and Creation and Chaos in Genesis.



3628 Virginia Avenue, Louisville, KY 40211  
Founded 2005

An academically rigorous, free boarding school in Louisville, Kentucky for boys, grades Pre-K through 8. The focus of the school is to help “at risk” boys from the West End neighborhoods of Louisville.

Their meals are provided by community donations. In 2017, St. John Fellowship Committee was challenged to reach out to our community. Through much prayer and planning, we chose to provide several dinners to the boys and faculty of the West End School. We continue our service with the next opportunity on October 21/22, 2018.

You can help...



On October 14, empty your pockets and donate your change at worship

Volunteer to help prepare the meal on Sunday, October 21

Volunteer to help deliver and serve dinner on Monday, October 22



Questions, contact Debbie Utz at [burfutz@gmail.com](mailto:burfutz@gmail.com)

## Women of St. John

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Annual Craft Fair & Café  
November 10  
9 am - 3 pm

Come shop and eat lunch.

ALSO, don't forget our quarterly meeting Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> after second service. Come enjoy some good soups and bread.

We will have the election of officers for 2019 and plan our Christmas activity. Hope to see a lot of women there.

## Youth Coordinator for Louisville

The South-Central Conference of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod includes the ELCA churches in Louisville and the surrounding area. These churches are trying something new. With money from the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, we are hiring a Youth Coordinator for the youth of our several churches. Her name is Tammy Kissling, and she will help the youth of the conference gather for major events and activities. This will help the smaller churches, who have only one or two youth, to have them participate in fun events. It will help larger churches to work together. Thanks be to God.

## October Birthdays

Elizabeth Franklin	10/
Kelly Hamsley	10/3
Brion Tinsley	10/3
Jackson Molsberger	10/4
Katie Parks	10/5
Karen Karnes	10/7
Maxine Wines	10/7
Kyle Novak	10/8
Mary Stultz	10/8
Bridget Beck	10/9
Karl Meierding	10/9
Rodney Hanson	10/10
Doris Lowen	10/13
Mo Wickstrom	10/17
Spencer Elbert	10/18
Russell Lowen	10/19
Emerald Coleman	10/20
Jennifer Sturgeon	10/20
Jenna Nordstrom	10/23
Alison Stemler	10/24
Jake Manning	10/25
Betty Adkins	10/30
Linda Grumley DuFour	10/30
Natasha Roberts	10/30

## October Anniversaries

Joseph & Lori Loiacano	10/8
Patricia & Gary 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
Patrick & Kelly Hamsley	10/23
James & Amanda Downey	10/24
Chad & Channa Newman	10/24
Daryle & Karen Karnes	10/28

## Book Club

We continue to meet the *second Tuesday* of each month at 6:30pm at Homemade Pie and Ice Cream Kitchen on Lexington Road.

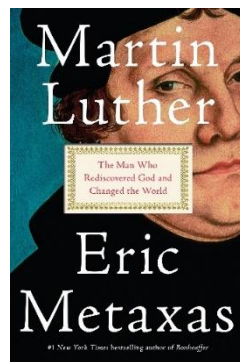
We welcome all readers, even those who just want to hear about the books.

Our 2018 books:

**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** – *Endurance* by Scott Kelly

**Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** – *Martin Luther* by Eric Metaxas

Fun-filled reading!



Ever want to know more about Martin Luther? You have a chance to do so by reading one of our book club's selections! In November we will be discussing **Martin Luther The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World** authored by Eric Metaxas.

Pastor Andy has graciously agreed to join us and we want to open the study up to the entire congregation at St. John.

More details to come, but for now you might want to start reading this book. It's available at your local library in both downloadable and hardback form. Check your favorite bookstore or online as well. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Young or Connie Schumacher.

St. John Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Oct 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 11am - Worship 12:45pm - Confirmation	1 Women of St John 10am - Women's Bible	2 6:30pm - Evangelism	3 9:45am - Bridge Group 11am - Prayer Team - 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - OA Meeting	4 9am - Walk & Talk @ 10am - Rental - DH 6:30pm - Executive 6:30pm - Quest Stars	5 4:30pm - Rehearsal/Din	6 Wedding 8pm - AIAnon
7 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 11am - Worship	8 Columbus Day 11am - Care & Concern	9 6:30pm - Book Club 6:30pm - Property	10 11am - Prayer Team - 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - OA Meeting	11 9am - Walk & Talk @ 6:30pm - Congregation	12	13 8pm - AIAnon
14 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 11am - Worship 12:15pm - Quarterly 12:45pm - Confirmation	15 Journal Deadline 10am - Mom's Club - 10am - Women's Bible	16 7pm - Christian	17 11am - Prayer Team - 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - OA Meeting	18 9am - Walk & Talk @ 6pm - Worship & Music	19	20 8pm - AIAnon
21 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 11am - Worship 12:15pm - Youth	22	23	24 11am - Prayer Team - 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - OA Meeting	25 9am - Walk & Talk @ 7pm - SCCC - DH	26	27 8pm - AIAnon
28 8:45am - Worship 9:30am - Coffee and 10am - Choir Rehearsal 11am - Worship 12:45pm - Confirmation	29	30 6:30pm - Evangelism	31 Halloween 11am - Prayer Team - 6:30pm - Choir 7pm - OA Meeting	1 9am - Walk & Talk @ 6:30pm - Executive 6:30pm - Quest Stars	2	3 8pm - AIAnon

## Altar Flower Chart

### What Are the Youth Up To?

#### September:

Several of our youth attended the Lutheran Hills 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for a day of hiking, songs and reminiscing.

On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, the youth participated in the second annual Oktoberfest event, raising funds for our youth Conference-wide.

We hosted our annual All-Youth Meeting on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> after late service, which included lunch and our annual Youth Council Elections. More details to follow.

#### October:

On Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, the youth will be headed again this year to Field of Screams. Let Whitney know if you are interested in joining.

On Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the youth will be participating in the St. Matthews Trunk or Treat at Brown Park. We will set up a canopy tent and pass out candy to trick-or-treaters. Let Whitney know if you are interested in joining - all are welcome!

#### November:

Throughout the month of November, we will be asking the congregation to donate non-perishable Thanksgiving items (a detailed list will be provided). On Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>, the youth will assemble these items into baskets for donation.

The 2019 Flower Chart will be up soon 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 will be in two places this year – the Narthex and the usual bulletin board on the way to Diehl Hall from the Sanctuary.



### 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.



ALL SAINTS DAY  
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## OCTOBER 2018 WORSHIP TEAM

	<b>10/7</b>	<b>10/14</b>	<b>10/21</b>	<b>10/28</b>
<b><u>Assisting Minister</u></b>				
8:45	Mrs. Shawn H	Jen S	Rebecca D	Diane K
11:00	Mr. Shawn H	Terri M	Patti M	Mark L
<b><u>Crucifer/Communion Asst</u></b>				
11:00	David J	Jake M	Ally L	Nicholas S
<b><u>Lector</u></b>				
8:45	Denise P	John T	Renae B	Mrs. Shawn H
11:00	Don F	Alice F	Betty M	Lois D
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>				
8:45	Lisa Y Jennifer S	Larry & Christi E	Dinah & Paul High	Mary Lou & Don F
11:00	Tom J, Dan L Terri and Jake M	Mark L, Edie M Margi H, Lisa D	Chet L, Ann H Maryjo S, Rosie W	Matt & Whitney Ann H
<b><u>Acolytes at 11:00am</u></b>				
	Lauren J	Madelyn B	Holly P	Ben S
<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>				
	<i>Month of October – Elizabeth S</i>			
<b><u>Communion Prep</u></b>				
8:45	<i>Month of October – Jane B</i>			
11:00	<i>Month of October –</i>			

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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

**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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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. and 11:00 a.m.

### Worship on Wednesday

at 7:30 p.m.

(Sept. 19)

### Church Office Hours

*Monday-Friday*

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

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

### Church Telephone

& Fax Number

Voice: 502-895-9320

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### E-mail

stjohn@stjohnlutheranky.org

*Office*

### Staff

Pastor Andy Rutrough

#### *Pastor*

Rebecca Dimon

#### *Administrative Assistant*

Whitney Adkins

#### *Youth Project Coordinator*

Maggie Owens

#### *Choir Director*

Dr. Denine LeBlanc

#### *Organist*

Mr. David Alcorn

#### *Custodian*