

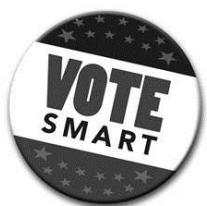
*"Come, you thankful people come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home."* **LBW #407**

Recently, during our Wednesday evening and Sunday morning worship services, our Gospel lessons have been with Jesus after he has entered into Jerusalem for the final time and after he has cleansed the temple of the money changers and all of what got in the way of worshiping God Yahweh. The chief priest, elders, and the Pharisees have been looking for a way for Jesus to be arrested and finally quieted in whatever way. This was evident as they asked Jesus "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" Jesus, aware of their malice and intent, picks up a denarius coin and asked "Whose head is this and whose title?" When they respond "the emperor," Jesus tells them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's." What Jesus shares with the religious leaders of his day has been used to help define the "separation of church and state." What I would like for us to consider is how what Jesus says to the religious leaders, the disciples, and to us can help us bring what belongs to God in everything and see how that can be applied to what is of the emperor or of the government. This month of November, we have several opportunities to take what belongs to God and to apply that to what belongs to the government.

Tuesday, November 4, throughout the United States, is Election Day. As we approach Election Day, we

may have come to our own personal conclusions to the electoral process for particular candidates to receive our vote for their election. Before we are quick for the mute button on the television remote control whenever there is an electoral advertisement, what can help us when we come to Election Day is to look at those particular electoral races we have an interest in and see where the candidates stand upon those issues that are important to us, especially in our Christian faith. As we become more informed about those candidates who we are interested in, we take what is everything from God and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us in how we vote come Election Day. Then, when the candidates are elected, we continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to help guide them, as we share with those newly elected what our personal concerns and interests are through communicating with them and supporting them throughout their terms in office.

Thursday, November 27, throughout the United States, is Thanksgiving Day. This annual holiday of thanks has a rich history in the government, with the observance of an annual Thanksgiving Day beginning with President Lincoln; dates were changed with President Franklin Roosevelt; and finally, placing this day on the fourth Thursday of November was made by a vote from Congress in 1941. How we can take everything that belongs to God to this annual holiday that was put into place by the government is to observe Thanksgiving by actively giving thanks and praise to God for everything that we have and continue to receive from our Lord and Creator. At St. John, we will have that opportunity during our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, Wednesday, November 26, at 7:15 pm, where we will focus



upon the Scripture texts for Thanksgiving Day and give thanks and praise to God for everything, as we come to our Savior Jesus both in God's Word and in the celebration of Holy Communion. Before the All of what is Thanksgiving for each of us and our families and friends, let us start this day of thanks right the night before, as we come in thanks and praise to God for everything that we have and continue to receive.



May our Lord God bless us with everything that comes from our Creator, especially on our Election Day and then bless and guide those who are elected with the Holy Spirit. May our Lord and God bless us with everything that comes from our Creator, especially on Wednesday, November 26 and Thanksgiving Day, as we come in thanks and praise for everything we have from our God. May we find new ways to give to what is of the "emperor" or the government in our vote, prayer and support for those elected and in our thanks and praise as we prepare for All of Thanksgiving Day from everything that comes from God!

***Here are two prayers that can help guide and bless us both on Election Day and Thanksgiving.***

Prayer for Election Day

Lord God, you call your people to honor those in authority. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, participate in wise decisions for our common life, and serve our neighbors in local communities. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Thanksgiving Eve and Day

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation  
Meeting  
Sunday,  
November 16, 2014  
12:00pm  
(after second  
service ends)

# Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## WaterStep

Don't forget, we still collect shoes – any kind – and eye glasses. The glasses can be an old prescription that you have or you can go to the Dollar Tree and purchase reading glasses of different strengths. The glasses are taken to third world countries by WaterStep who, upon examination, can help deliver sight to many people who maybe have not been able to see their whole lives. The basket for the glasses is outside the sacristy and there is a tub in the hallway outside of the Diehl Hall kitchen to deposit the shoes.

## Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 8th – Activity Center

We welcome all bake sale items that you graciously bake and donate. Please bring them on Friday evening between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. or Saturday morning. Once again, Sue Miller has donated a beautiful cake for us to raffle. There are 30 booths of beautiful craft items AND we hope you will stop by the Café for lunch. W/ELCA so appreciates the generosity of this congregation.

## BIBLE STUDY

First and third Mondays of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Diehl Hall. We are currently studying the book of James. All are invited.

## CHRISTMAS GATHERING AND CELEBRATION

On Sunday, December 7, 2014, you are invited to gather in the Young Activity Center at 5:30 p.m. As in the past, we ask you to bring finger food or desserts for sharing. We will have fellowship and sharing until 7:00 when we will go into church and hear the beautiful music of Denine LeBlanc in concert along with special guest soloist, Jennifer Diamond.

Jennifer and Denine had a concert prepared for us last year but Mother Nature had other ideas and we had to cancel. Jennifer did perform prior to the 4:00 service on Christmas Eve.

We will also be honoring our service men and women that evening. Hope you put this on your calendar and plan now to attend.

We will have our Thankoffering program in January.

# Lost and Found Concert

## November 16

### 7pm

## Tickets \$8

Tickets available from the office, Sabra Reeser, Kim Swett, and Mrs. Shawn Hall.

### **St. MAM Auction**

Once again, Renae Barkley and I are soliciting items for the St. MAM auction. If you have items you would like to donate, own a business, or know someone with a business who may have something to donate, please contact Renae (592-6115) or me (515-2395). Thank you!

-Connie Schumacher

### **Book Club**

The November meeting will be the last for 2014. We will skip December since we are all busy and have less time to read. The book to be discussed is *All the Living* by C.E. Morgan, a KY writer. According to one description, it has the timeless quality of a parable. We also encourage everyone to bring names of books that you would like to read in 2015, since we will be making our list for at least the first half of the year. See you there.

Dinah High and the Book Club

### **St John Friendship Bible Study**

St. John is launching the Friendship Bible Study, which will bring to us, on a weekly basis, worship, prayer, Bible study and fellowship for those people who are differently-abled. Cedar Lake will bring together these "friends" and volunteers or "mentors" of St. John with the Friendship Bible Study and will help us by training and providing support for the next couple of months. We are asking for volunteers who will become "mentors" for these "friends" for the 1 ½ hours Friendship Bible Study. The launching and training date is to be announced later. Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer and "mentor" for these "friends" in our surrounding neighborhood for our Friendship Bible Study. You can receive more information by seeing, calling or emailing Lola Howard at 502-426-4789 or [lolphoward@twc.com](mailto:lolphoward@twc.com). Thank you! May our Savior bless our Friendship Bible Study, as we share Jesus and his love with everyone who is differently-abled!

### **THANK YOU!**



A big and well-deserved "thank you" to Brenda Painter and Lola Howard for completing this beautiful banner to cover the final window in the overflow area of the Sanctuary.

## **JAMAICA MISSION IN “GREAT SHAPE!”**

By Ran Florence, DMD and Susan Schaefer Florence, RDH

Happily, we all have special parts of our lives. These “parts” are things that we love to be a part of, love to participate in and love to share. Some of these are our families, our faith, our friends, our extra activities....

My story of “Great Shapes, Jamaica!” is one of those very special parts of my life that I’d love to share with you. Seven years ago, Susan and I traveled to Jamaica to celebrate our anniversary. Of course, we were additionally taking advantage of a dental continuing education class! In that week, we literally fell in love with the people of Jamaica. Our experiences with meeting a few Jamaicans were so very special! When two of our new friends asked us “to come back to help Jamaica”..... We both took this invitation very seriously. (We later were told this was a great compliment....to be asked!)

After our return to Louisville, I began to explore ways to return to Jamaica. While I found outreach opportunities to Guatemala, Haiti and Dominican Republic (to name a few), I was at first unable to find a way to help Jamaicans. I believe passionately that indeed “prayers are answered” (even though the answers we sometimes get....aren’t necessarily the ones we want!).....my prayers WERE answered!

My great friend, Dr. Joe Schmidt, phoned me at my office, ironically just as I was checking our daily mail. As I opened the ADA News, I picked up his phone call as he excitedly asked me to turn to page 11 and look at the “Great Shapes, Jamaica!” Dental outreach project! The rest is history, so to speak!

Susan and I have returned to contribute and participate in 13 weeks total of dental treatment and dental hygiene care for four different rural parishes (counties) in Jamaica, over the past 6 years. Typically during a project week, approximately eight dentists, 10-12 dental hygienists and another 50 or so other project participants contribute to our successes. I won’t attempt to tell you the history and “story” of Great Shapes, Jamaica! I will ask you to explore my friends, by checking out: [www.gsjamaica.org](http://www.gsjamaica.org) where you can learn about this wonderful organization.

Our project name is called “1000 Smiles!” and we provide services to any children or adults in need during our project. Additionally, we are involved in the largest “Dental Sealant Project” in the world. The application of sealants in the permanent molars of children is an incredible, preventive dental service—preventing a large percentage of cavities which would occur in the deep grooves of “unsealed” back, permanent teeth.

If this story inspires you, or if your research at [www.gsjamaica.org](http://www.gsjamaica.org) moves you to contribute or investigate other ways you may participate, PLEASE contact me at any time. I passionately believe that this is “a mission of my life.” Once again this year I returned (this time from Westmoreland Parrish in rural southwest Jamaica) really exhausted ....yet renewed! We did some good! Now, 6 weeks later: When I think about “1000 Smiles!”.....I already can’t wait to get back to work!

# November Birthdays

Kara Goodin	11/3
Merle Dahl	11/6
Barty Bailey	11/7
Michael Barkley	11/7
Dustin Geraci	11/7
Siri Njos	11/7
Larry Elbert	11/8
Mary Washer	11/8
Gladys Koltveit	11/10
Bill Lambert	11/10
Ellen Rice	11/10
Kacey Bartley	11/11
Mildred Knight	11/11
Chad Newman	11/12
Jan Parson	11/12
Patti McNellis	11/14
Jessica Sample	11/15
Elaine Hart	11/16
Ian Irwin	11/16
Edwin Meyers	11/16
Paul High	11/19
Erin Novak	11/20
William Stemler	11/20
Muriel Bahe	11/21
Donald Dahl	11/22
Joshua DeVore	11/23
Peter Loiacano	11/24
Rhonda Burks	11/25
Andrew Kratzwald	11/25
Linda Tinsley	11/26
Thomas Dick	11/27
Cynthia Duff	11/27
Ed Hunsinger	11/28

Margie Bower	11/29
Lisa Loiacano	11/29
Phyllis Neumayer	11/29
Marco Hovell	11/30
Jan Kottke	11/30
Erin Uldrich	11/30

# 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 2014 Finances At A Glance

Regular Offerings September 1 – September 30	\$19,782.00
Loose Offerings September 1 – September 30	\$1,488.20
Total Offerings January 1 – September 30	\$192,015.32
Offering Budget January 1 – September 30	\$225,354.06

# November 2014

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
26	<b>Oct</b>	27	28	29	30	31	1	<b>Nov</b>
8:45am Worship - 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:45pm Confirmation		10:00am Bridge Group--DH	7:00pm Worship & Music - Office	6:00pm VDC Reunion Group-- Library 6:30pm VDC Group - Room 2 7:15pm Worship	9:00am Walk & Talk at Mall St. Matthews		Friends Rental/Yard Sale	
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9		10	11	12	13	14	15	
8:45am Worship - 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship		7:00pm Property Meeting - DH		6:00pm VDC Reunion Group-- Library 6:30pm VDC Group - Room 2 7:15pm Worship	School Early Dismissal at 1pm 9:00am Walk & Talk at Mall St. Matthews 6:30pm Congregation Council--DH		St. John Journal Deadline	
16		17	18	19	20	21	22	
8:45am Worship - 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Congregational Meeting 12:45pm 7:00pm Lost & Found Concert		10:00am W/ELCA Bible Study - DH	6:30pm - 9:00pm SPDS Group - DH 7:00pm Men's Prayer & Fellowship--Library	6:00pm VDC Reunion Group-- Library 6:30pm VDC Group - Room 2 7:15pm Worship	9:00am Walk & Talk at Mall St. Matthews 6:30pm Book Club - Library	6:00pm - 8:00pm School Parent Meeting - YAC		
23		24	25	26	27	28	29	
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8:45am Worship - 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship		10:00am WELCA Bible Study - DH 7:00pm Evangelism - DH 7:00pm Worship & Praise - Office	7:00pm Men's Prayer & Fellowship--Library	9:45am Bridge Group - DH 6:00pm VDC Reunion Group-- Library 6:30pm VDC Group - Room 2 7:15pm Worship	9:00am Walk & Talk at Mall St. Matthews 6:30pm Executive Council 7:00pm W/ELCA Board Meeting - Room 2	6:00pm School Winter Celebration - YAC		

## **NOVEMBER 2014 WORSHIP TEAM**

**11/2**

**11/9**

**11/16**

**11/23**

**11/30**

### **Assisting Minister**

8:45	Jen Stanfield	Rebecca Dimon	Bob Meyer	Ruthann Stemler	Lisa Young
11:00	Don Fugate	Tom Tucker	Connie Schumacher	Mr. Shawn Hall	Loren Waa

### **Crucifer/Communion Asst**

11:00	R.J. Perry	Allison Lynch	Mitchell Dick	Meagan Pulford	Tyler Lynch
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### **Lector**

8:45	Bob Meyer	Cathy Meyer	Lola Howard	Mike Murray	Lisa Young
11:00	Alice Fugate	Bob Pilkington	Gloria Wynn	Lola Howard	Tom Johnson

### **Ushers**

11:00	St. John Youth	W&M Comm.	Hoskins Family	Pulfords Family	M&M Dick
				Schultz Family	M&T Lynch

### **Altar Guild**

*Month of November* – Betty Pauley

### **Communion Prep**

8:45	<i>Month of November</i> – Skip Stearman/Jane Beckman
11:00	<i>Month of November</i> – Lisa Dick and Dawn Perry

**Send a cheerful note to our members who are “under the weather” and/or can’t make it to church services or church events**

In an effort to maintain privacy and keep our members’ information secure, the addresses have been removed from this section of the Journal.

**If you would like a copy of the addresses, please let Rebecca know and she can email or mail the list to you.**

Muriel Bahe  
Kay Becher  
Sandy Lamar  
Donna Weyrich

Lois Irwin  
Rosalie Staley  
Vivian Lenberger  
Dr. J. Herman Mahaffey  
Betty Eilert



# ST. JOHN ANNUAL

## CRAFT FAIR, BAKE SALE & CAFÉ

30 booths, homemade baked goods and the Café  
Homemade vegetable soup, pork bbq, nachos and drinks

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th  
9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

YOUNG ACTIVITY CENTER  
901 Breckendridge Lane

*Please bring baked goods on Friday between  
6:00 and 8:00 p.m. or Saturday morning*

# IK Lutheran

## *Where God is doing new things*

*Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen -Ephesians 3:20-21, NRSV*



When I was campus pastor at Penn State University I enjoyed the bold, confident declarations of team identity that would erupt at home sporting events. One side of the arena or stadium would shout with one voice, “WE ARE!” and the other side would respond with equal vigor, “PENN STATE!” Back and forth it would go, sometimes for minutes at a time, filling the stadium with boisterous proclamation for all to hear, often when the team needed it most: “WE ARE...PENN STATE! WE ARE...PENN STATE! WE ARE...PENN STATE!”

I was reminded of this energetic collegiate phenomenon at a Region 6 ELCA Networks for Mission event in October. Nearly 100 folks from the six synods that encompass Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana-Kentucky gathered in Perrysburg, OH for two and a half days of worship and fellowship, learning and growth. About eight of us attended from the IN-KY mission territory. The inspiring event included worship, multi-session tracks for synod network leaders (and others interested in networks, such as Global Mission, Mission Interpretation, Malaria Campaign, World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, etc.), skill development workshops (e.g. social media, community organizing skills, etc.), small group discussions in synod groups, and plenary presentations (e.g. Campaign for the ELCA). The final morning Bishop Eaton presented a helpful keynote on the transforming power of networks from the apostle Paul to today, followed by a question and answer session with the synod bishops present.

At the beginning of her Saturday morning keynote, Bishop Eaton referenced the four themes that shape her ministry as presiding bishop these days. As she began to recite the first, someone near the front said we could say them with her. “Really?” Bishop Eaton asked. “Okay, let’s give it a try.”

“We are...” she began tentatively. “CHURCH!” the gathered folks shouted.

“We ARE,” our bishop ventured, a little bolder. “LUTHERAN!” was the instant response.

Confident now, the bishop cried: “WE ARE”

“CHURCH TOGETHER!”

One more time, “WE ARE!”

“CHURCH FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD!!”

As our cheerleading bishop chuckled with delight, I thought, “There it is, bold, boisterous, confident, clear declaration of who we are and what we are about, just when we need it most: We are...church...Lutheran...church together...church for the sake of the world.”

As we move through the month of Thanksgiving, I find myself particularly grateful that we are church together, sisters and brothers. Now into my fifth year as your bishop, I see more clearly than ever that we are able to do so much more together than any of us could dream of doing on our own. As we share our energy, our resources, our faith, our common commitment to sharing and embodying the good news of Jesus, keeping our eyes on what unites us more than on what divides us, amazing things happen. As we each offer our particular loaves and fishes, Jesus multiplies them, and, by the power of the Spirit, we offer to the world unexpected, overflowing abundance.

**WE ARE! CHURCH TOGETHER!**

Thanks be to God! And thanks be for you, dear companions on this journey!

**+Bishop Bill Gafkjen**

## **HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO SUPPORT A LOCAL COMMUNITY MINISTRY**

### **THANKSGIVING BASKETS**

St. MAM is doing something different this year!

We want to give our families a FRESH option when it comes to the food they are going to eat this Thanksgiving.

#### **In a Laundry Basket (recommended):**

Stuffing Mix  
5 lbs. bag of potatoes  
2 lbs. bag of onions  
1 bag of carrots  
2 cans of cranberry sauce  
3-4 Cans of Fruit or 1 Bag of Apples  
Turkey Gravy  
Pie Filling Mix (ready to make)  
Pie Crust  
Evaporated Milk

Please Bring the Food Baskets to St. Matthews Area Ministries on  
Thursday, Nov 20 & Friday, Nov 21, 2014 between 9am & 5pm ONLY.

Also, consider making a donation to help cover the cost of turkeys & the more perishable items.

Contact Sarah Banks at 893-5704 or SarahBanks@stmam.com

### **freecoatexchange.org**

**BLACK FRIDAY - November 28, 2014**

**Have a coat? Donate it. Need a coat? Take one. No questions asked. It's that simple!**

ST. MAM will be collecting gently used coats & hangers at their office located at 201 Biltmore Road from now through November 26. Donations can be dropped off on Black Friday at Beargrass Christian 5000 Shelbyville Road from 8a.m.-10a.m. St. MAM and Volunteers will be distributing to persons in need from 10a.m.-1p.m..

Please help us share the warmth this holiday season.

### **ADOPT-A-CHILD**

#### **Wrap a Gift!**

Individuals or businesses can be a sponsor by providing holiday gifts for a less fortunate child living in the 40207 zip code. Gifts can include clothes, shoes, jackets, and toys.

#### **Monetary Gift!**

Looking to help during the Holidays but you are not sure you want to participate in our Adopt-A-Child Program?

Individuals or businesses can sponsor child for only \$75. We will do the shopping for you!

Donations should be arranged with Sarah Banks.

By Phone - (502) 893-5704

By Email - SarahBanks@stmam.com

Stop By - 201 Biltmore Road, 40207

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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.

*Worship on Wednesday*  
at 7:15 p.m.

### 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  
Fax: 502-895-3979

### E-mail

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### Office

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*Administrative Assistant*

Dr. Denine LeBlanc

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Mr. Chris Kent

*Choir Director*

Mr. David Alcorn

*Custodian*