

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!*



Prayer for June

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:

God of Sabbath, thank you for the summertime. Let the warmth of your summer sun rest upon our spirits and renew us. Give us time to relax, to reflect on those gifts you have given to us. As we rest in you, prepare our bodies, minds and spirits for the ministry you have given us, and draw us closer to you as we learn to be still and know you with our whole being. Amen.

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Seek and You Shall Find

by The Rev. Ryan W. Roberts

Let me start with a brief introduction. I was born in Baltimore in 1979 and raised in Reisterstown and Owings Mills. I graduated from Franklin High School, studied computer science and French language and culture at the University of Maryland, College Park, and spent the next four years job hopping around Howard and Prince George's counties. Following a brief stint on Verizon's web development team, I served as an assistant manager at Blockbuster Video, a temp at several office jobs (including a week at Bacardi!), and an aspiring small business owner, but most of that time was spent as a school bus driver. After a last minute decision to attend seminary instead of enlisting in the Navy, I headed out west in 2005 to attend Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California. I met my wife, Bre, at seminary, and we were married in August 2008 at her home congregation in Tucson, Arizona. We have two children*: a daughter, R., born during Bre's final year in seminary, and a son, C., who is now seven months old. Bre became a pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Baltimore's Inner Harbor in 2010 while I served as a stay-at-home dad, and I was ordained in 2011 when I was called to serve St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Arbutus. After two and a half years of service there (just one block from our new home), I answered God's call to become the interim pastor here at St. John's, and I am excited for all the opportunities this time will provide to this congregation and to me.

While I have not served in an interim capacity before, I do have a mentoring relationship with a local pastor who has served as an interim thrice before. My understanding of this role is primarily to serve you as your pastor: a minister of Word and sacrament, a pastoral presence in your times of celebration and sorrow, an administrator of the church's day-to-day activities, and a resource for and curator of theological information in your own spiritual formation. My first month is being spent getting to know the members of our congregation council, those whom you have chosen to speak on your behalf and make decisions for this community. Over the summer, I hope to join the Eucharistic ministers during their visits to our mobility-challenged members whom we do not get to see on Sunday mornings. I am trying not to plan much beyond that since I am only two weeks into this ministry as I write, but I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us when autumn falls (double entendre totally intended!).

I will be asking lots of questions during my time here at St. John's, and the benefits will be threefold. As your pastor, I need to know who you are and how things go here because every congregation has its own version of "normal". You'll get to think about answers that you might not have considered since Pastors Danny and Maria were finding their feet, and that will help you to support your newly called pastor when he or she starts next summer. Perhaps most importantly, I will not accept "because we've always done it that way" as an answer, so our questions and answers will help us to decide if the current way is the best way. If, after true discernment, we decide that a current practice really is best for St. John's, then there's no reason to change, but we might also decide that trying something new is worth some apprehension. The Holy Spirit is an agent of renewal, but there cannot be new if we don't grow out of the old.

I look forward to working with you; I am here neither to hand down arbitrary changes nor to be a mere pastoral placeholder. I want to collaborate with you. Hearsay will not stand, nor will silence. I want to hear directly from you, and I need you to be both loving and frank. As I said in my first sermon here, "Scripture says, 'Seek and you shall find'. If you are looking for a reason to be grumpy, you'll find many. But if you want to find signs of life, love, and God's activity in the world and here at St. John's, that spiritual practice will bear fruit." I want to help prepare St. John's to call the pastor whom the Holy Spirit is leading to you, and I want to leave a pastoral office chock full of tools (both physical and metaphorical) for that pastor to get a great start here at St. John's. Where will God lead us next?

*Names not listed for safety's sake since the article is posted online, but feel free to ask me in person!

Transition Process for St. John's Community Members

Month, Year	St. John's Leadership	People of St. John's	DE-MD Synod Bishop's Office
June 2014	Visioning process begins with prayer and Bible study	PRAY	PRAY
August/September 2014	PRAY	Attend public gathering to discuss the visioning process	PRAY
December 2014	Ministry Site Profile is completed; approved by Council for submission	PRAY	Meets with Call Committee to train on interview process
January 2015	Call Committee prepares for interview process	PRAY	PRAY
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		

A tentative timeline for the process is provided above. 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

Worship and Music



Summer Schedule starts June 15th with services at 8:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. with no Sunday School hour in between services.

Inclement Weather Information

Wondering "weather" or not there's church?

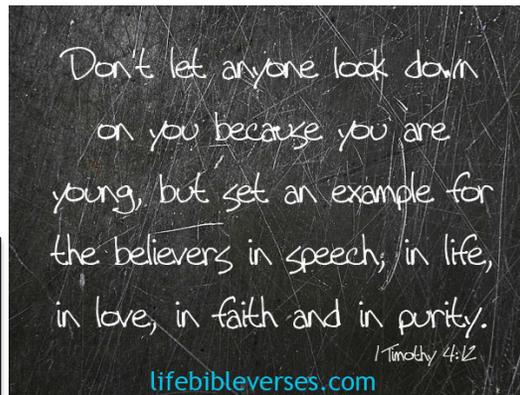
In case of bad weather or poor road conditions, the postponement of St. John's Sunday services or other church activities will be available on the church's voicemail at 410-665-1234 as well as on the church's website at www.stjohnsparkville.org



God bless and be safe!



Our amazing youth leading the congregation during the One Service Sunday on May 4th.



Baptismal Anniversaries-June

- 6/3** Madelyn Wager
Savannah Pohlman
- 6/6** Doris Rye
- 6/8** Mildred Baxter
Patricia Sollanek
Hayden Evans
Gabrielle Tindall
- 6/9** Axel Gibbons
- 6/10** Kaitlyn Wisniewski
- 6/14** Milton Dutcher
Brooke Retkowski

- 6/17** Jennifer Holland
Ryan Cummings
Jackson Wood
- 6/18** Shirley Snyder
- 6/21** Kevin Wisniewski
- 6/22** Hannah Houston
- 6/23** Daniel Gerber
Connor Magness
- 6/24** Kimberly Lott
- 6/26** Maija Kamp
- 6/27** Jennifer Schwartz-Mitchell
Abigail Sova



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). Suggestions and ideas for future editions are welcome!

Congregation Council News



Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, May 4, 2014 and was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by Council President, Tony Jasinski, who offered prayer to begin the meeting.

The President introduced members of the Church Council and thanked them for their work on Council. The Council nominated Chris Hills as Treasurer for a three-year term. There were no additional nominations from the floor and the motion that Chris Hills be elected to a three-year term as Treasurer was approved.

The president announced that the Rev. Ryan Roberts would begin his ministry as our interim Pastor on Monday, May 5th.

There was a question from the floor concerning our parsonage. Mr. Jasinski stated that our current rental situation is sufficient until a new pastor is called. Repairs are taking place as needed and the problems with nighttime lighting have been addressed.

Another question was asked as to how long it will take to call a new Pastor. Mr. Jasinski outlined the procedures as set out by the Delaware/Maryland Synod. The first thing that will occur is that a survey of the congregation will be made by the transition team to determine the needs and wishes of the congregation for both the future direction of the congregation and a new Pastor. When the profile is completed, it will be sent to the Bishop and he will then begin the process of finding a clergy person to match our profile. It is impossible to know exactly how long it will take to call a new Pastor. The Transition Team will be appointed in the near future by the Church Council.

Several ministry team leaders spoke about their particular ministries:

1. Bonnie Spellman, Worship and Ministry chair, spoke about the team's efforts to plan worship services that the congregation have been accustomed to with a few changes.
2. Council President introduced Larry Addison who is serving as the new Property Committee Chairman. His largest project to date is the painting of the three church offices. Larry has also put together a list of things that need to be done around the church. He has a special need for people who have specialized skills such as plumbers, electricians, stone masons, etc.

Congregation Council News (Continued)

3. Jim Morrow, a member of Men in Mission, invited the men in the congregation to join them on Tuesday evenings for a Bible study. Dave Ermer has been leading the study in the absence of a Pastor. One Saturday morning a month they meet for breakfast. The group is 9 years old and does much to help needy persons. They collect clothing for homeless shelters for both men and woman. They provide transportation for church members who would like to come to church or who need a ride to doctor's appointments. A "job jar" is maintained for small jobs that are needed to be done around the church property. For many years they have supported a child in the Philippines.
4. Sue Addison, chairperson of the Altar Guild, spoke a little bit about the duties of the Guild and of the need for additional members.
5. Laurie Krieger is in charge of Hospitality and Fellowship and they can always use additional help. Contact Laurie if you are interested in serving on this ministry team.
6. The Caring Friends Ministry is led by Claire Miller. There are 57 persons on the Homebound list. Our Eucharistic Ministers take communion to them on a regular basis and they also receive cards on their birthday and other holidays. Distribution of prayer shawls and prayer blankets are also a part of the Caring Friends ministry. For the second year in a row our church has received the Delaware/Maryland Synod Award for our ministry to the homebound.
7. Tony Jasinski, Youth Ministry chairman, thanked everyone who participated in the Basket Bingo. The monies raised will help send 17 of our youth to West Virginia in July to do mission work and also to help them go to Detroit in the summer of 2015 to participate in the national youth gathering.
8. Mildred Shafer spoke about the many projects of the Busy Bees. They include crocheting afghans, making quilts for the homeless and baby blankets for use in hospitals. She also requested contributions of sugar that will be needed to make jellies and jams this summer to sell at the Christmas Bazaar in November. An immediate need is for persons who are able to operate sewing machines.

The Council President expressed his thanks to several persons on behalf of the congregation. Dave Ermer and Ardi Scarborough have taught the Adult Forum on Sunday morning. Also, our church secretary, Carol Erpenstein, has been a special blessing to us during this time of transition. He also thanked the Hospitality and Fellowship team for the potluck luncheon that will be served following the meeting.

The dates of several important upcoming events were mentioned:

1. May 17th – Yard sale to benefit the Building fund of the church. Judy Jasinski is in charge.
2. June 16th – Annual St. John's golf tournament, chaired by Mike McDonough.
3. October 4th – Rummage Sale. Doug Meekins is looking for volunteers to help pick up items for the sale.

The Council President expressed the importance of everyone to keep working together during this period of transition and especially to PRAY. There being no further business to come before the congregation, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned, ending at 12:03 p.m. with prayer by Council President, Tony Jasinski.

Congregation Council News (Continued)

The church Council met on Thursday, May 15th, to discuss appointment of new leaders within the church's varying committees and ministries as well as to discuss updates to the transition process. The Rev. Ryan W. Roberts was welcomed to the Council meeting.

The regular order of business was suspended so that the Council could discuss the newsletter with Michelle Evans, Newsletter Editor. Instead of color copies, black and white copies will be sent to St. John's homebound members and will be placed on the literature table outside the sanctuary. The cost of the printed color copies is prohibitive. Copies that are sent via the Internet and email will still be in color. All agreed the newsletter looks wonderful and thanked Michelle for her hard work.

The meeting began with prayer and the approval of the April 2014 Council meeting minutes as well as the May 2014 Annual Congregational meeting minutes.

The Council received correspondence from Marty Butcher, chairperson of the Memorial Committee, submitting his resignation. It was noted that a new chairperson is needed to lead this committee. Letters have been sent to the AA groups informing them that they will not be able to meet at the church during the week of July 7th through the 11th because of Vacation Bible School.

Pastor Ryan reported that he has been meeting with ministry team leaders and has also visited some of our homebound members. The 2013 Annual Report will be ready for distribution by the end of May.

Property Committee Report:

1. Various jobs completed around the church include repair of the front sidewalk to the second floor entrance, replaced broken glass in a window in the third floor hallway, checked the timer for the lights that illuminate the stained glass window in the balcony and replaced two burned out lights in the sanctuary.
2. The chairman is working on eliminating the flooding that occurs in the orange room and the Preschool room after heavy rains. It is possibly due to drains being clogged. The sump pump in the orange room does work.
3. The storm drain on the NW corner of the parking lot will be cleaned out with help from the Men in Mission. The runoff is coming primarily from the Cemetery.
4. The chairman met with a representative from Houck Services to determine what needs to be done to stop the leaks in the Parlor roof. They will be sending an estimate for the work that needs to be done.
5. All of the air conditioners in the building have been cleaned and the filters replaced. Two air conditioners need to be replaced. The motion was offered and approved to replace the air conditioners in the Church Secretary's office and the Kindergarten room at a cost not to exceed \$700.00.

A report was received and filed from the Preschool as well.

In response to Jim Morrow's question at the April Council meeting about the Simply Giving line item on the counter's sheet, the Treasurer will supply the Simply Giving numbers to the counters so that they can enter them on their sheet.

Congregation Council News (Continued)

The following motion was brought by the Executive Committee to the Council for their approval:

Motion: that there be no fundraising permitted in print, digital publications or on church property that does not support a ministry or program of St. John's.

The motion was amended to add the words **without explicit council approval. The amendment was approved with one abstention.**

Motion: that there be no fundraising permitted in print, digital publications or on church property that does not support a ministry or program at St. John's without explicit council approval.

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



Please remember these individuals in your prayers:

For health and healing: *Clara Westphal, Edna Stratmeyer, Michael Vogtman, Bob Stadnik, John McLaughlin, Bett Murphy, Linda Watts, Mary Curnoles, Carolyn Robey, Bill Ortloff, Brenda Hedges, Dick Weger, Shirley Watkins, Pat Becker, Mary Jo Rother, Sheena Bittner, and Bob & Mil Baxter*

For family and friends: *Noah Jones, Bernadette Mackebee, Raymond E. Miller, Sr., Linda H. Murphy, Joe Janovec, Terri Kordek, John Bielat, Rachel Minton Snyder, Claire Svehla, Randy Powell, Eleanor Wenzing, Dick Erdman, Cheri Laumann, Pat & Linda Barnett, Leadane Hartman, John Kurcharski, Bill Schreiber, and Jeana Huber*

For the military and their families: *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 *Walt Whitmire, Betty Layer, Michael Scheindlinger, and Doris Downes*

For our homebound parishioners: *Richard & Alma Arnold, Murhl & Evelyn Bauer, Bob & Mil Baxter, Alice Belth, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Joan & George Cooper, Mary Curnoles, Carmen & Norma DeMarino, Lucille Dembeck, Ruth Derrickson, Georgia Franz, Ellie Fry, Mabel Gehring, Betty Glassband, Henry & Bernice Graf, Paul Huber, George Hutschenreuter, 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, Larry Shepard, Mary Sigmon, John Sperl, Charles & Dot Stairs, Gerry Stipek, Edna Stratmeyer, Cass Tracey, Helen Trainor, Elaine Turek, Emma Volz, Dick Weger, Clara Westphal, Helen Wheeler, Phyllis Williams, John Winebrenner, Fran Wolinski*

Congregational Care (Continued)

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!

Save
The
Date!



Celebrating Each Other! Congregational Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

Wedding Anniversaries:

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|------|----------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 6/1 | Terry Little | 6/25 | Bonnie and William Rogers |
| 6/2 | Nicole and Brett Francus | 6/28 | Joan and John Kraft |
| 6/4 | Barbara and Edward Mueller | | |
| 6/5 | Patricia Hurley | | |
| 6/10 | Shirley Snyder | | |
| | Sue and Larry Addison | | |
| 6/14 | Janet Roth | | |
| | Kira and Steven Shull | | |
| | Leona and James Morrow | | |
| 6/15 | Debbie and Steve Dawson | | |
| 6/17 | Jennifer and Erick Brock | | |
| 6/18 | Charlotte and Paul Huber | | |
| 6/22 | Betty Jo Kiima | | |
| | Heather and Thomas Gamber | | |



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!



Birthdays:

- 6/1** Brody Evans
Karen Ford
John Snapp, III
Susan Willem
- 6/4** Kathleen Wiles
- 6/5** Marcie Ermer
John Kraft
Katherine Schwartz-Mitchell
Amanda Weeks
Valerie Wisniewski
- 6/6** Alexis Franz
Nathan Shindel
- 6/8** June Hindle
- 6/9** Taylor Retkowski
- 6/10** Virginia Wehr
- 6/11** Keith Duerling
Charlotte Reek
Joseph Retkowski
Carlyn Wiles



- 6/12** Kendra Snapp
- 6/13** Jennifer Brock
- 6/14** Linda Anderson
Judy Jasinski
Leona Morrow
Randy Wolfe
- 6/15** Mark Hofmann, Jr.
- 6/16** Cheryl Lindbert
Glenn Porter
Sadie Snapp
- 6/17** David R. Evans
Robert Henschen, Jr.
- 6/18** Debbie Dawson
- 6/20** Matthew Weeks
- 6/22** Abigail Coffman
Candy Maxwell
- 6/24** Maria Burgos
Landry Evans
- 6/26** Cindy Burt
Laura Krieger
- 6/27** Gary Burkhardt, Jr.
- 6/28** Ann Mackebee
Bett Murphy
David Nash
- 6/29** Patricia Becker
- 6/30** Audrey Lentz
Kylie Magness

Got Sugar?

The Busy Bees are in need of donations of bags of sugar to use in making the jams and jellies for the Christmas Bazaar. Please take your bags of sugar to the Church Office. We are very appreciative of any help you can give us.



Many thanks,
The Busy Bees

Attention All St. John's Ministry Leaders!

We need your assistance in maintaining the church's website, www.stjohnsparkville.org. The website needs more information—and that information should be current for all pages in order to depict an accurate picture of the wonderful St. John's family and the great accomplishments, activities, and unifying moments.

We are asking for St. John's Ministry Leaders to begin to own their particular ministry's pages, developing articles and maintaining current information and images on those website pages.

If you are interested in learning how to do this OR to at least provide regular updates to your specific webpage, please contact Michelle Evans at webcontenteditor@stjohnsparkville.org to arrange a time for brief training or to answer any questions you might have.

Your assistance and involvement to spread the good works of St. John's is greatly appreciated!

Christian Education

Sunday School News

June 1st will be the last day of regular Sunday School classes.



On **June 8th**, we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for the annual Talent Show, beginning at 9:30 am.

Following the 11 am service on **June 8th**, please join us for the annual picnic. The Sunday School will provide hot dogs and drinks. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a dessert; if your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a side or salad. Bring a blanket or chairs and join us for a relaxing afternoon!



Vacation Bible School

Grab a hammer, find a paintbrush, and put on your creative thinking cap! It's that time of the year again! We are planning another fun Vacation Bible School. Please join us July 7-11 from 9 am-12:30 pm for "Workshop of Wonders- Imagine and Build with God"! Registration forms can be found in the church office, on the church website, or in the sanctuary hallway in front of the VBS donation board. If you are interested in volunteering to help out, please see Leah Miller, or email her at leahslrhg@gmail.com. We are also in need of donations for the classroom and for snack time and will be adding items to the donation board so keep checking back. We can't wait to see what this year brings us as we continue to build our relationship with God!



Vacation Bible School-Registration Form

Vacation Bible School

St. John's Lutheran Church
 8808 Harford Road
 Parkville, MD 21234
 July 7- 11, 2014 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Thank you for registering your child for St. John's "Workshop of Wonders" VBS 2014! Our VBS is currently accepting registrations for children ages 3 through 5th grade. Children must have prior preschool or Sunday school experience to participate in our program. There are class size limits for our classes, so there is a firm submission date of June 23rd for all registration forms. Once full capacity is received, we will not be able to accept any more registrations. Announcements will be posted on the church's website.

Please make sure to write down any special requests on the registration form. We will do our best to accommodate all requests for children to be in the same classes; however, there is no guarantee.

Beverages and snacks will be provided, so please make note of any allergies or dietary restrictions on the registration form. Each child will also receive a t-shirt: XS (2-4), S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16).

For more information, contact the church office at 410-665-1234. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Child's Name	Address	Phone Number	Birthday	Grade Just Completed	T-Shirt Size
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

Registration fee: \$15 for members and non-members. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Total Enclosed:

Cash: _____ Check: _____

Date: _____ Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Email address: _____

Name of the person that will be picking up the child(ren): _____

Please list any allergies or special medical needs: _____

In case of emergency call: _____

Does your child attend Sunday School? _____ Where? _____

How did you hear about Bible School? _____

Special Requests: _____

Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used in church presentations or church materials? YES NO

Congregational Life

The St. John's Labyrinth Ministry Committee is pleased to tell you that our labyrinth, **A Place of Grace**, survived the brutal winter snows and torrential spring rains! Our beautiful tree is blossoming and our flower gardens are beginning to bloom...BUT...we can always use some new flowers and plants to add to our gardens! Would you like to donate any extra flowers (annuals and/or perennials) from your own garden? If so, we would truly appreciate it! Please give me or Rosalie Coffman, our Committee Chair, a call to coordinate pick-up/delivery. Rosalie can be reached at 410-665-8950; I can be reached at 410-296-6546. Remember, this is your labyrinth. As the weather continues to warm, come explore this sacred space and trust that God is with you as you walk. Peace and Blessings!

Jimalee Mehan and the Labyrinth Ministry Committee



Thank You Coffee & Donut Volunteers!

Thanks to all the coffee and donut volunteers who helped to make our Fellowship hour another success. Your help and time is greatly appreciated. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the hot cup of coffee and those yummy donuts!

We're always looking for additional volunteers to add to the team. We will begin again in the Fall and it's only a 3-week rotation. Please give us a call if you would like to join us.

Thanks again to everyone and have a great summer!

Linda Burkhardt ([410-668-2465](tel:410-668-2465)) and Judy Jasinski ([410-529-7536](tel:410-529-7536))

Congregational Life (continued)

MEN IN MISSION

MEN-IN-MISSION NEWS:

The Men-in-Mission will meet for breakfast on Saturday, June 7th in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m. We will feast on Tony Maxwell's famous pancakes and Dave Ermer will provide a presentation about Nelson Mandela.

We hope that the ladies enjoyed the Mother-Daughter Banquet. We did our best to be good cooks and servers!

Our next project to assist Larry Addison will be to clean out the storm drain in the parking lot by the cemetery. Hopefully, that will be done by the time you read this.

We are also delivering a carload of clothes to the Baltimore Rescue Mission.

Our last Tuesday meeting for the summer will be on June 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We are studying the book of Acts.

Have a wonderful summer!

Keith Duerling



The 25th Annual St. John's Lutheran Church Golf Tournament

To benefit St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville

Monday, June 16th

Open to All!

\$75.00 per Player
(includes green fee, cart, donuts & coffee, lunch, and prizes)

Oakmont Green Golf Course

Hampstead, Maryland

8 a.m. Shotgun Start

Detailed information and registration forms located on the shelf in the hallway outside the sanctuary.



2014 Congregational Council Members

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



Charlie Bender
Keith Duerling
David R. Evans
Lee Kreiger
Scott Miller
Bonnie Spellman

Congregational Life (continued)



**Saturday, October 4th
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Rain or Shine!**



Volunteers are needed to work at and to serve in planning this year's Rummage Sale. We also need volunteers to assist in the collection of donated items.

Donations may be dropped off at the church in the Scout Room before both services beginning Sunday, June 1st.

Please call Doug Meekins at **410-790-1790** with any questions surrounding the Rummage Sale or if you have items that need to be picked up.

What items can be donated? Clothes (especially children's clothing) • 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—limits accepting heavy furniture unless in excellent condition) • 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)

All proceeds will help maintain our wonderful St. John's buildings for another 126 years!



Pastor Maria J. Hammons Receives Ecumenical Service Award

On May 4, 2014, Pastor Maria J. Hammons received the Reverend Dr. Lorenzo Handy Ecumenical Service Award. The Award, which was presented by the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council, recognizes persons who have "labored tirelessly across denominational lines to serve *the least of these*, our brothers and sisters."

Pastor Hammons' ecumenical service includes advocating for Maryland's recent increase in the minimum wage, as well as an increase in the alcohol tax to fund health care initiatives. She was active in efforts to get illegal guns off the streets, to repeal the death penalty, to pass the Dream Act, and to raise awareness for worker justice. Pastor Hammons was also a regular participant in national Ecumenical Advocacy Days gatherings in Washington, D.C.

Pastor Hammons just recently transferred to the New England Synod from the Delaware-Maryland Synod, where she served at St. John's Lutheran Church in Baltimore, Maryland, as co-pastor with her husband, Pastor Danny Hammons (St. Luke, Gales Ferry). She is currently serving as the intentional interim pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Cranston, Rhode Island.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

"Living Well Leadership Training for Clergy, Lay Leaders and Volunteers"

This FREE online training program will begin on **Friday, May 2nd from noon to 1 PM** and meet each Friday (except May 30th) until June 27th. However, all sessions will be recorded, so you can participate at your convenience.

The course is a collaborative effort of the UNYC Second Half of Life Ministries (formerly "Older Adult Ministries") and the Northeast Forum on Spirituality and Aging, a ministry of the Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA).

Approved by Lay Servant Ministries, this course will enhance your ability to offer practical advice, emotional support and a spiritual perspective for many common issues.

For more information or to register, please visit:
www.FindingMoreLove.info

Art and Spirituality Tour to France, Belgium, and the Netherlands.

Join Rev. Dr. Art Thomas, professor of spirituality at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute of Theology, for this fascinating trip **August 10-20, 2014.**

Study the influence of Christian spirituality on the creation of masterpieces by artists such as Van Eyck, van der Weyden, Rubens, Rembrandt, Monet, Van Gogh, and others.

For more information, contact Dr. Thomas at arthurdthomas@verizon.net.



**Don't delay!
Deposits are due soon.**

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 & 11 Worship 9:30 SS/AF/YF Last Day of Sunday School	2 10:00 Bible Study SB	3 7:00 Men in Mission YR	4 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 12:00 Young at Heart FH	5 10-12 Bible Study SB	6	7 8-10a Men In Mission Breakfast FH
8 Pentecost Sunday 8:15 & 11 Worship 9:30 SS Talent Show 12:30 Church Picnic	9 10:00 Bible Study SB 7 pm Eucharistic MT SB	10 7:00 Men in Mission YR	11 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 7:00 Stewardship CE	12 6p Memorial MT ChEd 7:00 Exec Mtg MR	13 6p Rehearsal/Dinner Moran S/FH	14 Moran Wedding (S)
15 Father's Day SUMMER SCHEDULE 8:15 & 10 Worship Healing Sunday NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	16 St. John's Golf Tournament 10:00 Bible Study SB	17 12:00 Ascension Cir SB 7:00 Altar Guild SB	18 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB	19 10-12 Bible Study SB 7:00 Council SB	20	21
22 8:15 & 10 Worship	23 Hershey Park 10:00 Bible Study SB 7:00p Mutual Min CE	24	25 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 12 Wed Lunch Bunch	26 10-12 Bible Study SB	27	28
29 8:15 & 10 Worship	30 10:00 Bible Study SB	CE Christian Ed. Room CR Confirmation Room FH Fellowship Hall K Kitchen	MR Music Room P Parlor PS Preschool Room S Sanctuary	SB Smith Building TO Tech Office YR Youth Room		

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Unless otherwise noted, our Sunday schedule includes Worship at 8:15 a.m. and 11a.m. with Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Young Families at 9:30 a.m. and Handbell Choir practice at 9:45 a.m.

Please check the church website for the most current calendar.

Liturgical Assistant and Service Ministry Schedule

June 2014

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	CRUCIFIER	ACOLYTE
June 1	8:15 A.M.	JoAnn Weiland	JoAnn Weiland Lee Smith	Kyle Cappucci	John Meyers
	11:00A.M.	Amanda Rash	Amanda Rash Alice Teel	Jennifer Holland	Hannah Houston Ryan Cummings
June 8	8:15 A.M.	Charles Bender	Charles Bender Sheila Bender	Mara Wolfe	Brandon Crites
	11:00A.M.	Bonnie Spellman	Bonnie Spellman Sue Addison	Katie Neal	Nate Grisez Matthew Miller
June 15	8:15 A.M.	Joan Kraft	Joan Kraft Karen Ermer	Ryan Cummings	Autumn Winterling
	11:00A.M.	Rachel Hills	Rachel Hills Shirley Snyder	Ethan Sommer	Corinne Brock
June 22	8:15 A.M.	Karen Merrey	Karen Merrey Wilman White	Abbie Coffman	Carly Coffman
	11:00A.M.	Ardi Scarborough	Ardi Scarborough Claire Miller	Matthew Miller	Nate Grisez
June 29	8:15 A.M.	Bob Berner	Charles Bender Barb Berner	Taylor Retkowski	Allie Meyers
	11:00A.M.	Donna Nicholson	Sharon Carletti Laurie Krieger	Matthew Scheindlinger	Sarah Scheindlinger

Notes

Lectors and Communion Assistants:

If you cannot serve on your designated date, contact Sheila Bender, Lector 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/email the church office. The schedule is posted monthly on the bulletin board in the Vestry where you robe.

*Communion Assistants who did not lector- The Pastors have requested that **you** commune them at the conclusion of communion.



Assisting Ministers Schedule

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.
The schedule has been set through June 2014.

Early Service (8:15)	Month	Late Service (11:00)
Bob Berner	February	Tony Jasinski
Jim Morrow	March	Bob Hastings
Lee Smith	April	Linda Wiley
Jim Morrow	May	Donna McDonough
Bob Berner	June	Tony Jasinski

Ushers for June

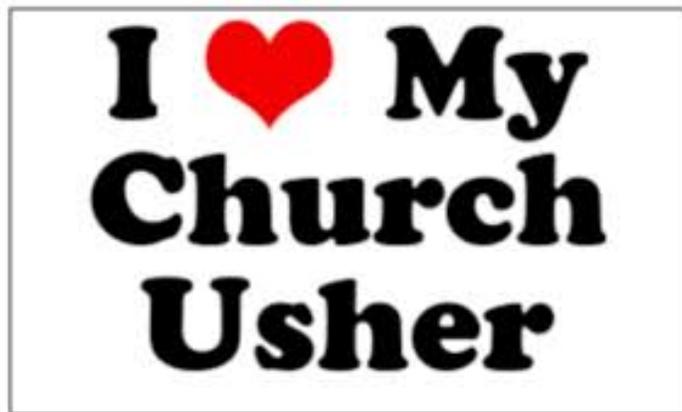
June

8:15 a.m.-

Lisa and Keith Duerling
David Kocan

11:00 a.m. (10 a.m. starting
June 15)-

Diane and Bill Carroll
Sue Rowe
Kathleen and Carlyn Wiles



Coffee Hour Set-Up Schedule-May

Coffee Hour Volunteers:

- June 1—Lee & Renee Smith
Linda & Randi Burkhardt
- June 8—Laurie & Lee Krieger
Marge Frances
- June 15—Laurie & Lee Krieger
Marge Frances

Coffee Hour and Set-Up Volunteers:

Contact Ed Mueller at 410-668-6342 if you are unable to serve on your date or have any questions regarding responsibilities for St. John's Coffee Hour or Set-Up.



Thanks Be to God!!!

By now many, if not all of us, have heard in some shape or fashion the clearly recognizable tunes from the newly infamous Disney movie, *Frozen*. The Disney cartoon movie has received rave reviews for speaking to the true bond of love, of sisterhood and family, which is the greatest true love humanly possible.

Our homes have grown accustomed to the pair of princess sisters dancing and singing of building snowmen, finishing the newest beau's sandwiches, and making first times in forever's. The songs have soared through our radios and entrenched today's social media with YouTube videos and Vines of parodies of its now infamous songs as well as driving selfies of parents, friends, siblings, and other numerous combinations lip syncing these songs—all while maintaining safe driving skills thanks be to hands-free video devices.

The songs stick to our minds like a rouge sock in the dryer. It's inescapable as we carry on our daily tasks at work, at the gym, at school, or anywhere else that we might have a free moment. We are humming the songs even in our dreams—or so I have heard from my excited five-year-old who woke me at 4 a.m. the other day to tell me Olaf the Snowman gave him a

warm hug and built a sand castle (with a dragon and all) on the beach. Olaf apparently is confused not only about summer, but about the difference between mornings and nights, too.

One of the most popular songs is "Let It Go" that is sung by the eldest of the two sisters when she realizes that she can be her true self regardless of what others might think. Truly letting go can be rather hard as we watch Elsa struggle with her magical icy powers only to be warmed by her sister's true and genuine love and help.

For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

---Isaiah 41: 13

We might not have singing snowmen, but we will always have God's warm embrace and unconditional love. He will always reach out to guide us. Together, with our church family and God, we can let go to doubt and troubles, and become who God intended us to be. Just trust and let it go.

Not holding it back anymore,
The 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!

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