

St. John's HERALD

March 2016

**St. John's Lutheran Church
8808 Harford Road
Parkville, MD 21234**

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Lesley M. Radius

Interim Pastor:

Rev. David Asplin

Secretary:

Carol Erpenstein

Director of Music:

Martha Requard

Preschool Director/Teacher:

Lisa Horst

Preschool Teacher's Aide:

Niki Thiericht

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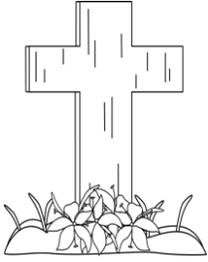
Scott Becker

Pastor Emeritus:

The Rev. Richard Manning



St. John's Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Schedule



Mid-Week Lenten Worship

* Wednesdays during Lent: February 17th, 24th; March 2nd, 9th, and 16th **

Noontime Taizé Prayer Service

Soup, Salad & Service

6:00 p.m. Soup & Salad (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service

(Please note: Adult Choir practice will begin following the prayer service.)

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 20th

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Maundy Thursday, March 24th

The Stripping of the Altar will follow each service.

12:00 noon Traditional Service of Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Agapé Meal (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Service of Taizé with Prayer Stations

Good Friday, March 25th

12:00 noon Procession & Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

(Please note: The Ecumenical Procession begins at St. Ursula Catholic Church.)

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service at St. John's with Cantata

Easter Sunday, March 27th

Services of Holy Communion:

8:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.



February 18, 2016

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Dear People of God at St. John's,

It has been my privilege to serve as your part time Interim Pastor this past year and a half. While there have been some unforeseen struggles in the call process, God has led you to call a pastor who truly believes she is called to become the new spiritual leader of this congregation. I am thankful to God for His guidance and happy for you.

Now it is time for me to resign and depart. My wife, Linda, and I have again grown to love this great congregation. We will miss you. But we will return to visit at an appropriate time.

In planning the transition with Pastor Lesley and the Executive Committee of the Church Council it has been decided that my last Sunday here will be March 13. And I plan then that my last day in the office will be Monday, March 14.

May God continue to bless you and use you as His representatives in this community.

In Christ,

Rev. David Asplin

Thank You Pastor David!

We wish you a wonderful retirement!

2/15/2016

God's People at St. John's
8808 Harford Road
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your affirmative vote on Sunday, February 14, 2016. I give thanks to God and to you, God's People, for calling me into partnership with you as together we seek to follow God's preferred and promised future.

It is with much prayer and joy, that I accept the call as your pastor. I will begin my call at St. John's on March 20, 2016. I am excited to see where God will lead us in mission and ministry together.

God's blessings and my prayers and thanks,

Pastor Lesley

Reverend Lesley M. Radius

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- ✓ Many thanks to the Call Committee for their dedication and perseverance in calling Pastor Lesley. It wasn't an easy task, but with the hopes and prayer of the congregation depending on you, we continue to be blessed. God is good!
 - ✓ St. John's is blessed to have so many selfless members who have worked hard during the long vacancy to continue all of our ministries.
 - ✓ Thank you Pastor David for leading us and reminding us that we are all God's children. We will miss you, but we know it's time for you to move on to the next phase of your life. Thank you Linda for sharing your husband with us again. Good luck and God's blessings!
 - ✓ Now we are ready to move forward with Pastor Lesley. Welcome Pastor!

**Join us as we celebrate the Passion of our Lord on Sunday
March 20th, which will be Pastor Lesley's first Sunday with
us. Services of Holy Communion at 8:15 and 11:00 AM.**



Notes from the Organ Bench

by Martha Requard, Director of Music

By the time you read this we will be almost to my late father-in-law's favorite day. The conversation would go like this- "Happy Army Day." "Army Day? What's Army Day?" "March 4th. At St. John's we are on a journey.

Whenever I get any compliments on the music I have chosen, my standard reply is, "Thank you. God takes care of the dumb." This has been so apparent over the past few weeks. For example, the last song that I chose for Ash Wednesday was "Bless Now, O God, the Journey." At a later date I planned the music for the first Sunday in Lent (February 14, remember the date) and the gathering hymn that I selected was "Bless Now, O God, the Journey." Coincidence? Without my knowledge, the council planned for Pastor Lesley to preach on February 14. The choir anthem, which was chosen in August, was "One Step, He Leads." Another coincidence? I see God's hand in this. As I say, He takes care of the dumb.

So, now we are on our journey through Lent. Along the way I hope that you take time to attend some of the worship experiences. At noon on Wednesdays you are invited to join us for Taize services. These are very short services-no sermon, easy music and a time to meditate on scripture. This year's focus is the covenant of baptism. On Wednesday evenings join us at 6:00 for soup and salad, followed by Marty Haugen's Holden evening service at 7:00. This service, with its beautiful music and focus on scripture, is a perfect way to end a busy day. At 6:40 – 6:55, the Children and Tweens meet together to work on the Palm Sunday anthem. At 7:30 the Adult Choir begins rehearsals with "We Remember Calvary." If you would like to sing this cantata with us, join us this Wednesday evening.

As we continue our journey through Holy Week, we begin with Palm Sunday and Pastor Lesley's first Sunday with us. The Children and Tweens will be joining the Adult Choir in their anthem. I promise you a glimpse of the excitement that must have accompanied Jesus' arrival at Jerusalem. The Adult Choir will present "We Remember Calvary" at 7:30 on Good Friday. This tenebrae service focuses on Jesus' journey to the cross. Over the past few years, the congregation for this service has grown to over 100 participants. If you haven't worshiped with us, this might be the year.

How perfect that Easter and the end of our journey come at the end of March. Join us for our celebration with handbells, choir and a new minister. It has taken a long time to get to this point, but I feel that God has been with us.

But, somehow it seems that sadness always accompanies joy. We have been blessed to have Pastor David with us on our journey to Pastor Lesley. His gifts of patience, insight, quiet strength and understanding have made our journey easier. I thank him for shepherding us and will miss him, Linda and their family and wish them happiness and God's peace on their new adventures.

So, let us March 4th and ask God to bless our journey and Keep Making a Joyful Noise!



Youth Ministry

Please mark your calendars !



Saturday, April 2nd

Saturday, May 14th

Quarter Auction

Basket Bingo

St. Ursula Auditorium

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Doors open at 6 p.m.

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Auction starts at 7 p.m.

Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

Flyers with more information about both events will be coming soon !!!

Thanks in advance for all of your support !

Parents . . . NC Mission Trip reminders:

- Payment of \$145 is now due (if you haven't already paid).
- Final payment of \$84 will be due by April 10th.

Youth and Parents . . . looking ahead:

- Sunday, May 1st: Youth Service - One Service Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Followed by Spring Congregational Meeting & Potluck Meal
- Sunday, May 22nd: Confirmation Sunday (confirmation service will take place at the 11 a.m. service; confirmation breakfast at 9:30 a.m.)
- Sunday, June 5th: High School Youth Breakfast at Denny's (more info to come)

Blessings from St. John's Youth Ministry Leaders:

Tony Jasinski, Debbie Haacke, and Vickie Jasinski

*What's
happening?*

Acolyte Schedule

March 2016

8:15 am

11:00 am

3/6 Brandon Crites (C)
Mara Wolfe

Hayden Evans (C)
Megan Morrissey

3/13 Autumn Winterling (C)
Kayla Tilton

Jennifer Holland (C)
Kyle Cappucci

3/20 Ryan Cummings (C)
Molly Cummings

Matthew Miller (C)
Michael Rash
Hannah Houston

3/25 Good Friday 7:30 pm

Joshua Hills

3/27- Easter

8:00 am Andrea Nufea (C)
John Meyers
Abbie Coffman

9:45 am Corinne Brock (C)
Ava Mueller
Hannah Houston

11:30 am Noah Jones (C)
Katie Neal
Nate Grisez

** If you are unable to keep your scheduled time, please use the Acolyte List to find a replacement. Contact Rachel Hills at 410-592-3587 with any schedule changes as soon as possible. Thank you!

Ushers for March

8:15-Fred & Judy Zimmer, Gladys Downs

11:00-Chris & Rachel Hills, Zachary & Joshua Hills, Shirley Snyder



Sunday School News

During the month of March, the Sunday School will be collecting pastas and spaghetti sauces, which will be donated to the food pantries that the church supports. Please bring these to your child's classroom.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 26th at 11:00 am. We will meet at the back of the parking lot by the parsonage, then continue to the park for the actual egg hunt. If the weather does not permit an outside hunt, then we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see Rachel Hills or email her at rm_hills@yahoo.com.

Don't forget! There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Easter Sunday, March 27th. Please join us for worship at either 8:00 am, 9:45 am, or 11:30 am.

Save the Date! The annual Sunday School talent show is June 12, 2016. It is time to begin thinking about a talent that you would like to share with everyone. Participants of all ages are invited to share their talents- more information about signing up will be coming home soon!

Men In Mission

We are continuing to discuss Luther's Small Catechism at our meetings which take place on Tuesdays at 7:00 in the Youth Room. Our team will also be assisting Larry Addison with the refurbishing of the parsonage so that it is ready for Pastor Lesley to move into. The Men-in-Mission breakfast for March will take place at 9:00 on February 5th at the Denny's restaurant on Belair Road. We will also be hosting the Soup and Salad prior to the Lenten Worship Service on March 16th.

May God bless you with peace and serenity during this Lenten season, and then with a wonderful Easter!

Keith Duerling

Hungry? No one to lunch with?

Join the Wednesday Lunch Bunch at Bateman's, 8810 Waltham Woods Road, on Wednesday March 23rd. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 AM.

For reservations, call Carolyn at 410-686-0063, or Helen at 410-665-2056

Come hungry!



Date: May 21

*Would you like to volunteer to serve on the Mother-Daughter Banquet?
For more information contact
Nancy Ford 410-668-5278*

March Assisting Ministers

8:15 Lee Smith

11:00 Tony Jasinski

Thank you for serving!

News from the Cemetery Committee



Please remove all Christmas decorations and flowers from the cemetery by March 1st. After that we will be tidying up the grounds for Palm Sunday and Easter.

Thank you for your help, and blessings from,

The Cemetery Committee

I wish to thank everyone who has sent in information for this newsletter. Due to a family emergency, I was not able to include birthdays and anniversaries, or council minutes. These will be updated within the next week. I felt it was important to get the completed parts to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prayers and support in preparing this.

Blessings,

Donna McDonough

Editor

