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August Edition

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Dear Friends,

St. John's has both many strengths and assets and many challenges as it faces the future.

Among the strengths are:

- a gifted and committed staff that loves St. John's and its members
- a great location and well cared for buildings
- a group of dedicated lay leaders
- good relationships with neighboring churches
- a history of supporting the synod and the wider church

Among the challenges are:

- an aging congregation and the changing demographics of the neighborhood
- the lack of stability in the office of pastor
- financial support of the general budget
- the willingness to step forward to lead ministries and to share authority
- a clear mission plan including what evangelism looks like in 2021

The call committee is working hard with the help of the synod and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to find the right person to lead St. John's into the future. The job description of every ordained pastor includes:

"Preach the Word; administer the sacraments; conduct public worship; provide pastoral care; speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world."

St. John's Constitution

In addition and/or in elaborating on the above, pastors are called to teach, confirm, marry, visit the sick and distressed and bury the dead. They are to supervise all schools and organization of the congregation, strive to extend God's Kingdom, encourage people to prepare for the ordained ministry and build knowledge of and support of the wider church.

Paraphrase of St. John's Constitution

To say the least, pastors have a big job and can only do it well with the love and support of the congregation. No one pastor is equally talented in all the above areas. For St. John's to grow and thrive, pastor and congregation must respect each other, give time for the relationship to grow, and be forgiving when mistakes are made for only God is perfect.

Flexibility of both the pastor and congregation will be a big key to a successful future.

In Christ,
Pastor John



August Worship Schedule

10 am Worship—in-person & live streamed

Council Highlights...

Pastor Sabatelli led a discussion on issues that need to be addressed for St. John's to grow and move forward and ways to make the next pastorate successful.

The council approved needed work at the parsonage including replacing the hot water heater and the removal of dead trees.

A discussion was had about September 12th, God's Work Our Hands Sunday. On October 23rd (rain date October 30th), Family Ministries will host a Truck or Treat event.

Under the leadership of John Stevens a committee was formed to look at Christian Education, both Sunday School and Adult Forum, in the fall.

Larry Addison has agreed to once again become the Property Manager. The fence behind the Smith Building will soon be replaced. Work on the church roof will begin by the end of July.

Treasurer's Report – June 2021



	2021 Budget	June 2021	2021 (Jan-Jun)	2020 (Jan-Jun)
Income				
Regular Giving	\$288,000	\$22,202	\$128,731	\$128,074
Other Income	<u>73,131</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>24,951</u>	<u>26,970</u>
Total	\$361,131	\$22,629	\$153,682	\$155,044
Average Giving/ Sunday	\$6,945	\$5,551	\$4,951	\$4,926
Expenses				
Benevolence	\$ 28,000	\$ 2,333	\$ 13,998	\$ 15,750
Budgeted Expenses	<u>333,131</u>	<u>18,453</u>	<u>136,541</u>	<u>154,792</u>
Total	\$361,131	\$20,786	\$150,539	\$170,542
Deficit		\$1,843	\$3,143	(\$15,498)



Notes from the Organ Bench

One of my favorite gospel songs says, “Shall we gather at the river where bright angel feet have trod? Shall we gather at the river that flows by the throne of God? Yes, we’ll gather at the river...” Coming from two large families scattered around the country, it was fun to gather with cousins, aunts, uncles on my mother’s side, either for a visit, reunion, or vacation. My father’s family was even bigger and scattered even further apart. Visiting them was an exercise in getting acquainted. There were just too many people and not enough time to get to know them.

During our COVID distancing our routines changed. We recorded worship apart from each other and Chris Hills put the pieces together. We all viewed the services from home when we chose. As time passed, we changed our recording procedure and began recording live services without a congregation. Now people are worshiping in the building and that service is recorded to be viewed when- and wherever.

We are getting ready to begin a fall schedule and our discussion is turning to our worship schedule. We know that

- Livestreamed services will remain
- We will have a new interim minister
- The music groups will return

But, there are so many uncertainties. The big question that I have is- **What is Church?** Is it a building, a place?

Another song that runs through my head is *The Wedding Song*. “He is now to be among you at the calling of your hearts. Rest assured, this troubadour is acting on your part. The union of your spirits here has caused Him to remain, for wherever two or more of you are gathered in His name, there is love.” Is Church a support group?

Why do we come together? Do we come for the people? If so, it is a little difficult to worship together at different times, different days, and different locations.. During our time apart it seems that we have actually grown into our own worlds. However, some people have stepped forward and helped with things that needed to be done on the property. Many of the homebound have, understandably, not wanted visits. Groups have taken breaks because meeting in person was not possible. But, one women’s group did continue to meet via Zoom.

As time has passed, Deacon Claire is now taking communion and checking in on the homebound. Pastor Sabatelli is visiting lots of people, even though his time with us is down to weeks. THIS is Church! As the children’s song says, “I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together. All God’s people, all around the world,.We ae the church together!”

I pray that we can all take time and reach out to check on each other. Make a call, send a card, an e-mail. We are a family. Let’s reconnect before we finally get together. At least we’ll have something to help us renew an old relationship. And, most of all, keep

Making a Joyful Noise,
Martha Reguard

Call Committee Update



As of this writing, the Call Committee has received four candidates for us to interview. We are dedicated to doing our due diligence and selecting the best possible candidate that we can for St. John's.

We know that to some of you, it may feel that this has been a long process. We agree, but that is slightly out of our control. COVID has slowed us down a little. The other difference is that instead of having a Profile Committee and a Call Committee, there is just a Call Committee. In the past, the Profile Committee worked on the Profile and then turned it over to the Call Committee to do the interviews. The Synod changed this to make the Call Committee own the Profile and thus follow it in the selection of the next pastor.

While it feels like we may be in the home stretch, the honest answer is "who knows?" The last Call Committee went thru a couple of rounds of candidates before selecting Pastor Lesley. We are on our first round. Will we find the right fit on the first round? Not sure. I am sure that we will find a pastor that the entire Call Committee feels God is telling us to call.

If you have any questions, see me or any other Call Committee member on a Sunday morning after Church.

Thanks,

Chris Hills, Call Committee Chairman

Lee Smith

Linda Wiley

Gina McCall

Brett Evans

Suzanne Lindsay

Newsletter Articles for the September edition of the St. John's Herald are due on August 15th.



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Doing Any shopping online?
Support St. John's when you shop.

Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc.

Clothing Shed Fundraiser

All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. St. John's makes approximately \$1,200-\$1,500 a year on this fundraiser. Please spread the word about our clothing shed to your family, friends and neighbors. Thanks for your donations!



Open Altar Flower Dates for 2021



August 22 nd and 29 th	November 7 th
September 19 th and 26 th	December 19 th and 24 th
October 3 rd , 10 th , 24 th and 31 st	

Please contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com or the church office at office@stjohnsparkville.org or by phone at 410-665-1234 to request a date.

Lector/ Communion Assistant Schedule for August



August 1 st	Laurie Krieger	August 22 nd	Linda Wiley
August 8 th	Amanda Portera	August 29 th	Bonnie Spellman
August 15 th	Mike McDonough		

Assisting Minister for August

Claire Miller

Please help Victor's Vittles Food Pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church

You may drop off your donations at St. John's.

Items needed are:



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|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Spaghetti Sauce | Taco, Chili, Meatloaf mixes | Cereal |
| Canned Fruit | Applesauce | Hamburger or Tuna Helper |
| Gravy Mix | Toothpaste | Soap |
| Shaving Cream | Deodorant | Pasta |
| | Instant Mashed Potatoes | |

Tuesday, August 3rd
6:30-8:30 PM



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**Please join St. John's Lutheran Church
and community members for an evening of
FREE food, games, fun, and more!**

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St. John's Lutheran Church

Presents

Fundraiser Night

At



SILVER SPRING MINING COMPANY

OF PERRY HALL

Located at 8634 Belair Road

Perry Hall, Md 21236

Wednesday, August 18th & Thursday, August 19th

From: 11 AM to 10 PM Both Days

Mark your calendar and support a great cause! Come help raise money and support your community! Visit us during the times listed above and a portion of the sales will be donated to **St. John's Lutheran Church!**

Please mention to the wait staff or show flyer or picture of flyer that you are with St. John's Fundraiser night!



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We are excited to announce the *tentative return of our
Annual Christmas Bazaar!
Saturday, November 13, 2021
9 am to 2 pm

Be sure to look for all of your favorites:

- * Homemade Candy
- * White Elephant
- * Craft Tables
- * Jewelry
- * Bake Table
- * Jellies and Jams
- * And other Specialty Items
- * We will also be offering delicious homemade food



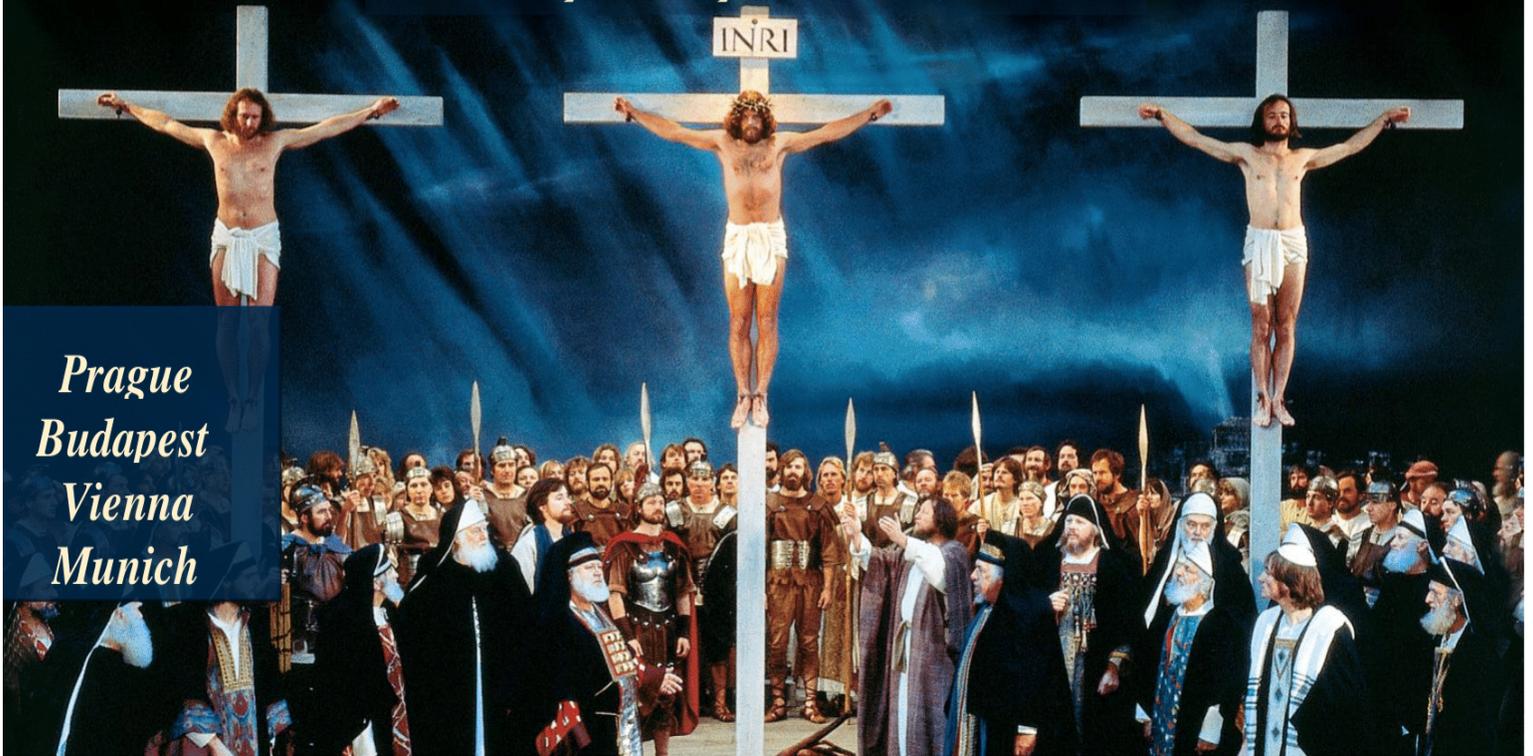
Mark your calendar. You don't want to miss out!

*We are hopeful that the conditions will remain stable to allow us to proceed with the event. We will keep you updated in the coming months.

SPLENDORS OF EASTERN EUROPE

Including The Passion Play of Oberammergau

11 Days: July 2 - 12, 2022



Prague
Budapest
Vienna
Munich

Hosted by

MARTHA REQUARD ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



**\$4347 FROM
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

(Air/land tour price is \$3777 plus \$570
government taxes/airline surcharges)



Roundtrip airfare from Washington, D.C., accommodations at 1st class/select hotels (hotels & guesthouses in Oberammergau), 1st class (Category 1) admission tickets to the Passion Play, most meals, comprehensive services of a professional English-speaking tour director, all hotel service charges, value added taxes, portorage where available & entrance fees per the itinerary.

**Join us for an Informational Meeting on July 25th at 1 PM at St. John's or
On Zoom Meeting ID 848 7174 8713 Passcode 907236**



Member Enrollment and Authorization Form

Return completed enrollment form to the Lutheran congregation, school, or institution benefiting from your giving.

Complete this section for ALL ENROLLMENTS (Please print in black ink)

Check the appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> New enrollment/authorization * <input type="checkbox"/> Change in bank account * <input type="checkbox"/> Change in authorized amount	Last Name		First Name		M.I.
	Mailing Address				
	City		State	ZIP	
	Home Telephone #		Work Telephone #		

Donations/payments should be taken from:
 Checking (attach a voided check)
 Savings (attach a savings deposit slip)

Routing Number _____
Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2 or 3

Account Number _____

REQUIRED:
 I authorize Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Vanco Services, LLC to automatically withdraw offerings/donations/payments from my account. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Account Holder Signature _____
 Date _____

*** ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK OR SAVINGS DEPOSIT SLIP FOR A NEW ENROLLMENT OR CHANGE IN BANK ACCOUNT ONLY**

Complete this section for Lutheran CONGREGATION DONATIONS

Congregation Name		Street Address	
City		State	ZIP

Church Fund Designations:	Amount Per Donation:	Frequency of Donation: (Please check only one) <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly on Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly on Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly (transferred on 1 st and 15 th of each month) <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th
_____ General/Operating	\$ _____	
_____	\$ _____	
_____	\$ _____	
_____	\$ _____	
TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____ (minimum \$5)		Date of First Donation _____

Note: The total amount will be transferred based on the frequency selected.

Complete this section for Lutheran SCHOOL TUITION PAYMENTS

School Name		Street Address	
City		State	ZIP

(a) Total annual tuition for all family members \$ _____
 (b) Number of payments (see below) _____
 (c) Amount of each payment (a ÷ b) \$ _____

Date of First Payment _____
 Date of Last Payment _____

Contact your school for information on:
 • Payment duration options (e.g., 10 months or 12 months)
 • Date the first and last payments are due
 • Date that monthly transaction must occur

Complete this section for Lutheran INSTITUTION DONATIONS

Institution Name		Street Address	
City		State	ZIP

Date of Donation: (Please check only one)
 Monthly on the 1st
 Monthly on the 15th

Amount of monthly donation \$ _____ (minimum \$5)

Date of First Donation _____
 Date of Last Donation _____

Note: To have your donation given continuously until you notify us to change or stop it, please write "CONT" in the Date of Last Donation.

***** REQUIRED *** MUST BE COMPLETED BY CONGREGATION/INSTITUTION**

Congregation/Institution Code _____ Envelope/Student/Participant Number _____ Verifier Initials _____

August Birthdays

08/01 Calista Graf
08/01 Harper Magness
08/02 Molly Fischer
08/02 Suzanne Wenneson
08/03 Jack Bennett
08/04 Melissa Garrett
08/04 Abby McEvers
08/04 Deborah Parrish
08/05 Kermit Cummings
08/07 Christopher Wenderoth
08/07 Rebecca Zimmer
08/08 Carl Haacke
08/09 Alec Brock
08/09 Lindsay Meyers
08/09 Julie Pickett
08/10 Anne Suznick
08/11 Lucas Kempa
08/11 Philip Kramer
08/11 Lily Lindsay
08/12 Finley Kirkpatrick
08/13 Cynthia Kraemer
08/13 Amanda Wood
08/14 Zachary Hills
08/15 Debra Haacke
08/15 Noah Jones
08/15 Kimberly Townsley
08/16 Annie Bennett
08/17 Charles Jones
08/19 Evan Lipka
08/19 Adam Stiles
08/20 David Ermer
08/20 Juliana Hastings
08/20 Jessica Merrey
08/20 Mary Pulket
08/22 Kurtis Sommer
08/23 John Meyers Jr
08/26 Michael Buckless
08/26 Randi Burkhardt
08/26 Terri Meekins
08/26 Chad Votta, Jr.
08/28 Lacey Artz
08/28 Keith Derrickson
08/29 Rayven Collinsworth
08/29 Amy Schindler

08/30 Bradford Nicholson
08/31 Franklin Curnoles
08/31 Sandra Scott



August Baptismal Anniversaries

08/00 Robert Spellman
08/02 Allison Meyers
08/03 Verna Murphy
08/04 Lorelei Gerber
08/05 Jaxson Alford
08/07 Madison Gilman
08/07 Aubree Liller
08/09 Jordan Glassband
08/10 Nathaniel Grisez
08/16 Kirsten Miller
08/17 Brody Evans
08/18 Melissa Garrett
08/19 Stephanie Alford
08/20 Delaney Walston
08/21 Kayla Sparks
08/22 Leah Miller
08/22 John Meyers III
08/23 Gary Burkhardt, Jr.
08/24 Nicholas Billman
08/24 Roman Gomez
08/26 Brooke DeWitt
08/28 Matthew DeWitt
08/28 Ryan DeWitt
08/28 Penelope Ermer
08/28 Emma Gerber
08/28 Luke Gerber
08/30 Samantha Zimmer
08/31 Elias Nicholson

August Wedding Anniversaries

8/1/1970 John & Eleanor McLaughlin
8/1/2009 Candi & Chad Votta, Sr.
8/4/2001 Matt & Melissa DeWitt
8/6/2011 Will & Katrena Collinsworth
8/7/1982 Brenda & Stew Graf
8/7/2004 Rob & Mandy Gray
8/8/1992 Lisa & Keith Duerling
8/21/2004 Dana & Tammy Heyl
8/29/1953 Marion & Thomas McDonough **68th**



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

For health & healing

Chris Cappucci
Donna McDonough
Marion McDonough
Mike McDonough
Everest Mehan
Julie Hastings
Dave Kocan
Debbie Miller
Pat Denk
Phil Kramer
Sandy Scott
John McLaughlin
Tony Jasinski
Betty Hedgespeth
Robert Scott
Suzanne Lindsay
Patty Schwab
Ardi Scarborough
Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends

Janet Hedgespeth
Rosemay Balmos
Jacob Gude
Roberta Wiessner
Sharon Hunt
Helen & Don Bender
John Miller
Norma Weber
Karen Alban
Doug Adams
Linda Asplin
Karen Ehrenberg
Linda Fliegel

For those grieving family & friends of

Angelina DeJesus

For the military and their families

Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser
Jacob Verble
Lance Corporal Justin Ferro
Sgt. Stephen Peck
Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann
Michael Anthony Tucker
Chaplain A. J. Strifler

... and all those in harm's way.

Homebound members

Trudy Anderson
Agatha Biensach-Daniels
Gladys Downs
Margaret Eubert
June Franz
Betty Glassband
Betty Hedgespeth
Leroy Hohne
Philip Kramer
Audrey Lentz



John Lotterer
Patrick O'Connell
Arthur Pulket
Mary Anne Reek
Patricia Sollanek
Cass Tracey
Emma Volz
Doris Warfield
Clara Westphal

Notes regarding the Prayer List:

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 410-665-1234 or email office@stjohnsparkville.org.

The friends and family prayer list has been growing considerably. Since members of the church place their loved ones on the list and we don't typically know the status of their illness, we don't know when they are well enough to be removed. Please look over the prayer list and if there is someone who is doing well, please contact the church office and ask to have them removed.



August Calendar



Aug 2021 (Eastern Time - New York)

Church Office (Public), Office Extras (Private)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Gomez baptism 10am - Weekly & Live 11:30am - Worship & Music	2 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7:30pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	3 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 2pm - Staff Mtg. 6:30pm - National Night 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH 7pm - SOS @ SB 7:15pm - Alanon Mtg. @	4 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 9am - Busy Bees @ SB 1pm - Gerber baptism 1pm - Miller Service/Lunch	5 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	6 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB	7
8 10am - Weekly & Live	9 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7:30pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	10 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 2pm - Staff Mtg. 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH 7pm - Exec Meeting @ 7:15pm - Alanon Mtg. @	11 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 9am - Busy Bees @ SB 11am - Kempske	12 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	13 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB	14
15 Newsletter Articles Due 10am - Weekly & Live	16 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - Council Mtg. @ SB 7:30pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	17 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 2pm - Staff Mtg. 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH 7:15pm - Alanon Mtg. @	18 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 9am - Busy Bees @ SB 11am - Silver Spring Mining	19 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 11am - Silver Spring Mining 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	20 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB	21 Ann Oakes Graveside
22 10am - Weekly & Live	23 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7:30pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	24 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 2pm - Staff Mtg. 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH 7:15pm - Alanon Mtg. @	25 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 9am - Busy Bees @ SB	26 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	27 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB	28
29 10am - Weekly & Live	30 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7:30pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	31 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 2pm - Staff Mtg. 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH 7:15pm - Alanon Mtg. @	1	2	3	4

BACKYARD FUN

Word Search Puzzle



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D S D S W I M M I N G P O O L Y L



BADMINTON	LAWN DARTS	SPRINKLERS
BARBECUE	LEMONADE	SUNSHINE
BASEBALL	PLAYHOUSE	SWIMMING POOL
CATCH	RELAX	SWING SET
DOGS	SANDBOX	TIRE SWING
FRISBEE	SEESAW	TRAMPOLINE
GARDEN	SHADE TREE	TREEHOUSE
ICE CREAM	SLIDE	WATERMELON

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