

*Snowmen fall from
the sky - unassembled.*

- Author Unknown

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The world I see through the window of my study is white. The road is snow covered and icy. No grass is visible on our front lawn. JCPS cancelled classes yesterday and delayed them for two hours this morning. The snow, I suspect, has thrown a wrench into many families' well-oiled daily routines.

It's disconcerting when something we cannot control disrupts the course of the day. I think it's especially true for us, because we usually have control over so much in our lives. We exercise control over mundane things like the temperature of the rooms in which we live; the foods we eat; and the kinds of activities in which we choose to participate. And, we have lots of control over life-directing decisions like: our professions and the places we choose to call home.

While all of this may seem obvious, it's worth remembering that having so much control over our daily lives has not always been the case. For

instance, in the days before Thomas Edison, monasteries structured their work and prayer lives around the sun's rising and setting. They did not have the ability, as we do, to lengthen their days by effective artificial light. And a large portion of our brothers and sisters around the globe have unreliable sources of electricity, which means that their schedules still revolve around the sun.

So, I suggest that, while it's a pain in the neck for snow to interfere with our plans, it's also a good thing. It's good to be reminded that, despite all our illusions to the contrary, we are not the ones who are in control. A good old-fashioned snowstorm causes us to look heavenward toward the One in whose hands we rest; the One in whose hands everything rests. As people of faith, we trust God, even when God may be moving more slowly than we'd like, or when the path ahead may seem unclear. And we trust as mystic Julian of Norwich did - that "all will be well. All manner of things will be well."

Peace,

Cindy

P. Cindy

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

There is no W/ELCA article this month. With all the snow, the Board was unable to meet until well after the Journal deadline. Please watch

and listen for updates throughout the month from other avenues of communication.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Backside Donations

We will discontinue taking things to the clothes closet at Churchill Downs until the Spring Meet begins. Hopefully you can save your donations until then. Thank you!

-The Klingemans

January Memorial

Margaret Striepe

By

James & Sharon Heck

Betty Poynter

Ranquette Computers

I am beginning to plan my annual trip to Ranquette, Haiti. As you may remember, I take things with me that are not readily available in Haiti. I have focused on electronics, since having access to a computer and the internet opens up for people a wide range of life possibilities. So, if you have a used laptop, tablet, or iPhone, I would be happy to take it with me and see that it's put to use by someone for whom such technology would otherwise be out of reach. I also will be taking flashdrives and power strips.

I know that you are often asked for donations, for a number of worthy causes. Most of all, I ask for your prayers - for people around the world who do not have access to things we have come to take for granted. - Pr. Cindy

St. MAM Stories

He suffers from PTS, the victim of difficult years of service during the Vietnam War. This veteran walks in the tens, even hundreds of miles every week, in order to get to those he helps through yard work, trimming, clearing, and much more. He has no transportation and carries his tools with him. Shoes do not last long due to weather and the miles he puts on a pair of shoes. About once a year, he contacts our offices and asks if perhaps St. MAM might one more time be able to provide a pair of shoes. I have visited his home: a completely unfinished house on the inside, bathroom put in by him, a bed built out of lumber, and a sleeping bag atop the platform to support him when he sleeps. He epitomizes a man of pride, hard-working and as much as possible, self-sufficient. Through the years we have helped him in numerous ways but his gratitude for those shoes is particularly touching.

We can never fully comprehend the reality that the vulnerable live near us, who struggle to make ends meet, and who face the fear of having their power turned off, water turned off, being evicted, or losing their home. Some may even turn to pay-day loans where they are made all the more vulnerable through exploitive interest rates of as much as 400%. St. MAM is here, has been here for 41 years, and will continue to be here to help the vulnerable and the marginalized, provided that you continue to be the hands of ST. MAM. The shepherds were the most marginalized of their day. Isn't it interesting that God chose to announce the birth of his Son to the 'most marginalized'?

-Dan G. Lane

February Birthdays



Morgan Hines	2/2
Jakob Njos	2/2
J. Herman Mahaffey	2/3
William Mattingly	2/5
Christi Elbert	2/6
Teresa Florence	2/6
Kim Hahn	2/7
Matthew Pulford	2/8
Lori Heslin	2/10
Zachary Strickland	2/10
James Hines	2/11
Roger Caswell	2/12
Emily O'Dell	2/12
Annabelle Krupp	2/13
Julie Nehring	2/13
Marla Newton	2/13
Noah Brown	2/15
Mitchell Swett	2/15
Kaleigh Coleman	2/16
Don Parson	2/17
Russell Perry	2/17

Richy Hann	2/18
Doug Kottke	2/18
Darrell Schultz	2/18
Jill Hoskins	2/19
Lucy Offutt	2/20
Rebecca Cox	2/22
Betty Shumate	2/23
Nancy Hanson	2/24
Bob Goodin	2/25
John Nordstrom	2/26
Mary Lou Finley	2/27

February Anniversaries



Jim & Diane Kushman	2/13
James & Sharon Heck	2/14
Denise Puthuff & John Timmons	2/14
Donald & Alice Fugate	2/17
Charles & Janet Heitmiller	2/24
Chuck & Brenda Lind	2/25
Anthony & Allison Oost	2/25

February 2014

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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FEBRUARY 2014 WORSHIP TEAM

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2/9

2/16

2/23

Assisting Minister

8:45	Jen Stanfield	Rebecca Dimon	Margi Hahn	Bob Meyer
11:00	Gloria Wynn	Loren Waa	Patti McNellis	Ruthann Stemler

Crucifer/Communion Asst

11:00	Tyler Lynch	Natalie Lowen	Allison Lynch	Meagan Pulford
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Lector

8:45	Marlene Klingeman	Lola Howard	Bob Meyer	Rebecca Dimon
11:00	St. John Youth	Mary Stultz	Loren Waa	Alice Fugate

Altar Guild

Month of February – Brenda Painter

Communion Prep

8:45	<i>Month of February</i> – Jane Beckmann
11:00	<i>Month of February</i> – Sharon Heck and Brenda Lind

Ushers

8:45	Betty Pauley	Susan & David Booth	Marlene & Roger Klingeman	Mike Murray & Lynn Kaiser
11:00	Margi Hahn			

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	Charlie Walter
Doris Dittmer	Tom and Lois Irwin
Mary Washer	Ed Richter
Kay Becher	Rosalie Staley
Sandy Lamar	Vivian Lenberger
Donna Weyrich	Dr. J. Herman Mahaffey
Thelma Puthuff	Betty Eilert

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Where God is doing new things



Walking the Way with Jesus, Joy and Generosity

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross... (Hebrews 12:1-2)

To be a disciple of Jesus is to go where Jesus goes and do what Jesus does, living in the forgiveness and new life offered every time we fail. Discipleship is walking the way of death and resurrection. Disciples of Jesus give themselves away for the sake of others, entrusting themselves to the grace of God that promises joy on the other side. The late seminary professor Walter Bouman reminded us that this mission, this discipleship, is made known in Holy Communion:

The Eucharist also gives us our mission. For what is present to us in this meal is nothing less than Christ's offering of himself for the world. In the meal he takes us up into his offering and makes us his body for the world. In the Eucharist we experience that there is more to do with our lives than to protect them. We are set free to offer them.ⁱ

To be a disciple is to be gathered up into Jesus' offering of himself for the world, to become the crucified and risen Christ's body walking in the world through concrete practices and lived out commitments. Our 2014 Synod Assembly theme reminds us that we do this – as communities of faith and as individuals – with Jesus, joy and generosity.

We cross boundaries to join Jesus in places we'd never go on our own and with people we never dreamed we could love.

We witness to the joy of forgiveness and freedom, new life and resurrection offered to all in the wounded hands of the risen Christ.

We offer ourselves, our energy, our time, our financial and material resources with generosity beyond our own imagining or apparent capacity.

Of course, this cruciform discipleship does not come naturally or easily or instantly and we can't make it happen on our own. Pastor Jessicah Krey Duckworth puts it this way in her recent book, **Wide Welcome**:ⁱⁱ

Discipleship is not innate; we are not born disciples of Jesus Christ. Discipleship is experienced and learned; we become disciples of Jesus Christ...Discipleship is learning through participation in Christian practices, gaining knowledge and skill to sustain a Christian identity.

By nature, we'd rather keep all the good stuff to ourselves, whether material or spiritual, and we work hard at doing just that. Thankfully, God's Spirit converts us daily, often hourly, to the disciple way. Through water and Word and bread and wine and sisters and brothers in Christ and in the hungry, imprisoned, poor, ill, and wondering, wandering people around us God's Spirit continually calls us, gifts and gathers us, enlightens and empowers us, and makes us holy walk the way of the cross, to go where Jesus goes and do what Jesus does. May God's Spirit continually call and convert us from what holds us back and set us free to walk the Way with Jesus, joy and generosity!

+ Bishop Bill Gafkjen

ⁱ From a sermon preached in Columbus, OH, in 2005, available here: <http://www.crossings.org/thursday/2005/thur060205.shtml>

ⁱⁱ Duckworth, Jessica Krey. *Wide Welcome: How the Unsettling Presence of Newcomers Can Save the Church*. Fortress Press (2013). p. 3

St. John Youth

On January 10th St. John's middle school and high school youth groups traveled to a weekend long Youthquake in Cincinnati. Events included: entertainment by "Agape" a Lutheran hip hop artist, speakers, prayer, smaller breakout sessions called "treks" which examined spiritual and social issues at a deeper level. Our youth group also wrote, choreographed and sang the soon to be viral internet spoof of "What Does the Fox Say?", "What Does God Say?" Due to our Facebook page being on hiatus, a video of this can be found on Third Lutheran Church's Facebook page.

Photos from Youthquake



Our youth group fundraiser, Trivia Night, is scheduled for February 22nd at 7:00pm with doors opening at 6:30pm. Test your trivia skills for a good cause with competitive fellowship!! Tables of 8 persons are \$100 each. Bring your own team food. To enter your team contact Cassi at 419-989-5667 or cassi.smith21@gmail.com. Team sign up sheets are on the bulletin board next to the church office.



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We at St. John Lutheran Church are 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.

Sunday School

3 year old—Adults 10:00 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.

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