

St. John's HERALD

*Through the grace of God we D.A.R.E. to Hear the Story,
Know the Story, Tell the Story, and Live the Story!*



AUGUST PRAYER

Each month we are asking that every gathering of St. John's people begin with the prayer below. Why not include the prayer in your personal devotions as well?

Let us pray:

Wonderful God, we give thanks for the variety of your creation as the summer comes to an end. The sun permitted your plants to flourish and your fruits to ripen. The rain quenched their thirst just as the Word quenches ours. Your people have traveled far and wide, both conserving nature and building wonders as we go. Help us to remember that we must rely on You and give thanks at all times--for each sunrise and sunset in our lives. As we receive from your generosity, so may we strive to give back for your purposes and in Your name. Fill us with wonder at the work of your hands, especially the presence of your son, Jesus, among us in whose name we pray. Amen.

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The Rev. Richard Manning

Waiting, Prayer, and Change

by Pastor David Asplin, Interim Pastor

We are waiting it seems too long for the Call process to go forward. The Call Committee was to have received the names of several candidates by the late part of July. And there will be more waiting while they do interviews. While we wait we should all be in prayer for them and the candidates that God will guide the process and lead us to His chosen candidate, the right person for this important pastorate. Such prayerful waiting is good.

One of the misapprehensions that can arise during this time of waiting is that everything is going along well; the relationship between me and the congregation of St. John's Parkville is positive and comfortable. But this "interim" time is not a normal time; some of the crucial parts of the life of a healthy congregation are put on hold during this transitional period. As a part time interim pastor I am not working nearly as hard as I would expect your new full time pastor to work. Also, as an "interim" pastor I am not leading or initiating any major new efforts or programs, or ideas. Some vision casting was done by the Transition Team in 2014 and early 2015. Some good ideas were raised or suggested. For example: "add a third worship service that would be more experiential/interactive and use contemporary music and appeal to families with young children and young adults". But the preparation for and implementation of such long-range plans or major new programs necessarily has to be done as a partnership between your own pastor and the congregation. If I were your called permanent pastor (and not the part time interim) I would be pushing you. Part of the role of the pastor is to be a bit of a change agent. And that will bring discomfort for some; yet change is necessary if there is to be growth. If the world around us changes constantly and the church just always does what it always did, it becomes in some ways an anachronism.

When I began as the Senior Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church of Sweet Air (in 1998) I quickly noticed that we had a lot of "drop-off parents". Between services on Sundays I would run into them, with their McDonalds coffee cups in their hands. They brought their children to Sunday School, but they never came to worship. I pushed for many changes over the years to address that problem. There are a great many families here at this St. John's and in Parkville with young children and teenagers who could be addressed in some new ways and reached with some new and innovative ministries. But that can't happen until you have a pastor. So when he or she comes I pray that you will be open to his or her leading and even pushing you to accept some change. St. John's has great potential, great love of Jesus, great people, wonderful facilities. Let's keep on doing the work of Jesus as best we can, and anticipate change while we wait and pray.



Anyone wishing to use the A-V Equipment in the Social Hall, Classrooms, Smith Bldg or the Church should contact the Tech Team (tech@stjohnsparkville.org) for instructions. This equipment should not be used if you have NOT received instructions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Transition Updates



The Call Committee has received a new panel of candidates from the Synod office. The committee is currently reviewing the candidates and we are in the process of interviewing them. Please pray for us as we once again begin this phase of calling a pastor for our congregation.

Shirley Snyder, Call Committee Chairperson

A tentative timeline for the process is provided below. While the timeline is not set in stone, it does serve as a guide for what will happen and a relative time frame for the transition process. Remember this is a tentative schedule. Things may move faster or slower. But always remember to **PRAY**

Month, Year	St. John's Leadership	People of St. John's	DE-MD Synod Bishop's Office
August 2015	Call Committee begins 2 nd panel interviews and finishes interviews; recommends candidates to Council	PRAY	PRAY
September 2015	Council meets to call a congregational meeting and approve the compensation package	PRAY	PRAY
October 2015	PRAY	Meet and greet with primary candidate; Call vote	Representation at the Call vote
November/ December 2015	New pastor(s) begin		

Worship and Music

Ushers for August

8:15 A.M.

Lisa and Keith Duerling

11:00 A.M.

Tony and Judy Jasinski

Sue Addison

Laurie Kreiger

Bonnie Spellman

When I grow up
I want to be an
Usher

SOCIAL MEDIA SUNDAY

on 10/25/2015

Join Christians from all over the country in sharing the good news with your friends and followers.

Attend the Delaware-Maryland Synod workshop to prepare:

Saturday, August 22- 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

-For congregational leaders, roster and lay

-Planning tips, information about different platforms, & discussion on social media as 21st century evangelism

#SMS15

Visit <http://www.demdsynod.org/SMS.html> to learn more!

Worship and Music (continued)

Notes from the Organ Bench by Martha Requard, Director of Music

August already? Where has the summer gone? While the choirs are enjoying a well-deserved break, I have been busy preparing for September. And I thank the Lord for the time to prepare. With the help of some good people, committees and the council, exciting changes are coming!

I have been with you for 10 years now and have seen much change, and blessings, over this time. We have changed ministers, services, and added a few choirs. And we have also lost several people who are dear to the choir, most recently, Dick Weger and Alice Teel. Both shared their souls and talents in the Adult Choir. Though they will be missed, they will be remembered. Many memorials were made in their names and designated for use by the Adult Choir. Memorials for Henry Graf were also designated for the Adult Choir. New robes for the Adult Choir have been purchased, along with stoles to match the liturgical colors in the sanctuary. They will arrive in time for the Choir's return in September, so be watching!

The members of Tween Choir have enjoyed their first year of playing the handbells and I am thrilled with their progress. The Adult Handbell Choir is also impressed and would like to have the Tweens play with them. While this is a great idea, there was a major obstacle to this plan. Both the Adults and Tweens used the same bells. I would like to thank the Memorial Committee for coming to our aid. A set of Handchimes (easier to play with a mellower sound) is being purchased so that the groups can play together. Hurrah!

The Handbell Choir has been playing for both services when they are able. This has taken great maneuvering of schedules and dedication. The ringers would like to play once a month. So they have decided to play for the 11:00 service AND on One Service Sundays. This way they can play for everyone more often. What dedication!

As I said, I have been busy planning, spending money and selecting music in preparation for the return of the choirs. I will be attending a music conference at East Stroudsburg University during the first week of August. During this time I will be singing through new choral music with about 300 other church musicians and the composers. I know that I will return invigorated, and with some new anthems for worship.

Thank you to the Worship and Memorial committees, the Council, and those who have designated memorials for helping to accomplish some musical goals and growth. Thank you for supporting the musical ministry of St. John's. Without the congregational support the choirs would not exist. If you would like to join one of the choirs or help in any other way, I will gladly accept the offer. If you are not quite ready, I understand. Either way, keep...

Making a Joyful Noise

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Amazing Grace.

John Newton.

McIntosh. C. M.

Arr. by E. O. Excell.

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re-lieved; How
 3. Thro' man - y dan-gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
 4. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shin-ing as the sun, We've

Worship and Music (continued)



Worship services at 8:15AM & 11:00AM and Sunday School/Adult Forum/Family Ministry's **CONNECTED** will resume again on **Sunday, September 13th**



August 2nd

10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

September 6th

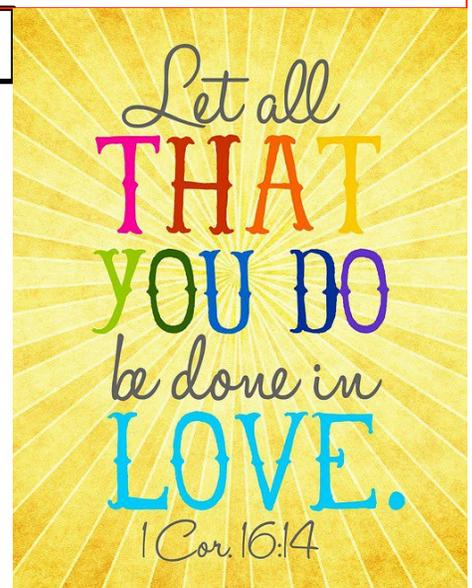
10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 AM

Hot Dog and Ice Cream Sunday
Sponsored by Men in Mission and Family Ministry

August Baptism Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8/2 Allison Meyers | Meghan McGhin-Cloman |
| 8/8 Brynn Snyder-Mitchell | 8/24 Nicholas Billman |
| 8/9 Jordan Glassband | 8/26 Brooke DeWitt |
| 8/10 Nathaniel Grisez | 8/28 Matthew DeWitt |
| 8/16 Kirsten Miller | Ryan DeWitt |
| 8/17 Nicole Hurn | 8/30 Samantha Zimmer |
| Brody Evans | 8/31 Elias Nicholson |
| 8/18 Melissa Garrett | |
| Carlyn Wiles | <u>Unknown Date</u> |
| 8/19 Stephanie Bender | Virginia Wehr |
| 8/20 David Fitch, Jr. | Robert Spellman |
| 8/21 Kayla Sparks | |
| 8/22 Leah Miller | |
| John Meyers, III | |
| 8/23 Gary Burkhardt, Jr. | |



Congregation Council News



The church Council met on Thursday, June 18th, to discuss congregational needs and ministry team reports. The meeting began with prayer and the approval of the May 2015 Council Meeting minutes.

Pastor David Asplin led the Council in the evening devotions.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Asplin's report was received and filed.

Executive Committee Report: The report of the Executive Committee was received and filed.

Treasurer's Report: The report of the Treasurer was received and filed.

Ministry Team Reports:

Reports were received and filed from the **Property** and **Memorial** Committees.

Unfinished Business:

1. The gas lines to the stove and water heater have been shut-off by BGE due to leaks found.
2. The July meetings for the Executive Committee and Church Council have been moved to July 20th and 23rd, respectively.
3. The annual St. John's Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for October 5, 2015.

New Business:

1. The Executive Committee received information regarding the kitchen's faucets and made the following recommendation to the Council:

Motion: that up to \$600 be spent to replace the faucets in the kitchen.

Approved

2. The Memorial Committee made a recommendation to purchase new choir robes and stoles. The recommendation was amended and approved to increase the dollar amount, from \$2,000 to \$2,200.

Motion: that up to \$2,200 be spent to purchase 25 Adult Choir Robes & 25 Sets of Stoles.

Approved

3. The Church Council was provided a verbal report of Synod Assembly.
4. The Church Council discussed "The Campaign for the ELCA" and a recommendation was made to begin the campaign. This was forwarded to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

There being no further business to come before the Church Council, a **motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.** This motion was approved.

Did You Know?

Council meeting minutes will be posted on the bulletin board directly outside of the church sanctuary. Make sure to check them out!

Congregational Care

August Congregational Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries



Birthdays:

8/2 Stanley Businsky
 Suzanne Wenneson
8/3 Jack Bennett
8/4 Melissa Garrett
 Abby McEvers
 Deborah Parrish
8/5 Kermit Cummings
8/6 Olivia Platt
 Beverly Weger
8/7 Christopher Wenderoth
 Rebecca Zimmer
8/8 Carl Haacke
 Kerry Hospelhorn
8/9 Alec Brock
 Lindsay Meyers
 Julie Pickett
8/10 Anne Suznick
8/11 Elaine Turek
8/13 Amanda Wood
8/14 James Denk
 Zachary Hills
 Valerie Streb
8/15 Kimberly Townsley
 Debra Haacke
 Noah Jones
 Sheri Klein
8/16 Annie Bennett
8/17 Austin Flagle
 Heather Gamber
 Charles Jones
 Michael Lancelotta
8/19 Austin Houston
 Evan Lipka
 Samantha Little
8/20 David Ermer
 Juliana Hastings
 Jazmin McKee
 Jessica Merrey

Mary Pulket
8/21 Isaac Jewell
8/22 Mark Fitch
 Jeff Seidel
 Kurtis Sommer
8/23 Axel Gibbons
 John Meyers, Jr.
8/24 Thomas Gamber
8/26 Michael Buckless
 Randi Burkhardt
 Terri Meekins
 Chad Votta, Jr.
 Karen Watts
8/28 Keith Derrickson
8/29 Rayven Collinsworth
 Amy Schindler
 Michael Vogtman
8/30 Riley Baker
 Bradford Nicholson
8/31 Murhl Bauer
 Franklin Cornoles
 Sandra Scott



2015 Congregational Council Members

Tony Jasinski, President
 Lee Smith, Vice President
 Chris Hills, Treasurer
 Scott Miller, Secretary
 Debbie Haacke, Financial
 Secretary
 Sue Addison
 Charlie Bender
 David R. Evans
 Lee Kreiger
 Donna McDonough
 Bonnie Spellman
 Cindy Weeks
 Kathleen Wiles

Did we miss your celebration?

If so, please notify the church
 office at 410-665-1234 or
office@stjohnsparkville.org.
 Many blessings!

Wedding Anniversaries:

8/1 Candi & Chad Votta	8/15 Theresa & Lawrence Magill
8/3 Sheri & Roy Klein	8/21 Ruth & John Winebrenner Happy 60th! Dana & Tammy Heyl Leah & Dan Menges
8/4 Virginia & Roland Randall Happy 71st! Melissa & Matthew DeWitt	8/26 Erin & Scott Dougherty
8/5 Linda & Dennis Anderson	8/28 MaryLynn & Robert Lentz Happy 60th! Patricia & James Denk
8/6 Katrena & William Collinsworth	8/29 Marion & Thomas McDonough
8/7 Brenda & Stewart Graf Mandy & Robert Gray	
8/8 Lisa & Keith Duerling	
8/12 Carmen & Norma DeMarino	

Congregational Care

Please remember these individuals in your prayers:

For health and healing: *Bonnie Spellman, Linda Watts, Claire Miller, Debbie Miller, Trudy Anderson, Phyllis Duerling, Michael Vogtman, John McLaughlin, Mary Ann Reek, Betty Glassband, Mary Sigmon, Gladys Downs, Joan Swank, Lou Gerber, Pat Becker*

For family and friends: *Bob McKay, Terry Billa, Bonnie Sparks, Steve Becker, Berdella Antonson, Vivian Brooks, Kyle Vega, Kathy Gaiski, Baby Dorothy Robinson, Marianne Heckwith, Randy Powell, Mary Lou Guerin, Dorothy Sell, Ray Nizer, Jennifer Merrick, Douglas Tilton, Raymond E. Miller, Sr., Robin & Sam Smith, John Beilat, Charles Stroup*



For the military and their families: *Warren Preston, Lt. Christopher H. Hall, Maria Burgos, Brian Hedges, Chaplain Chris Frigm ... and all those in harm's way.*

For those grieving—families and friends of Craig Sullivan, *Tom Simms, Edna Stratmeyer, Nathan A. Kale, Verna Swartzendruber, Alice Teel, Rev. Raymond Phyles*

For our homebound parishioners: *Richard & Alma Arnold, Murhl & Evelyn Bauer, Mil Baxter, Alice Belth, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, George Cooper, Mary Curnoles, Carmen & Norma DeMarino, Lucille Dembeck, Ruth Derrickson, Ellie Fry, Betty Glassband, Bernice Graf, Doris Hammaker, Paul Huber, Paul Insley, Stew Jung, Eddie Kempske, Mildred Kempske, Bunny Kucharski, John Lotterer, Evelyn McGuire, Jerry Mead, Margaret Middleton, Eurith Morris, Estelle Nelson, Patrick & Norma O'Connell, Edie Petr, Roland & Virginia Randall, Mary Ann Reek, Ruby Schaum, Elaine Schlicht, Bill & Midge Schaake, Mary Sigmon, Gerry Stipek, Cass Tracey, Helen Trainor, Elaine Turek, Emma Volz, Clara Westphal, Helen Wheeler, Phyllis Williams, John Winebrenner, Fran Wolinski*

How do I add someone to our congregation's prayer list? Write their name and information on the "Sunday Secretary" sheet in the narthex/lobby adjacent to the back doors of the Sanctuary **OR** email the church office at office@stjohnsparkville.org

Please note: Names on the "family and friends" and "those grieving" lists are removed after six weeks unless you update the pastor or the church office. You may always request that someone's name be added if special prayers are needed. Please be sure to get permission from your family/friends to add their names. Remember that not everyone is comfortable sharing prayer concerns publicly. Thank you!



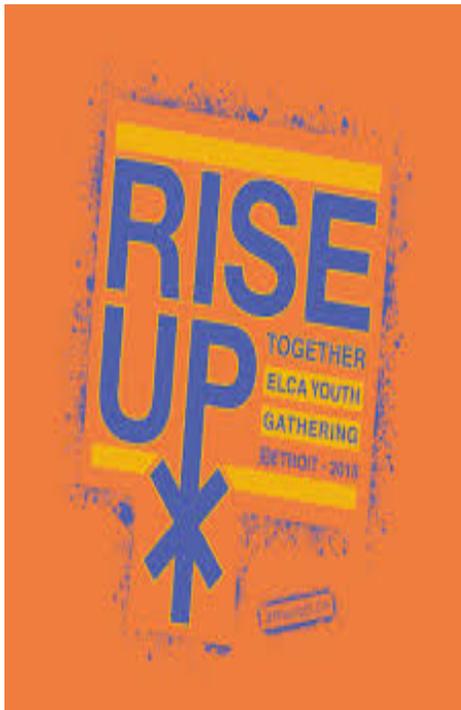
The Wednesday Lunch Bunch will meet at Carson's Creekside Restaurant at 1110 Beech Drive in Middle River, on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. For reservations and/or information, call Carolyn at 410-686-0063 or Helen at 410-665-2056.

Congregational Life



On Thursday, August 6 at 9 p.m. EST, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and William B. Horne, an ELCA member from Clearwater, Florida, will host a [live webcast conversation](#) on the complexity and implications of racism. All are encouraged to watch the webcast and participate in the conversation online using the hashtag #ELCAConfrontRacism. For information on how to follow a conversation on Twitter, you can visit our [social media website](#) and learn about hashtags and tools that can help you join in. If you would like to submit a question to be considered during the webcast, email it to [Living Lutheran](#) with your name and your congregation's name, city, and state.

St. John's Youth at ELCA Youth Gathering



This St. John's group went to the huge ELCA Youth Gathering called "Rise Up" in Detroit. Nearly 30,000 youth from all over the USA gathered to worship and serve in Detroit, Michigan. Our team was there from July 15 through the 19th. We'll hear some of their "stories" in worship on a Sunday soon.

Youth

Kyle Cappucci
Ryan Cummings
Zack Hills
Erin Hyman
Allie Meyers
Ethan Sommer
Kurtis Sommer

Adult Advisors

Tony Jasinski
Debbie Haacke
Chris Hills

Adult Volunteer

Shelby Haacke

MESSAGE FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY

St. John's supports Christus Victor's food pantry. With the rising cost of groceries, it is harder for people to put food on their tables.

Some items needed are canned meats, boxed meals, peanut butter & jelly, pasta & sauce, cereal, snack bars, canned fruit, and any kind of drinks. Please help if you are able.

Congregational Life

2015-2016 Calendar Build on August 30th

Council leaders and Pastor David will be working on building the St. John's Calendar for the program year 2015 - 2016 on August 30. If your group or committee has plans for the new year, please submit them to the church office by August 16th. Every Committee or ministry in the church needs to get its program or plans on the central church calendar.

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Cemetery Note

Two (2) graves in our own St. John's Cemetery have become available for sale. Please contact Cemetery Chairperson Betty Ehm at 410-668-4644 if interested.



Blessings, Betty Ehm

Sunday School Talent Show Appreciation

Thanks to all who was in the talent show and to our MC, Kurtis Sommer. We had some great talent: Abbott and Costello; Lego display; art lesson; ventriloquist; art display; playing recorder; singing Bible rap; gospel singing and Beautiful Savior.

We also had a nice display of art needlework.

If you attend the Maryland State Fair, don't forget to look out for our church member's entries. Thanks for all your great talent and God bless you. –Doris Rye



The Merrey family has coordinated the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program here at St John's for more years than we can remember. We have enjoyed every minute, but the time has come for us to step aside and give someone else a chance. This rewarding ministry opportunity has provided countless Christmas gifts and clothing to needy children in our area. Last year alone, St. John's program fulfilled the wishes of 90 children!

As coordinators for the program we act as the congregation's liaison to the Salvation Army, ordering the Angels each fall and arranging a pickup date for the gifts. We also keep a master record of our Angels, set up the tree in the Narthex in mid-November, hang the Angels, and check off and stow the gifts in the church parlor until the Salvation Army picks them up during the first week of December. This is an ideal project for someone who feels called to make a difference in the lives of others, yet lacks the time to commit to a year-round activity. We are happy to answer any questions and provide details on the simple system we developed and used. If St John's is going to continue to participate, we'll need someone to step forward **by early September** so we can provide the Salvation Army with the new contact person's information. If you are interested, please call Bob or Karen Merrey at 410-665-2572.

Congregational Life (continued)

RESCHEDULED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER



The 25th Annual St. John's Lutheran Church
Golf Tournament
Oakmont Green Golf Course
Hampstead, Maryland

New Date: Monday, October 5, 2015

Already registered and paid?

Let it ride and play in October

New Golfers: \$75 per golfer or
\$290 for the foursome

Register and pay for your foursome
by Sept. 21st

For more information call Mike McDonough at
(443)465-2062.



Congregational Life (continued)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



When?

Saturday, October 3rd

What?

Clothes (gently used, clean, and without holes) • Power tools (saws, drills, sanders, etc.) • Sporting equipment (golf clubs, workout equipment) • Bicycles in good shape & ready to use (skates or skateboards) • Electronics (stereos, computers) • Toys & Games (no broken parts or missing pieces) • Household items (refrigerators, irons, dishes, glassware, nick-nacks, etc.) • Furniture (chairs, beds, tables, lamps) • Books (especially children's books) • Gardening equipment (flower pots) • Jewelry (watches, rings) • Shoes or boots (new or excellent condition) • Appliances • Cameras or camera equipment • Miscellaneous items (wall hangings, quilts, bedding, clean linens, picture frames, clocks)

St. John's Rummage Sale donations are now being accepted as long with the exclusion of heavy furniture. During the summer months, the assisting volunteers will be able to assist with the pick-up of larger, heavier items. If anyone needs a pick-up or just wants to meet at church on Sunday for a drop off, please call Doug's cell at [410-790-1790](tel:410-790-1790) or his home phone at [410-661-1716](tel:410-661-1716).

Join us as we work together to sustain St. John's for the future and give back to our community!

August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 One Service Sunday 10:00 Worship 6:30 Balt Flute Choir SB	3 10:00 Bible Study SB 5:00 Impact DUI SB 7:15p AA FH	4 7-8:15a AA SB 7-8p Men in Mission YR 7:00 AA Group FH 8:00 ALANON ChEd	5 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 12:00 Young at Heart FH 6:30p Bible Study SB	6 7-8:15a AA SB 10-12 Bible Study SB 8-9p AA FH	7 6-9 pm Sewing Guild SB	8 SCRAPBOOKING 11a-8p FH
9 8:15 & 10 Worship 12:30 Lunch Bunch 6:30 Balt Flute Choir SB	10 10:00 Bible Study SB 5:00 Impact DUI SB 7:15p AA FH	11 7-8:15a AA SB 12:00 Ascension Cir SB 7-8p Men in Mission YR 7:00 AA Group FH 7:30 ALANON ChEd	12 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 6:30p Bible Study SB 7:00 Stewardship CE	13 7-8:15a AA SB 7:00p Exec/Calendar Build MR 8-9p AA FH	14	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
16 Healing Sunday 8:15 & 10 Worship 6:30 Balt Flute Choir SB	17 10:00 Bible Study SB 5:00 Impact DUI SB 7:15p AA FH	18 7-8:15a AA SB 12:00 Ascension Cir SB 7-8p Men in Mission YR 7:00 AA Group FH 7:30 ALANON ChEd	19 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 12:00 Wed Lunch Bunch 6:30p Bible Study SB	20 7-8:15a AA SB 10-12 Bible Study SB 7:00p Council SB 8-9p AA FH	21	22
23 8:15 & 10 Worship 6:30 Balt Flute Choir SB	24 10:00 Bible Study SB 5:00 Impact DUI SB 7:15p AA FH	25 7-8:15a AA SB 7-8p Men in Mission YR 7:00 AA Group FH 7:30 ALANON ChEd	26 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 6:30p Bible Study SB	27 7-8:15a AA SB 10-12 Bible Study SB 8-9p AA FH	28	29
30 8:15 & 10 Worship 6:30 Balt Flute Choir SB	31 10:00 Bible Study SB 5:00 Impact DUI SB 7:15p AA FH					

CE Christian Ed. Room
 CR Confirmation Room
 FH Fellowship Hall
 K Kitchen
 SB Smith Building
 TO Tech Office
 YR Youth Room

MR Music Room
 P Parlor
 PS Preschool Room
 S Sanctuary

Worship Leaders Schedules--August 2015

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	CRUCIFIER	ACOLYTE
August 2- One Service Sunday	10:00 A.M.	Jim Morrow	Jim Morrow Karen Merrey	Nate Grisez	Noah Jones
August 9	8:15 A.M.	Milt Dutcher	Milt Dutcher Charles Bender	Mara Wolfe	Andrea Nufea
	10:00A.M.	Amanda Portera	Amanda Portera Sharon Carletti	Kyle Cappucci	Hannah Houston
August 16	8:15 A.M.	Dave Ermer	Karen Ermer Jim Morrow	Allie Meyers	John Meyers
	10:00 A.M.	Bob Hastings	Bob Hastings Ed Ford	Corinne Brock	Jennifer Holland
August 23	8:15 A.M.	Bob Berner	Bob Berner Barb Berner	Brandon Crites	Abbie Coffman
	10:00 A.M.	Shirley Snyder	Shirley Snyder Rachel Hills	Matthew Miller	Joshua Hills
August 30	8:15 A.M.	Charles Bender	Charles Bender Sheila Bender	Ryan Cummings	Autumn Winterling
	11:00 A.M.	Donna Nicholson	Claire Miller Sharon Carletti	Katie Neal	Hayden Evans

Notes

Lectors and Communion Assistants: If you cannot serve on your designated date, contact Sheila Bender, Lector/Communion Assistant Coordinator, at 410-592-3084. The church office will send out your reading. If you have not received your reading by the Wednesday before you are scheduled, please call the church office at 410-665-1234 or send an email to the church office at office@stjohnsparkville.org. The schedule is posted monthly on the bulletin board in the Vestry where you robe.

*Communion Assistants who did not lector- It is requested that **you** commune the Pastor and the Assisting Minister at the conclusion of communion. Also, please fill the communion cups up at least 2/3 filled.

Acolytes: 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.

August Assisting Ministers

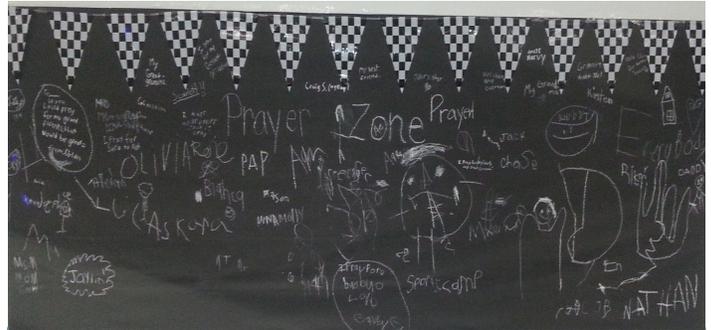
Donna McDonough is now the Coordinator for Assisting Ministers and will be forwarding "prayers of the church" to the assisting ministers on a regular basis. If you would like to join the team of assisting ministers, please contact Donna.

Thanks Be to God!!!

Vacation Bible School 2015

St. John's had another exciting week of Vacation Bible School July 6th-10th! We had over 100 children attend, and over 40 wonderful volunteers to make the week such a huge success. The theme was G-Force, God's Love in Action. The navigators learned to MOVE, ACT, CARE, FOLLOW, AND SHARE with God. They had fun experimenting in science, being creative in crafts, singing and dancing in music, experiencing the bible in storytelling, fueling up with a yummy treat during snack time, playing with their friends, and learning new games each day. We were able to collect many pet supplies throughout the week which were donated to a local animal shelter. We ended the week by singing songs, and having a wonderful picnic in Saint John's Park with all of our VBS families and volunteers. We really touched so many with God's word. Saint John's Rocks!!! Thanks to everyone who made this week possible!

Love, Coach Leah



Please submit all articles, information, and pictures for inclusion in St. John's *The Herald* for the next edition for the month of July by **June 15th** to newsletter@stjohnsparkville.org. Anything received after this date will be included in the following month's edition (August's edition).

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 through St. John's
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 clicks away!*

