

St. John's Lutheran Church

The Chimes February 2022

From Pastor Mark's desk:

One of the on-going challenges, in any congregation, is the questions about how we define who we are and what we do as members of the body of Christ. I think these are particularly pertinent questions for us here at St. John's Lutheran Church as we look to the future following these past two years of lockdowns and restrictions.

Now, I am hoping that if we were to be put to the test, we would all say that we love our congregation – our church family. It does, however, raise the question of what does that mean. I was once involved in a conversation that put it this way – what is love and what do we do with and for in regard to the people and organizations we say we love. At the time, one of the pastors who was present made the statement, “The opposite of love is not hate, it is indifference.” I have since done some looking, and I have found out some things about this statement.

The quote is from the holocaust survivor, Elie Wiesel. He was speaking about the challenges the Jewish people faced during the time of the holocaust during World War II. Elie Wiesel was 15 when he was sent to the concentration camps, and he writes of the struggles of survival during the atrocities that he faced. He went on to talk about the emotional struggle of asking the question of how the world could know what was going on and still remain silent and do nothing to stop what was wrong. The ultimate insult seemed to be the indifference that the world expressed.

For a different perspective, think of a wife who is upset with her husband. I think that one of the most painful things that she can do is to give him the silent treatment. How much pain is there in being ignored or acting as if he doesn't exist?

I know, that for me, these statements are very true. Some of you may have heard me say in the past, that I know what to do when people are happy with me, and I know what to do when people are angry with me. I do not know what to do about people who do not care. Which gets me back to the point of this letter for this year's annual report of the congregation. I often wonder how we feel about God, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Southern Ohio Synod, and St. John's Lutheran Church. . Let me ask the question this way – how would people describe how they think we feel about God, the ELCA, the synod and our congregation based on how we go about our lives in this world?

My fear is that, in so many situations of our lives in this world, we have been conditioned to be stoic – to not show our feelings about any situation that we face! My fear is that what the world sees from us as God’s people in this place is indifference.

I know that is not the case. I know there are so many ways that members of our congregation are living out our love for God and the church. There is work being done at Eastside, Christ’s Table, and so many other places. I know that we don’t do this kind of work for glory or recognition, but merely to live out our faith in the world by sharing God’s good news in our actions.

Which brings me to my challenge for you as we look forward to another year of ministry together in this place. My challenge to each one of us is to let our feelings show in our interactions with the world. Let the world see that we are not indifferent about God and the church. Let the world see the things that bring us joy in our journey of faith. Realize that it is okay to show frustration when things don’t go like we expect them to go. All of these kinds of responses show that we care about what is happening, and I firmly believe that we as God’s people need to show that we are not indifferent. Until next time.

See you in church!

Pastor Munk



- *Council continues to review SJLC Core Values, therefore a Core Values survey will be mailed to SJLC members for their feedback.
- *Council is beginning the search process to fill the open Sexton position.
- *Ministry Chairpersons should submit their team’s Annual Ministry Report for 2021, if they have not yet done so.
- *SJLC Thrive Campaign, a Capital Campaign with money designated for use by Southern Ohio Synod, was discussed. Watch for future information.
- *SJLC Covid Policy was not revised—continue with current policy.



SJLC continues to volunteer the last Monday of each month. We have a dedicated crew that continues to volunteer faithfully.~~You are greatly appreciated!~~There is always space for additional volunteers. We generally serve from 11:00-1:00. (It's great if volunteers can be present by 10:40 to get organized.) If you are interested in joining the SJLC Christ's Table crew, or simply would like more information regarding this ministry, please contact Barb Stoneburner. Our next scheduled day to serve is Monday February 28th.



BIRTHDAYS	
1	KADE HAMBEL
3	MARGE WARNE
6	JIM SWINGLE
6	PENNY VINSEL
7	CHRISTINE FOSTER
10	AIDYN GABLE
11	EMMA TEWKSBURY
12	SCOTT DODSON, JR
13	RICHARD HUTCHESON
14	JENNIFER JOHNSON
19	MARK TROUT
20	MICHAEL PAISLEY
21	WAYNETTE BRIDWELL
24	CAROLE CORDER
24	WILLIAM T GABLE
28	MICHELLE FRITTER
ANNIVERSARIES	
14	SCOTT AND MARY DODSON
26	JIM AND JOANNE WOOD



FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:30 Handbell Choir 6:00 Finance Ministry 6:00 Chancel Choir	3	4	5
6 9:00 In Person Worship & Facebook Live 11-10:00 Drive-thru communion 6:00 Confirmation Class	7	8	9 5:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir	10	11	12
13 9:00 In Person Worship & Facebook Live 6:00 Confirmation Class	14 1:00 Circle 5 at St. John's	15	16 5:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir	17	18	19
20 9:00 In Person Worship & Facebook Live 11-10:00 Drive-thru communion 6:00 Confirmation Class	21	22	23 5:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir	24	25	26
27	28					

February 2021 – Worship 9:00 a.m.

February 6

Lector: Jim Rudloff

February 13

Lector: Gloria Bailey

February 20

Lector: Karen Baker

February 27

Lector: Wayne Cunningham

Deacon Weekly Rod Hollingsworth

Ushers Volunteer

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The Church Staff wishes many blessing to our members for the prayers, cards and gifts. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Pastor Mark, Chuck Archer, Mark Pinnick, Kelly Moore, Taffy Tippet



A big Thank You to all of our volunteer bell ringers!!!





The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as “Dr. Love” for writing about the topic, said, “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine’s Day is as good a reminder as any.

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