

# THE HERALD

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



**May Edition** 

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Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb. –Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymn #481

In the weeks that follow Easter Sunday, we hear so many stories in the Gospels about people encountering the risen Christ.

--This includes the disciples on the road to Emmaus. The group that gathered for Wednesday night worship after the April Community Meal heard this from Luke chapter 24:

<sup>32</sup>They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread."

In their encounter with Jesus, his presence is revealed to them as he teaches them and breaks bread with them.

We surely encounter Christ's presence in similar ways:

-when we gather around the word, which we hear in scripture, sermon, song, creed, and prayer.

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-when we gather around the table to share this same meal, where Christ gives himself to us and we hear these powerful words, "given for you" and "shed for you."

These encounters around word and sacrament are at the very center of our faith, and the life of the church.

In these Easter weeks leading up to Pentecost, we can especially notice them as places where we encounter the risen Christ.

Alleluia,

Pastor Mathew

### From the Council President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Warm days, a bunch of them in a row, longer days and a few showers – flowers and trees are blooming. Different shades of green appear as leaves join the spring celebration. Weekly grass cutting, cars covered in pollen are relegated to necessary evils as the bursts of color: white, pink, purple and red delight the senses.

The glow of the Easter season – Holy week, the resurrection of our Lord, flowers and palms still decorating the Chancel, white paraments, chants of Alleluia- are just starting to dim. And then Martha and the Adult Choir present Handel's Easter Messiah: A Cantata, including the Alleluia Chorus! What an amazing performance of music and voices. We are so blessed to have such talented people share their gifts with us.

There is a lot happening at St. John's: see the weekly bulletins, Weekend News and this Newsletter for details.

Finally, the Spring Congregation Meeting is Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> after worship. We have several items of business to attend to, then it's an open meeting where any appropriate items can be brought to the floor. Please join us.

Peace and Blessings,

Lee Smith, Council President 2024



LLELUIA!



## Notes from the Organ Bench

It's hard to believe that May is here and the music groups at St. John's are beginning to work on the final pieces of music before a well-deserved summer break. The Handbell choir played a wonderful piece on Easter and the Adult choir wonderfully presented *We Remember Calvary* on Good Friday followed by selections from the Easter portion of Handel's *Messiah* two weeks later. Many, many thanks to the choir members for their dedication to learning and presenting these pieces with confidence. Many thanks also to the members of the congregation and other family members who joined them for the service. I was thrilled beyond words.

As we begin to end the "singing" season, I am beginning to focus on the musical opportunities the summer offers. The **Primary Music Campette** for students who completed K – grade 2 will be held **July 29-31, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m**. Campers will be engaged in singing, moving, and creating instruments. The camp will conclude with a picnic and performance "Under the Stars."

The **Musical Camp** for students who have completed grades 3 – 8 will be held **August 12-16, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Campers will be engaged in every aspect of creating a musical including singing, acting, sound creation and scenery making. The week will end on Friday with their musical performance at 7 pm.

Registration forms are available on the website.

As you read this, I will be enjoying some time in Germany visiting some of my husband's Requardt cousins. While I am away, please keep

Making a joyful noise! *Martha Requard* 

Dear St. John's family,

Thank you very much for all of your expressions of comfort and support as we grieve our miscarriage. We deeply appreciate your words and acts of kindness for us, and we treasure all of your prayers.

In Christ's love, Paston Amy, Paston Mathew & Simon



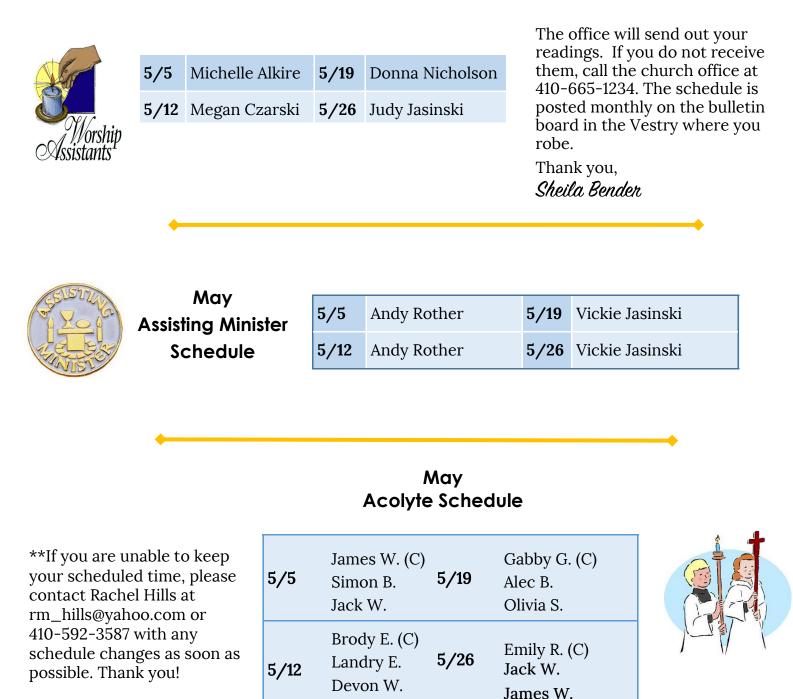
### **Men-in-Mission**

The next Men in Mission meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Youth Room. Our next breakfast meeting will be on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at the Double T Diner in Perry Hall. All men from the Congregation are invited to attend our meetings.

Enjoy the warm (hopefully) May weather! *Keith Duenling* 



### Lector/Communion Assistant Schedule for May





	<b>5/5-</b> Jack W.	<b>5/19-</b> Madilyn A.
<b>5/12-</b> Alec B. <b>5/26-</b> Emma E.	<b>5/12-</b> Alec B.	<b>5/26–</b> Emma E.

### May Worship Dismissal Schedule

If your child would like to help with the dismissal, please let one of the Pastors know.

### <u>Treasurer's Report – February 2024</u>



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	2024 Budget	Feb 2024	2024 (Jan-Feb)	2023 (Jan-Feb)
Income				
Regular Giving	\$310,000	\$25,380	\$55,715	\$39,755
Other Income	<u>129,083</u>	<u>6,936</u>	<u>16,407</u>	<u>14,209</u>
Total	\$439,083	\$32,316	\$72,122	\$53,964
Average Giving/	\$8,444	\$6,345	\$6,964	\$4,417
Sunday				
Expenses				
Benevolence	\$ 31,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Budgeted Expenses	<u>408,083</u>	<u>36,541</u>	<u>69,289</u>	<u>57,704</u>
Total	\$439,083	\$41,541	\$74,289	\$62,704
Deficit		(\$9,225)	(\$2,167)	(\$8,740)

### **Open Altar Flowers dates for 2024 are:**

June 23, 30	September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	November 3, 10, 17
July 14, 21, 28	October 6, 13	December 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 29
August 4, 18, 25		

Please contact Rachel Hills at rm\_hills@yahoo.com or the church office at ofice@stjohnsparkville.org or by phone at 410-665-1234 to request a date. \*\*Please note that the cost of Altar Flowers is \$50\*\*



Attention all High School and College Graduates!

Contact the church office with the following:

- Name
- High School or College/University you are graduating from
  - College/University you will be attending in the fall

Major/Degree

We will offer a blessing and a small gift later in the summer. We will also recognize you in our weekly email and our newsletter.

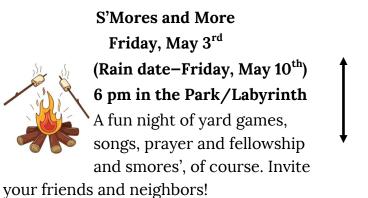
Please call or email the church office at office@stjohnsparkville.org with the above information. Congratulations to all graduates!

#### **Bingo Announcements**

- Bingo tickets are on sale please see Tony Jasinski after worship on Sundays or stop by the Church office.
- If you have a little time to spare, please join us during our event - a volunteer signup sheet is posted on the 3rd floor bulletin board. All are Welcome!
- A board showing all of our bingo prizes is displayed please consider stopping by to sponsor or fill one of our items.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

For more details about the Bingo-go to page 9 of this newsletter to see the flyer.



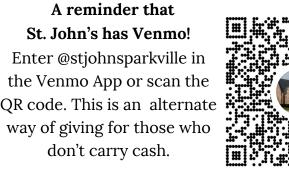
Ironbirds Game

Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> Game time is 7:05 pm Tickets are \$13 Make check payable to St. John's



There will be fireworks after the game.

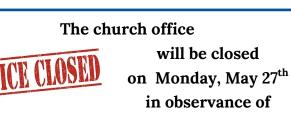
These are both Family Ministry sponsored events. For questions, email David Evans at ravenfan79@yahoo.com.







Newsletter Articles for the June edition of the St. John's Herald are due by May 17<sup>th</sup>.



Memorial Day.

### Next Community Meal Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall Invite your family, friends and neighbors!



We need volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the April Meal.

### Wednesday Night Worship May 1<sup>st</sup> after the Community Meal 6:45 pm



This a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

### Friday Bible Study

This group meets at 11 am in the Smith Building Our current study is on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians All are welcome!



### -Faith & J ellowship

Faith + Fellowship Join us on Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am-9:45am This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.

### Sunday School Schedule

9 am -9:45 am

- Children ages 3 through 5th grade meets on the 3rd floor
- Middle & High School meets in the Youth Room on the 2nd floor
- Faith & Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall



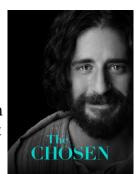


### St. John's Youth Group meets in the Youth Room

on the second floor from about 11:15 am–12:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know on another, and grow in faith together.

### "<u>The Chosen" Discipleship Series</u>

Join us on Tuesdays through June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 7:30 pm as we explore the first season of this acclaimed TV series focusing on the life of Jesus and the people whom he encountered! This event, sponsored by **CLAIM** (Coalition of Lutherans Advancing In Mission) and partner Lutheran churches, is not just about watching a series together. It's a chance to strengthen our bonds, discuss our faith and mission and invite friends and family to join this inspiring experience. Come early for a light meal at 5:30pm.



Remaining dates are:

April 30 & May 7 @ St. John's: That's us! 8808 Harford Rd May 14 & May 21 @ People's Community: 6200 Loch Raven Blvd May 28 & June 4 @ Christus Victor: 9833 Harford Rd.



Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp in Jefferson, MD invites you to join us this summer! Family Campers and youth ages 6-17 are welcome. We never turn anyone away for financial reasons, so please ask about our Campership fund if needed. Come experience small-group camping, swimming, hiking, sleep-outs, new friends, and exciting activities that challenge you to grow in confidence and in faith - all in a safe and inclusive community. Our 2024 Theme is "Created To Be!" Registration is open. For more information visit <u>mar-lu-ridge.org/</u> <u>summer-camp/</u> or call 800.238.9974.

### **Clothing Shed Fundraiser**



All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: **All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys.** Please spread the word about our clothing shed to your family, friends and neighbors. Thanks to your donations.

### Food for Thought Program



We are in need of Chef Boyardee single serving meals. tuna & chicken salad kits, pudding cups, and juice boxes/pouches.

> Monetary donations are also accepted. Thanks for your support of this important ministry!



The Altar Guild is looking for new members. We set up the altar on Saturdays and clean up after Sunday's services. Our specific need at this time is for Saturday help. We work in pairs and are done in less than an hour. We schedule on a once monthly basis according to our individual availabilities.



If you would like to join us, please see Sue Addison, our chairperson.





### BASKETS, BAGS & MORE

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**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024** 



Raffles

DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm BINGO STARTS AT 7 pm

To be held at St. Ursula Auditorium 8900 Harford Road



TICKETS:\$20 in advance \$25 at the door

Tickets will be sold after our church services. You may also call our church office at (410) 665-1234 or Tony Jasinski at (443) 474-2727.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit our Youth Ministry Program and our Church Building Fund.

> Thank you in advance for your support! St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville

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### St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville Community Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, June 1st 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. (Set up starts at 7 A.M.) Vendors are not permitted to sell food. St. John's will have a concession stand.

Cost = \$20 for 1 space, \$30 for 2 spaces Bring your own table and chairs One space is approximately two parking spots Payments can be made in cash or check made out to: "St. John's Lutheran Church" by May 28th.

> Return registration and payment to St. John's Lutheran Church Attn: Community Yard Sale 8808 Harford Road Baltimore, MD 21234



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Required):\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Spaces:	
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Description of Items Being Sold:

\*Spaces are nonrefundable and all vendors must vacate the lot by 2:00PM. The sale of any weapons (including "look alike" weapons), fireworks, controlled substances, or adult material is prohibited. All tables are subject to sponsor review and could be expelled from the church grounds without refund. Vendors are NOT allowed to sell food and/or beverages.

All proceeds benefit our St. John's Building Fund and Community Outreach programs. Questions can be directed to Chris Hills, cr\_hills@yahoo.com or 410-952-4929.

### St. John's Family Picnic



### When: June 9<sup>th</sup> after worship Where: Pastor's backyard or Fellowship Hall (rain)

Hospitality & Fellowship will provide hot dogs & hamburgers, tossed salad, iced tea & lemonade.

We are doing a potluck for side dishes & desserts. Last names beginning with A-L please bring a side dish. Last names beginning with M-Z please bring a dessert.

Please plan to attend for food, fun & fellowship! Please sign up below before June 2nd so we can get an idea how much food to purchase.

Name:	
# attending	

Help is needed for set-up before the picnic.

There is a sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board.

Bring your own chair and/or blanket.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

8808 Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234

"Camp Firelight . . . A Summer Camp Adventure With God"

Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

#### 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

#### **REGISTER NOW!**

- Our program is open to all children currently enrolled in **Preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2023/24 school year**:
  - ★ By the start of VBS, children must have completed at least 1 year of preschool experience.
  - ★ All children must be potty trained.
  - ★ Each child will be registered in the VBS class corresponding to the grade just completed in June, 2024.
- BE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY . . . Class sizes are limited for all age groups.
  REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ONCE WE REACH FULL CAPACITY OF 60 CHILDREN.
- Please mail your registration form to St. John's Lutheran Church, 8808 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21234 or drop it off at the Church Office anytime Monday thru Friday from 9 am until 3 pm.
- THERE IS NO CHARGE TO REGISTER!
- COVID-19 related information: Our program schedule will be held in person. Masks will be optional during VBS.

CHILD(REN) TO REGISTER				
Child's Name	Child's Birthdate	Grade just completed In June, 2024	Child's T-shirt size (see below)*	Please note any allergies, special dietary or medical needs (snacks and drinks will be served)

\* Each registered child will receive a program t-shirt.

Youth sizes available are: XS, S, M, L, XL (If an adult size shirt is needed instead, please indicate that for us.)

FAMILY INFORMATION (we will use this information during VBS and to send updates, additional info, etc.) Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Home mailing address:

Phone Number(s) for contact during VBS (please indicate home or cell):

Email address:

Name of person(s) authorized to pick up your child from VBS each day:

Any special requests (we will do our best to accommodate them):

St. John's Church Member 🗆 YES 🖾 NO Other Church Affiliation:

A separate Photo Release Form will be sent home with your child on the first day of VBS for your completion.

Up-to-date enrollment announcements will be made periodically during St. John's worship services and will be posted on our Church's website, and on our St. John's Church and VBS Facebook pages.

Any questions? Please contact our Church Office at (410) 665-1234 or by email at office@stjohnsparkville.org.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian:

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K—Grade 2

Primary Music Campette Registration

July 29-31, 2024

Registration Deadline - July 19, 2024

Child Name	
(first)	(last)
Grade completed in June 2024	
Primary Household Address	
(Street and Number)	
(City/State/Zip)	
Primary Household Phone	
Parent/Guardian #1	
(first)	(last)
Parent/Guardian Cell	
E-mail address	
Parent/Guardian #2	
(first)	(last)
Parent/Guardian Cell	
E-mail address	
Child lives with	
Child lives with	
Emergency Contact Name	
(first)	(last)
Emergency Contact Phone	
Name of Person picking up child	

Allergies and Medical Concerns	
Medications	
Additional Information about my child	
Media Waiver	
Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used in St. John's Lutheran Cl publications, including the website? YES NO	hurch
Friend Request	
You may request that your child be placed with up to two friends.	
#1	
Parent Signature	
Date	
Registration fee of \$15 (non-refundable) is due with registration. Please make checks paya St. John's Lutheran Church. Deadline for registration is July 19, 2024	able to
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Registration fee was received with form. (Date)	

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Child Name			
	(first)		
Grade completed	d in June 2024		
(City/State/Zip)_	ber)		
Parent/Guardian	#1		
	(first)	(last)	
E-mail address _			
Parent/Guardian	#2		
	(first)	(last)	
Parent/Guardian			
E-mail address			
Child lives with _			
		(first) (last)	
Emergency Conta			
Name of Person	picking up chil	ld	

Allergies and Medical Concerns	
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Friend Request	
You may request that your child be placed with up to two friends.	
#1	
#2	
Parent Signature	
Date	

Registration fee of \$35 (non-refundable) is due with registration. Reduced non-refundable fee of \$25 for each sibling. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Deadline for registration is July 29, 2024.

For Office Use		
 Registration fee was received with form. (Date _ Cash	Check: <u>#</u>	)

### **May Birthdays**

05/01 Robert Spellman 05/02 Luke Gerber 05/02 Tyler Jones 05/02 John Sommer 05/03 Carol Kempske 85<sup>th</sup> 05/08 Agatha Biensach 05/08 Brooke DeWitt 05/08 Kristin Hamilton 05/08 Annemarie Sova 05/09 Trevor Whitfield 05/11 Mardi Nickel 05/11 Joan Swank 05/11 Landon Ullmann 05/14 Andrew Rother. Sr 05/15 Robert Hastings, Jr. 05/16 Rosalie Coffman 05/16 Allison Meyers 05/16 Andre' Nufea, Jr. 05/16 Mara Wolfe

- 05/17 Vincent Kirby 05/17 Doris Rye 92<sup>nd</sup> 05/18 Camden Burkhardt 05/18 Jordan Glassband 05/19 Landon Parsons 05/20 Nathaniel Grisez 05/20 Victoria Jasinski 05/20 Jeremy McDonough 05/20 Laura Wolfe 05/21 Oluseve Fowode 05/21 Shirley Snyder 85<sup>th</sup> 05/22 Carly Coffman 05/23 Devon Wright, Jr. 05/24 Jennifer Holland 05/24 Brenda lawn 05/25 Susan Henschen 05/25 Lauren Pierce 05/26 Nicholas Ford 05/26 Noah Ford
- 05/27 Nancy Toner 05/28 Kira Shull 05/28 Thomas Thobe 05/30 Laura Schleigh 05/31 Elias Nicholson 05/31 Dylan Parsons 05/31 Jakob Parsons



### **May Baptismal Anniversaries**

05/00 Hannah Lindsay 05/01 McKenna Yankolonis 05/04 Jonathan Sommer 05/06 Malcolm Neifeld 05/06 Kensley Graf 05/07 James Garland 05/12 Maxwell Kellner 05/12 Autumn Winterling 05/13 Karen Hofmann 05/15 Nolan Graf 05/15 Everett Jenkins 05/16 Robert Berner 05/18 Joshua Gerber 05/21 Barbara Berner 05/24 Jesse Testudine 05/24 Madilyn Alkire 05/24 Ashlynn Connelly 05/26 Andrew Burkhardt 05/26 Carter Votta 05/28 Amanda Hartman 05/28 Nicole Testudine 05/29 Violet McDonough



### **May Wedding Anniversaries**

5/5/1973 Sheila & Charles Bender, Jr. 5/17/2003 Carolyn & Rich Souders 5/23/2009 Amanda & Christian Wood 5/26/2007 Jeff & Michelle Alkire

### Prayer List

### Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

#### For health & healing

**Diane Carroll** Eleanor McLaughlin Mary Jo Rother Ginny Wehr Mary Gude **Dennis Buckless** Doris Rye **Richard Souders** Oluseve Fowode Robert Suznick Lisa Duerling Joan Kraft Mike McDonough Joan Swank Rosalie Coffman Pat Hurley Debbie Miller Sandy Scott Vickie Jasinski

#### For family & friends

Tim Hartman Bill Beck Chris Newman Pierce Newman Coralee Myrtle William Bold, Sr. Fran Eliopoulos Eleni Bowden Laney Stowell Mary Margaret Wroten Butch Kahl Pearl Johnson Nancy Donna Joseph Harriet Miller Maeve Webster John Bryan Joe Federline Pastor John Burk Tiffany Webb Mary & Barry McCain Bonnie Franklin Jamie Kirschner Rob Graff Alice Evans Trish Pizza **Betsy Shock** Julie Bramble Donna Boblooch Yung-Mee Rhee

### <u>For the military</u>

#### <u>and their families</u> Kalib McCann Mason Ledbetter Leroy Keller Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser Corporal Justin Ferro Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann Michael Anthony Tucker

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

<u>For those grieving family &</u> <u>friends of</u>

#### Homebound members

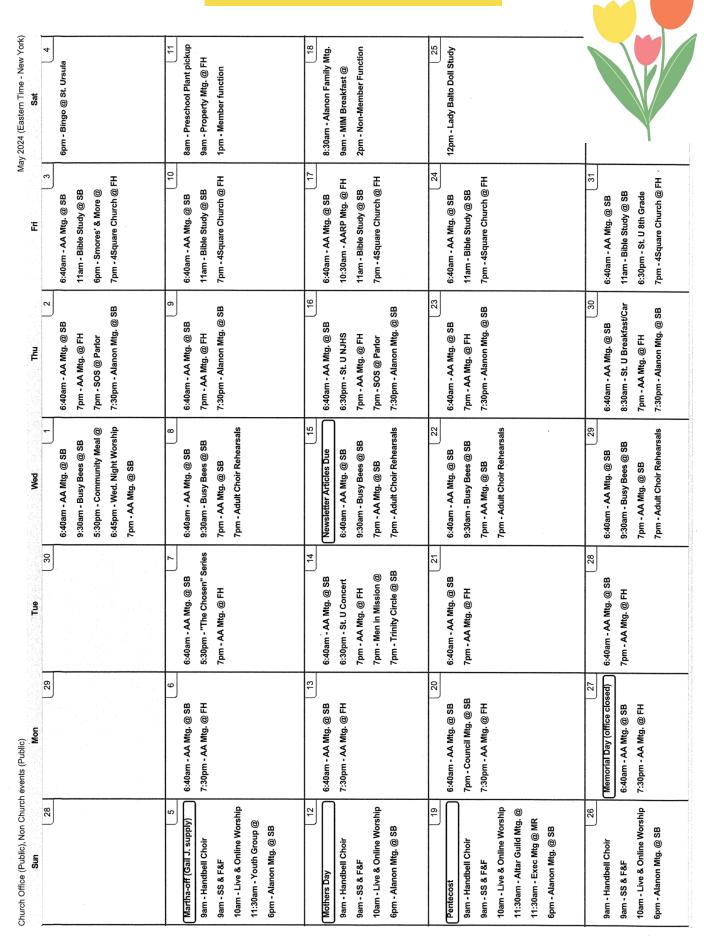
Patricia Becker Agatha Biensach-Daniels Barbara Conrad **Betty Creutzer** Margaret Eubert June Franz Betty Glassband **Richard Hoerner** Patricia Hurley Audrey Lentz John Lotterer Paul Nolder Patrick O'Connell Janet Roth Kim Townsley Emma Volz



#### 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.



### May Calendar

**Kid's Corner** 



