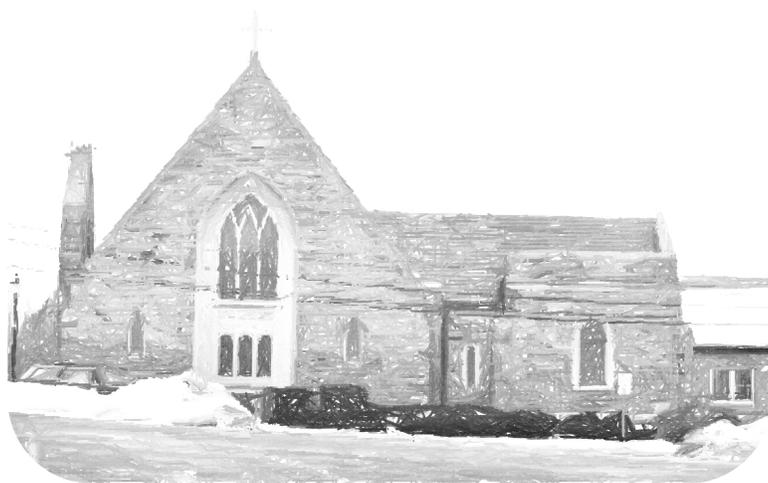


St. John's HERALD

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



FEBRUARY 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:

Faithful God, in Holy Baptism you have made us your own and called us to work for the fulfillment of your holy vision for the world. Look with favor upon this congregation of your people and send your Spirit into our lives to guide us on this Lenten journey. Inspire in us a renewed faithfulness in witness and service. Teach us to look towards each other for energy and strength as we build and nurture our community, both at St. John's and beyond. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

Interim Pastor:

Rev. David Asplin

Secretary:

Carol Erpenstein

Director of Music:

Martha Requard

Preschool Director/Teacher:

Lisa Horst

Preschool Teacher's Aide:

Niki Thoeicht

Sexton:

Scott Becker

Pastor Emeritus:

The Rev. Richard Manning

Transition Updates

Prayer Vigil for Call Committee

Calling of a New Pastor for St. John's

On Saturday, February 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., you are invited to pray with us in support of the Call Committee to call a new pastor for St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Parkville.

We will be praying for twelve hours altogether, but we are seeking volunteers who will come to the church for just one hour to focus on God and the Call Committee's work. Please select an hour period of time you can be present in the church sanctuary to join us in prayer.

If you have never participated in a vigil, or have questions, call Rosalie Coffman at 410-665-8950. There will be members of the Labyrinth Team available during the vigil to assist you.

In order to volunteer for this one-time ministry, fill out the form below and drop it in the blue prayer request box on the counter in the hallway outside the sanctuary (or email it to the church at office@stjohnsparkville.org). You may also sign up on the chart at the same location.

*Materials to help guide you in prayer will be available.

Call Committee Prayer Vigil Sign-Up

I am volunteering to participate in the prayer vigil on Saturday, Feb. 7 from

_____ to _____ .

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Transition Updates

At the January 15th Church Council meeting, the Council approved the Ministry Site Profile which had been developed by the Transition team with input from members of the congregation. Our profile has been approved by Bishop Herz-Lane and it has now been sent to the ELCA (the headquarters of the Lutheran Church in America). It will be placed on their website for Pastors who are interested in making a ministerial change to view. Interested Pastors will then be in touch with the Bishop of the Maryland Synod who will review their credentials to determine if they would be a "good fit" for St. John's. The Call Committee will be given four or five names to interview. If none of those persons seem to be suitable, then the committee would receive additional names.

The Call Committee met with Assistant to the Bishop Ed Kay on Monday, January 19th to be trained in the process of interviewing and the procedures to follow in calling a Pastor. At this point in the process, members of the committee are busy formulating questions to use during the interviews. Pastor Kay expects to have names of Pastors for us to interview by the end of February. Once we receive the names everything that the committee does will then be held in strictest confidence until we are ready to present a candidate to the Church Council. If the Council approves the candidate, then the congregation will be informed and a meeting will be scheduled for the congregation to meet the candidate. The Pastor will preach a trial sermon, followed by a congregational meeting to vote on calling the person to St. John's. If anyone has any questions concerning the call process, please feel free to speak with any member of the Call Committee.

It is very important that the congregation continue to pray for the Call Committee as we do our work and also for the Pastor who will be called to St. John's. We appreciate your prayerful support.

Shirley Snyder, Chairman
 Jennifer Brock Shelby Haacke
 Jim Morrow Kurtis Sommer
 John Stevens Kathleen Wiles

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
February 2015	Call Committee begins interviews	PRAY	PRAY
April 2015	Call Committee finishes interviews; recommends candidate to Council	PRAY	PRAY
May 2015	Council meets to call a congregational meeting and approve the compensation package	PRAY	PRAY
June 2015	PRAY	Meet and greet with primary pastoral candidate; call vote	Representation at the call vote
July/August 2015	New Pastor begins		

Worship and Music

Should Worship Be Entertaining? *By Pastor David Asplin*

Recently as I lead worship at a funeral here I watched as a majority of people stood and observed as the rest of us sang a hymn. Believe it or not "hymns" are a foreign experience for many of our neighbors, even many of our relatives. One of our younger teenagers a few weeks ago said, "Worship is not entertaining." You may respond "who said it was supposed to be?" However to engage an audience, to hold the attention of others is the goal of worship and proclamation of the Gospel. One of my colleagues used to say it is a sin to bore people with the Gospel. I hope and pray that I don't do that.

However, one of the things we are learning as we move from what was formerly a church culture to one where people have lots of other options, is that the more formal liturgical and traditional worship forms used by so many of us for decades (really centuries) do not hold the attention of a great many of those around us.

It may be in the future for St. John's that some sort of worship event very different from the traditional Lutheran liturgical one will need to be created. Yet I am reminded that what was 'Contemporary' even 15 years ago is not now. So this new thing could involve great expense, much research, the purchase of new musical instruments (drums?), even the hiring of additional staff. Most of all it will be a big change for St. John's. As you reclaim Jesus' mission to reach out, to invite, to welcome, to "Make Disciples", some change may be very necessary. For now my intent now is to plant a seed. The Call Committee has been appointed and they have begun their work. Please keep them and this process in your prayers.

Wondering 'weather' or not there's church?

In case of bad weather or poor road conditions, the postponement of St. John's Sunday services or other congregational activities will be available on the church voicemail, (410) 665-1234, and also on our website, www.stjohnsparkville.org.

God Bless and Be Safe!

Ushers for February

8:15 a.m.

Lisa and Keith Duerling

11:00 a.m.

Sue Addison

Judy and Tony Jasinski

Laurie Krieger

Bonnie Spellman

February Donut Schedule

2/1, 2/8

Terry Little

Candi & Chad Votta

Linda & Randi Burkhardt

Sue Addison



ST. JOHN'S LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday

Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
February 18th Services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Wednesdays during Lent: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25
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: Choir practice will begin following the prayer service.
Adult Choir practice held at 7:30 pm)*

Worship and Music (continued)

A MESSAGE FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

Would you like to serve God and the congregation of St. John's?

The Altar Guild is in need of volunteers to prepare the altar for communion and sometimes baptisms on Saturdays for the 8:15 a.m. service and to set-up for the 11:00 a.m. service (which is done between the two services).

On Saturdays, usually two members do the set-up around 10:00 a.m. and it only takes about 30 minutes. If you attend the 8:15 a.m. service, the set-up for 11:00 can be completed in about 15 minutes.

We have a regular meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Smith Building to make a schedule for volunteers and to discuss any new business. These meetings usually last for 30 minutes.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Karen Watts at 410-676-7547.



Baptismal Anniversaries— February

- 2/2** Noah Gamber
Ruth Skarda
- 2/10** Jacob Ermer
Allison Smith
- 2/17** Austin Flagle
- 2/18** Jerome Mead
Linda Watts
- 2/19** Katherine Schwartz-Mitchell
- 2/20** Michael Rash
- 2/23** Joshua Hills
- 2/24** Gabrielle Gray
- 2/25** Ethan Sommer

February Date Unknown:

- Mandy Gray
- Robert Gray
- Jessica Merrey
- Bonnie Spellman
- Beverly Weger
- Linda Wiley



Newcomers' Orientation

Feb. 15 or 22, 9:30AM

St. John's Parlor, 3rd Floor Front Lobby

Are you new to St. John's? Have you been visiting worship here and wonder what you must do in order to become more involved? Do you have questions about your faith life, or St. John's? Are you interested in becoming a member of St. John's?

If any of these questions apply, please come to a "Newcomers' Orientation" on either Sunday, February 15th or Feb 22nd in the Parlor (on the 3rd floor just off the main front lobby) at 9:30AM. Pastor David and other St. John's leaders look forward to meeting you and talking about our shared life of faith here at St. John's.

These are two identical sessions; just choose the one the best fits your schedule. Please call Pastor David at 410-665-1234 if you have questions about this process.

Spring and Easter are right around the corner.



The Altar Guild will begin taking orders for Easter lilies, mums and tulips at a cost of \$10.00 per plant starting the middle of February.



Please see the Easter Flower order form

EASTER PLANTS

Lilies, Tulips, or Mums: \$10.00 per plant.

All orders must be put into an envelope marked *ALTAR GUILD* and placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Checks should be made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED

BY SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

Plants on loan may be picked up at the end of the last service on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015.

If not claimed by that time, they will be considered donated. *Please remember to pick up only the flowers that you have ordered.*

I wish to lend _____ Lily _____ Tulip _____ Mum

(Please indicate number of plants.)

I wish to donate _____ Lily _____ Tulip _____ Mum

(Please indicate number of plants.)

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

To the Glory of God _____

Name of donor _____

Telephone number _____

Amount enclosed _____

Congregation Council News

The church Council met on Thursday, December 18th, to discuss congregational needs and ministry team reports. The meeting began with prayer and the approval of the November 2014 Council Meeting minutes as well as the 2014 Fall Congregational Meeting minutes.

Pastor David Asplin was present and led the Council in the evening's 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 Committee**.

Unfinished Business:

1. The Transition team held their final meeting on December 4th. All the information received from members of the congregation, plus the demographic information has been compiled and is being incorporated into the Ministry Site Profile. Hopefully, the Profile will be ready for the Church Council to approve at the January Council meeting.
2. The President announced that the members of the Call Committee have been selected. The members of the committee will be trained for their work by Pastor Ed Kay, Assistant to the Bishop. It was motioned from the Executive Council that the following congregational members be appointed to the Call Committee: Shirley Snyder (chair), Jennifer Brock, Shelby Haacke, Jim Morrow, Kurtis Sommer, John Stevens, and Kathleen Wiles. This motion was approved with Pastor Asplin leading Council in prayer for the committee and their work.

New Business:

1. The 2015 Church Council will be installed at both services on Sunday January 18th.
2. The Technology Team brought forth the motion that the Technology Team be permitted to spend up to \$600 for a new computer for the church secretary. This motion was approved by Council.
3. The Council is asked to bring ideas for a revised church snow policy to the January Council meeting. These will be given to the Personnel Committee for their review. .
4. The President thanked the members going off Council, Keith Duerling and Shirley Snyder, for their service to the Church Council and to St. John's.

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!

Congregation Council News

2015 Congregational Council Members

Tony Jasinski, President
 Lee Smith, Vice President
 Chris Hills, Treasurer
 Cindy Weeks, Financial Secretary
 Sue Addison
 Charlie Bender



David R. Evans
 Lee Kreiger
 Donna McDonough
 Scott Miller
 Bonnie Spellman
 Kathleen Wiles

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

As we begin 2015, I just wanted to update you on the members of the Church Council. As we say good-bye to Keith Duerling and Shirley Snyder, we thank them for their service and pray that God blesses them and their families.

We welcome two new faces to Council, Donna McDonough and Kathleen Wiles, along with re-elected members Lee Smith and Bonnie Spellman. At the January Council meeting, the following members were elected as officers to the Council. They are:

President—Tony Jasinski
 Vice President—Lee Smith
 Secretary—Scott Miller

Please keep the Council in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
 Tony Jasinski, Council President

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY CHAIRS!!!

TO ALL MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS!!

**IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN TO ASK YOU
 TO PLEASE GET YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS
 TOGETHER AND GET SUBMIT THEM TO
 COUNCIL PRESIDENT TONY JASINSKI BY
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH. THANKS!**

TONY JASINSKI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Congregational Care



January 12, 2015

St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville
8808 Harford Rd.
Parkville, MD 21234

Dear St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville,

**Community
Assistance
Network**

7900
E. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland
21224

Telephone
(410) 285-4674

Fax
(410) 285-6707

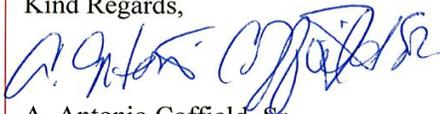
Maryland Relay
Service
(800) 735-2258

www.canconnects.org

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Community Assistance Network, thank you for your generous donation of \$1000.00 received by CAN on December 31, 2014. We greatly value your support of CAN's work on behalf of low-income Baltimore County residents.

It is because of caring and generous donors that enable CAN to expand its programs and services for those in need. Please accept our gratitude for being there to help. Many lives will be touched because of your generosity.

Kind Regards,



A. Antonio Coffield, Sr.
Executive Director

"Helping People. Changing Lives."

Gifts to the Community Assistance Network (CAN) are tax deductible within the limits of the current Federal and State laws. No goods or services have been provided by CAN in exchange for your gift. CAN is a private, nonprofit 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization. A copy of our current financial statement is available on request by contacting CAN at (410) 285-4674. Documents and information submitted to the State of Maryland, Office of the Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401 are available for the cost of copying postage.

Congregational Care

February Congregational Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries



Birthdays:

- 2/1 Cynthia Weeks
- 2/2 Corinne Brock
Brooke Dougherty
Beth Gray
Sophia Shull
- 2/3 Marissa Evans
John McLaughlin
Joshua Seidel
- 2/4 Christopher Franz
Henry Graf
- 2/5 Shirley Kreh
John Sperl, Jr.
- 2/6 Scott Addison
- 2/7 Cathy Crites
Gatha Dembeck
Leroy Hohne

- 2/9 Anthony Jasinski, Jr.
- 2/10 Lynda Gehrig
Maija Kamp
- 2/11 Michael Wisniewski
- 2/13 Emma Nicholson
Patrick O'Connell
- 2/15 Bob Murphy
Katie Neal
Chad Votta, Sr.
Autumn Winterling
- 2/16 Jeffrey Ring
Kerri Smith
- 2/17 Raquel Baker
Catherine Carroll
- 2/20 Michael Rash
Brooke Retkowski
- 2/21 Mildred Kempske
Emily Lipka
Margaret Marshall
Judy Neal
Natalie Wager
- 2/24 Steven Dawson
- 2/25 Ryan Cummings
Nancy Gross
Archie Saby
- 2/26 Patrick Merrey
Carolyn Robey

- 2/27 Mary Hohne
Michele Kellner
- 2/28 Richard Baker
Nicole Johnson
William Ortloff, Jr.
Brynn Snyder-Mitchell



Wedding Anniversaries:

- 2/14 Sandra Scott
- 2/22 Jennifer & Gary Lentz
Ruth & John Meyers, Jr.
Anne & Robert Suznick
- 2/24 Joyce & Dale Pickett, Sr.

Did we miss your celebration?

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



The Wednesday Lunch Bunch will meet at Bill Bateman's Bistro, 8810 Waltham Woods Rd., Parkville, MD on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.* (weather providing). For information or reservations, call Carolyn at 410-686-0063.

**Please note time change to 11:30 a.m.*



Congregational Care



Please remember these individuals in your prayers:

For health and healing: *Paul Huber, Alice Teel, Emma Ermer, Mary Sigmon, Vickie Jasinski, Casey McDonough, Carmen DeMarino, Gladys Downs, Lee Krieger, Joan Swank, Tom McDonough, Anne Blackburn Suznick, Lou Gerber, Clara Westphal, Carolyn Robey, Pat Becker, Mill Baxter*

For family and friends: *Johnny Mearkle, Jim & Laura Christensen, John Kucharski, Jr., Chris Rogers, Trisha Ryder, Janet Brown, Norma Weber, Fred Turkin, Ernest Schuman, Colleen Perzan, Sam Smith, Julianna Markel, Stephen Schaefer, Ann Christensen, Richard Chenoweth, Danielle Woolery & Fam., David Kaplan, Rebecca Hoffman, Joe Janovec, 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 *Georgia Franz, Charles Stairs, Dick Weger*

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, Mabel Gehring, Betty Glassband, Henry & Bernice Graf, Paul Huber, Paul Insley, Stew Jung, Eddie Kempske, Mildred Kempske, Bunny Kucharski, John Lotterer, Evelyn McGuire, Jerry Mead, Margaret Middleton, Eurith Morris, Edie Petr, Roland & Virginia Randall, Nancy Ritz, Carolyn Robey, Ruby Schaum, Elaine Schlicht, Bill & Midge Schaake, Mary Sigmon, Dot Stairs, Gerry Stipek, Edna Stratmeyer, 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!

Christian Education

Sunday School News

During February, Sunday School children in the nursery class through 5th grade will be learning about Jesus and the little children, Jesus heals a man who is paralyzed, Jesus heals Jairus's daughter, Jesus calms a storm and the transfiguration. Make sure you ask them to tell you about these Bible events.



Congregational Life



A sincere thank you goes out to our friends and family at St. John's who stood with us during our long journey. The outpouring of love and support has been overwhelming. We are truly blessed.

Beverly Weger and Family

Thanks for "Brunch on Us"—

Dear Rev. Asplin and the members of St. John's, Words cannot express my heartfelt thanks for your generous donation. Keeping the brunch going month after month would not be possible without the help of St. John's. I have not met a more willing and generous congregation to share their time and love to so many needy people. It's by working together as the Body of Christ that we can make more of a difference in the Parkville community. May God's peace and blessing be upon all of you.

*Kris Whiteley, Chair of Outreach
Hiss United Methodist Church*

Thanks for Mission Support:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your pledge of \$33,600 in mission support to our Synod. Your generosity makes possible all the ministries we do together—locally in our Synod and around the world.

**Peace, Pr. Kati Kluckman, Director for Evangelical Mission
Delaware-Maryland Synod**

On behalf of Victor's Vittles Food Pantry, I want to thank you for the check for \$290.00 you donated. We will use it to buy meats and dairy products, not usually donated. We greatly appreciate your support for this community outreach program. Thank you again and may God bless all of you.

*Yours in Christ,
Marie Greb, Coordinator*

I cannot express my gratitude enough for the enormous job the Men in Mission with the help of some "cemetery pals" did in our cemetery this year. Our St. John's cemetery has never looked so good. Thanks again and see you all at our February breakfast.

*Blessings and Good Health in 2015,
The Cemetery "Chair", Betty Ehm*

Thanks from Stairs Family

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and hugs we received following the death of our husband, father and friend Charles Edward Stairs. Our family is celebrating his life and love with a private family memorial service. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Oak Crest Benevolent Fund in his memory is appreciated.

Very truly yours, Dorothy Stairs

Congregational Life

In January, the Men-in-Mission breakfast was held in the Fellowship Hall and was hosted by Chef Tony Maxwell who made his fabulous pancakes for us. Thanks Tony!



On January 17th, we helped with the "Brunch on Us" at Hiss Methodist Church which provides free meals to the Community.

We also continue to provide as much service as we can to St. Johns including the following:

- Transport new and used clothing to the Baltimore Rescue Mission
- Provide transportation to Church or for other needs for Church Members
- Help Larry Addison with Church maintenance projects

If you have any questions about what Men-in-Mission does or could help you with, please talk to Jim Morrow or Dave Ermer.

At our meetings on Tuesdays at 7:00 in February, we will be studying the Book of Proverbs and also periodically discuss topics such as current events or other areas of interest to the group. There is room for more at our meetings!

We have also been invited to breakfast by the ladies of the St. John's Cemetery Committee on Valentine's Day, February 14th at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking forward to that!

May peace be with you! Keith Duerling



Keith Derrickson In Concert

A solo piano concert will be performed by Keith Derrickson on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 1:15 pm at Arnolia United Methodist Church, 1776 East Joppa Road, 21234. A free-will offering will be taken, and proceeds will go to retire the church roof debt fund. A reception will follow the concert. St. John's folks are invited!

Scrapbooking at St. John's—February 21st

Everyone is invited to a Scrapbooking day at St. John's on Saturday, February 21st from 11-7:30. If you are an experienced scrapper or brand new, please come! The cost is \$15 as a contribution to the church. We will have a pot lunch and dinner with soda, water, coffee and tea provided. We will have a free table, a sale table and door prizes of page layouts.

Please reply to Nancy Fox at nanawithsix@hushmail.com.

We hope to see many of you there!



Congregational Life (continued)

SK8 ON THE 8TH

Join St. John's Family Ministry on February 8th for roller skating fun from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Skateland on Belair Road. \$5 per person

We look forward to seeing you there!



March FIRST and BE CONNECTED!

St. John's Family Ministry will start meeting during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.) in the Smith Building beginning March 1st.

We will be leading discussions on topics related to faith, children, and the family's impact on spiritual growth.

Any questions? Feel free to reach out to Michelle Evans (michelle.evans14@yahoo.com) or Leah Miller (leahslrhg@gmail.com).

Hope to see you there!

The Clare and Robert Moore Scholarship Fund awards a yearly \$1,000 scholarship to an incoming first-year student or to a current Notre Dame of Maryland University student who is interested in or currently majoring in English. The scholarship can be applied to tuition, room and board, books, or educational fees.

The tri-fold Scholarship brochure (attached) provides additional detail. An online application and full details may be referenced on the scholarship

website: <http://crmoorescholarship.org>.

Applications are due April 15, 2015. Send questions to the Scholarship Committee via email at appinfo@crmoorescholarship.org.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2014 UPDATE:



Great big hearty THANK YOU's go to everyone who helped to make our St. John's Christmas Bazaar such a big success this year. Many hours of work and time were put in by volunteers, cooks, crafters, vendors, and patrons under the very able

leadership of Judy Jasinski to make it possible to bring in about \$5,500 to support the programs, projects, and activities of the church. The lucky winner of this year's beautiful, hand-made Ravens quilt was Mr. Dave Kocan, a member of St. John's. A special thank you to the quilt committee who did an outstanding job!

If you are looking for a worthwhile and fun way to be involved in a church activity, please consider being on the Christmas Bazaar Committee. We are asking YOU now (so please don't say that no one asked you!). There are usually about three or four short meetings a year between May and November. No job is too hard and there is plenty of support.

Once again, thanks to all!

The St. John's Christmas Bazaar Committee

Congregational Life (continued)



SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS

We are again offering a program that is meaningful to you, beneficial to one other person, and one that will increase the spirituality of the congregation.

Saint John's is continuing the **Secret Prayer Partners** relationship program for our 21st Year. We invite all adult members of our congregation to participate by filling out a Secret Prayer Partnership form and returning it to the specially marked box by Sunday February 15th, or to the church office no later than Friday February 20th.

Flyers (forms) will be available beginning Sunday January 25th in the bulletin and on the desk in the 3rd floor hallway. We will enjoy a fellowship luncheon in our church hall at noon on Sunday February 22nd to receive our new 2015-2016 partner's name and concerns, as well as to discover the "**Secret Partner**" who prayed for us over the last year. In order to properly plan for this event, all reservations for lunch must be noted on that form and returned by February 20th.

"Why do this?" Because God calls us to love one another and to care & support each other. Naturally you may pray for more than one person, but one will be your secret partner. We grow in faith and draw closer to God by praying. It is a generally accepted truth that prayer makes a difference in the life of the person praying, as well as the person being prayed for.

Bonnie Spellman, Program Coordinator

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Over the past 12 years, I have been the Program Coordinator for Saint John's Secret Prayer Partner Ministry. I have enjoyed organizing the Once Yearly Gathering but am looking for a Successor to begin with the 2016-2017 year. I will again take care of this year's duties (2015-2016), so your undertaking would not begin until January 2016.

The Main Objective is to pair individuals to others with their prayer concerns. Another responsibility is to arrange for our annual luncheon in our Fellowship Hall. The task is rewarding and requires limited commitment and I promise to guide you through the process. Please contact me about your interest or talk to me on a Sunday morning.

I am thanking you in advance for your consideration, Bonnie M Spellman (410) 661-5351



Congregational Life (continued)



Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 1, 2015

Sponsored by St. John's Youth Ministry

MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

*"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."*

Since that day, more than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money, and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

★ Please help us share God's love with those in need . . .

Bring a can of food to church on February 1st to help stock our local food pantries at Victor's Vittles and St. Peter's.

★ We will also be collecting a free will offering after both services on Super Bowl Sunday for donation to Victor's Vittles and St. Peter's food pantries and ELCA World Hunger.

Soup pots will be placed outside the Sanctuary for donations.

VOTE FOR YOUR TEAM & FEED THE HUNGRY!!

Thank you for your generosity and support,

St. John's Youth Ministry



Congregational Life (continued)



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

St. John's Fellowship Hall

Hope you can come!

Sponsored by the Youth Group



On January 9-11, 12 of our confirmands along with 3 Junior Guides from the High School Youth and 5 adult leaders traveled to the Hunt Valley Inn for a weekend of worship and interaction with other churches. Over 500 were in attendance to hear the theme "REDEFINE".

This theme was to help teach them that the good works that God calls us to do and equips us for aren't for us, but God seeks for us to be His hands and feet, carrying out God's love into the lives of those around us.

The Bible verse for this event was 1 Timothy 4:12 which just happens to be the Bible verse for confirmation.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers, in speech, in life, in love, in faith, in purity."

Thank you to the adult leaders and the Junior Guides. May God bless you all!

Tony Jasinski

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 8:15 & 11 Worship 9:30 SS/AF/YF 9:45 Handbells MR</p>	<p>2 10:00 Bible Study SB</p>	<p>3 7p Men in Mission YR</p>	<p>4 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 12:00 Young at Heart FH 6-9:00 pm Choirs MR 6:30p Bible Study SB</p>	<p>5 10-12 Bible Study SB</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 10-3:30 Confirmation FH, YR, MR 8a-8p Prayer Vigil S</p>
<p>8 8:15 & 11 Worship 9:30 SS/AF/YF 9:45 Handbells MR 12:30 Lunch Bunch 1-4 Family Ministry at Skateland on Belair Rd</p>	<p>9 10:00 Bible Study SB</p>	<p>10 7p Men in Mission YR 7:00p Trinity Circle SB</p>	<p>11 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 6-9:00 pm Choirs MR 6:30p Bible Study SB 7:00 Stewardship CE</p>	<p>12 7:00 Exec MR</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8-11am Men in Mission Breakfast (FH)</p>
<p>15 Healing Sunday 8:15 & 11 Worship 9:30 SS/AF/YF 9:45 Handbells MR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>16 Presidents' Day <i>(office</i> <i>/preschool</i> <i>closed)</i></p>	<p>17 12 Ascension Circle SB 6:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner FH 7p Men in Mission YR 7:00 Altar Guild SB</p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 6:30p Bible Study SB Noon Ash Wed Service 7:00p Ash Wed Service</p>	<p>19 10-12 Bible Study SB 7:00 Council SB</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 10a-8p Scapbooking FH</p>
<p>22 8:15 & 11 Worship 9:30 SS/AF/YF 9:45 Handbells MR 12-3p Prayer Partner Luncheon FH St Ursula Spaghetti Dinner</p>	<p>23 10:00 Bible Study SB 5</p>	<p>24 7p Men in Mission YR</p>	<p>25 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 12 Wed Lunch Bunch 6p Lenten Dinner FH 6-9:00 pm Choirs MR 6:30p Bible Study SB</p>	<p>26 10-12 Bible Study SB</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

CE	Christian Ed. Room	MR	Music Room
CR	Confirmation Room	P	Parlor
FH	Fellowship Hall	PS	Preschool Room
K	Kitchen	S	Sanctuary
SB	Smith Building		
TO	Tech Office		
YR	Youth Room		

Worship Leaders Schedules--February 2015

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	CRUCIFIER	ACOLYTE
February 1	8:15 A.M.	Milt Dutcher	Milt Dutcher Wilma White	Autumn Winterling	Andrea Nufea
	11:00 A.M.	Ed Ford	Ed Ford Nancy Ford	Nate Grisez	Joshua Hills Matt Scheindlinger
February 8	8:15 A.M.	Dave Ermer	Karen Ermer Charles Bender	Carly Coffman	Abbie Coffman
	11:00A.M.	Rachel Hills	Rachel Hills Claire Miller	Corinne Brock	Hayden Evans Ethan Sommer
February 15	8:15 A.M.	JoAnn Weiland	JoAnn Weiland Karen Merrey	Mara Wolfe	Kyle Cappucci
	11:00A.M.	Shirley Snyder	Shirley Snyder Judy Jasinski	Ryan Cummings	Noah Jones Jennifer Holland
February 18-- Ash Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Matthew Miller
February 22	8:15 A.M.	Jean Gray	Jean Gray Jim Morrow	John Meyers	Allie Meyers
	11:00 A.M.	Donna Nicholson	Sharon Carletti Tony Jasinski	Hannah Houston	Katie Neal

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.

Assisting Ministers Schedule

Early Service (8:15)	Month	Late Service (11:00)
Lee Smith	February	Bob Hastings
Jim Morrow	March	Tony Jasinski

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!!!

I was listening to the radio on the drive into work one day and happened upon a discussion between the radio personalities. They were discussing being tired—not simply the fact that one is tired, but a more in depth conversation about what *kind* of tired you can be.

Callers flooded the radio station's telephone lines, dialing in to express the different kind of tired: emotionally-drained, relationally-exhausted, just-finished-cleaning-the-house, and, my favorite, soccer-mom-of-four-children tired. It became very clear that many people experience some sort of tired on a daily basis.

We each wear many hats, have many tasks to accomplish, and that one more thing to finish within the 24 hours of the day we have been given. In this tired state, we must not forget that our St. John's family and God is and always will be there. We must as that "God, renew my energy when I am tired" (Psalm 103:5). Our burdens will be lighter, and we can find that peace knowing that with each others' help and God's love that our whatever type of tired will to pass. Closing eyes for prayer, The Herald



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Anything received after this date will be included in the following month's edition (April's edition). Suggestions and ideas for future editions are welcome!

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

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