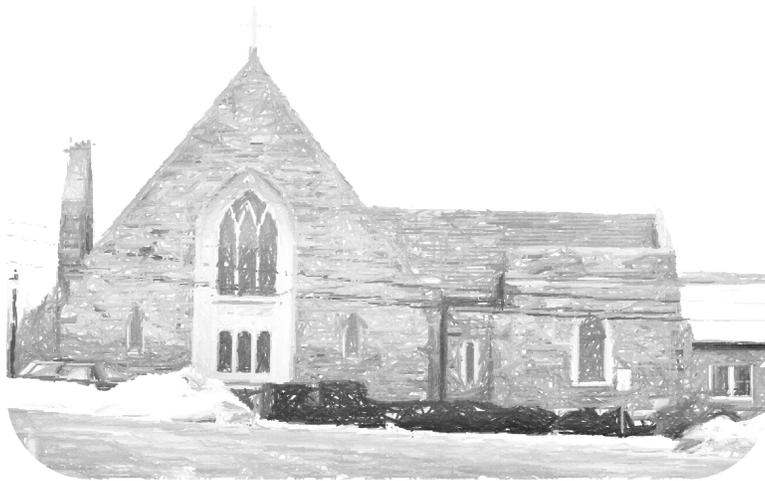


# St. John's HERALD

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



## MARCH 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:***

God of Life, restore in our hearts a passion for loving one another and for putting all that we are and all that we have into your hands. Strengthen our devotion to you so that, confidently and faithfully, we may walk through life in the light of your resurrection, a resurrection that continues to turn the world upside down. You provided the way of salvation for all people. Salvation is truly your work and, through our hands in the form of our treasure, our time and our talents, may we spread the gospel of your saving grace to all people. Amen.

## March 2015

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## Who is St. John's by Pastor David Asplin, Interim Pastor

So how big is St. John's? People ask me that all the time. In the report we have just sent into the ELCA (the national denomination of which we are a part) we say there are 746 baptized members of St. John's and the average Sunday worship attendance in 2014 was 225. About 650 people came to worship here on Christmas Eve. That makes this a pretty good sized congregation. Not small and not huge; with room to grow. The truth is that each and every one of you is a significant part of this community of Faith. The church is never just about the "performance" the pastor gives up front on Sundays. It is never just, well, the choir, the organist and the custodian who keeps the place warm. Several new folks have been coming to St. John's in the last several months. And many of them have been telling me how warmly they have been received. Some of you have greeted them, offered to help them find their way around, and just let them know that they are welcome. Thanks be to God! You are an open and welcoming Church; and you send the message that there is room for more. Many who survey those who have no church hear from those folks that over half of them would come to church, if someone they knew invited them. You are the church. The mission of Jesus – which he shares with us – is to reach out to others and invite them into His 'home', His family. That's who you are.

## Transition Updates

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
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

### Notes from the Organ Bench

by *Martha Requard, Director of Music*

When I was teaching, one of my favorite singing games with the youngest students was "Going on a Picnic." As we sang we checked off the things that the children were bringing and they grinned at the promise that if we had everything before their classroom teacher arrived we would go on our picnic. But, somehow, someone always managed to bring the rain, the teacher arrived, and the picnic was cancelled until another day.

Oh, the dreams we have for the end of our journeys, but as grownups we know that there can be difficulties along the way. Our gathering song (ELW 326) through lent mentions "the noise and silence, the give and take,...in the desert and around mountains" before coming to still waters. The road to Easter is a challenging one.

The choirs have begun working on their music for Easter. As they face the musical challenges, they are focused on the results. As I have said before, there is always room for one more in any of the groups. Please consider joining the Adult Choir as we prepare "We Remember Calvary," this year's Good Friday cantata. This tenebrae service, which was performed last year, includes familiar hymns. The Handbell Choirs, both adult and tween, are preparing music for Palm Sunday and Easter, and the Children's Choir is working on their Palm Sunday anthem.

OH, have you wondered why I am not using the organ in the balcony? If you take a look, you will notice that there are some missing pipes, and a trip to the balcony will reveal that the pedal board is missing. One of the important things to remember about a pipe organ is that over time it needs routine maintenance. The pedal board is getting new "bushings," or padding, so that the pedals do not bang. The missing pipes are being reinforced at the bottom because gravity and heat have caused them to start to collapse. But, no worries. The tuner has promised that everything will be ready to go by Easter.

So, as we bump along towards Easter, look past the rain to the promise and keep

Making a Joyful Noise,

Martha Requard, Director of Music

### 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](http://www.stjohnsparkville.org).

God Bless and Be Safe!

### Ushers for March

8:15 a.m.

Charles & Sheila Bender  
Karen & Linda Watts

11:00 a.m.

Chris and Rachel Hills  
Zachary and Joshua Hills  
Shirley Snyder

### March Donut Schedule

3/1

Karen Ermer  
Dave Ermer  
Charles Bender

3/8, 3/15, 3/22

Ann Oakes  
Jim & Leona  
Morrow  
Bonnie Rogers

3/29

Suzanne Wenneson  
Amanda Rash  
Terri Meekins



## 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.



### **ADULT FORUM IN MARCH**

**March 1: Hot Topics: Evolution & Biblical Literalism** with Pastor David

**Mar. 8: "Josephus & the New Testament"** focus on the great ancient historian Josephus, lead by Dave Ermer

**Mar. 15: Welcome New Members Breakfast**

**Mar. 22: Why The Cross is Central to Faith** with Pastor David

**Mar. 29: Multitudes of Mission and Ministry** with guest Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Kati Kluckman-Ault. A witness to the many things we accomplish for Christ together with our partners in the Delaware-Maryland Synod and the ELCA

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### **Inclement Weather Policy for St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville**

At the Congregation Council meeting on 2/20/15 a revision to the weekday inclement weather policy was approved. Previously St. John's generally followed the Baltimore County Public School guidelines. We noticed many times when schools were closed St. John's activities could still be held. As such, a determination of closing on weekdays will be made as it has been for weekends. The revised policy now reads:

**The Pastor will determine if St. John's will be open. In the Pastor's absence the President of the Congregation Council will make the determination. Such determination will be put on the Church answering machine and on the Church website.**

For the Congregation Council, Charles Bender

## Worship and Music (continued)

### Lenten and Holy Week Schedule at St. John's

#### **Mid-Week Lenten Worship**

**Wednesdays during Lent: March 4, 11, 18, 25**

#### **Noontime Taize Prayer Services**

*Worship in a contemplative form with prayer, scripture, and music*

#### **Soup, Salad, & Service**

6:00PM Soup & Salad Supper (Fellowship Hall)

7:00PM Holden Evening Prayer Service

*A brief service of sung prayer and scripture*

(Please note: Adult Choir rehearsal begins at 7:30PM)

#### **Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29**

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

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

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 2**

*The Stripping of the Altar will follow each service.*

12:00 noon Traditional Service of Holy Communion

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

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

#### **Good Friday, April 3**

12:00 Noon Procession & Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

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

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

#### **Easter Sunday, April 5**

Services of Holy Communion

8:00 a.m.    9:45 a.m.    11:30 a.m.

# 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.***

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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, January 15th, to discuss congregational needs and ministry team reports. The meeting began with prayer and the approval of the December 2014 Council Meeting minutes.

Pastor David Asplin led the Council in the evening's devotions.

Normal order of business was paused for the **Election of Officers.**

The following nominations were received:

President: Tony Jasinski

Vice President: Lee Smith

Secretary: Scott Miller

Since there were no other nominees for the offices, the nominated persons were elected by a unanimous vote.

**The Council approved the Ministry Site Profile submitted by the Transition Team.**

Correspondence was received from the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center thanking St. John's for the donation of 19 gifts for the Christmas at Sea 2014 program.

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

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

The Council approved a motion that **Memorial Fund money may be moved to other funds with the permission of the family of the deceased.**

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

**Ministry Team Reports:**

Reports were received and filed from the **Property** and **Worship & Music** Committees.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. The Council discussed ideas for a revised church snow policy. They were given to the Personnel committee for write-up and will be brought back to the Council for approval.

**New Business:**

There was no New Business.

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. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with all present praying the Lord's Prayer.

### 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

### March Congregational Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries



#### Birthdays:

- |                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>3/1</b> Michael McDonough    | <b>3/12</b> Mary Curnoles     |
| <b>3/2</b> Carl Greensfelder    | <b>3/14</b> Sarah Flagle      |
| Edward Mueller                  | <b>Hazel Numsen</b>           |
| <b>3/3</b> Melinda McGhin       | <b>Happy 80<sup>th</sup>!</b> |
| Malcolm Neifeld                 | Jesse Testudine               |
| <b>3/4</b> <b>Eurith Morris</b> | <b>3/15</b> Kyle Cappucci     |
| <b>Happy 95<sup>th</sup>!</b>   | Darli Sommer                  |
| <b>3/5</b> Betty Creutzer       | <b>3/16</b> Mary Miller       |
| David Ford                      | Geraldine Steg                |
| Samantha Streb                  | <b>3/17</b> Debra Dabrasky    |
| <b>3/6</b> Lois Manning         | Garrett Morgan                |
| <b>3/7</b> James Garland        | Patricia Sollanek             |
| <b>3/8</b> Patricia Denk        | <b>3/18</b> James Crites      |
| Kathleen Foreman                | Dominic Lancelotta            |
| LeAnn Horchar                   | <b>3/20</b> Sue Addison       |
| <b>3/9</b> Gladys Down          | <b>3/21</b> Brandon Crites    |
| Stephanie Meekins               | <b>3/22</b> Jeffrey Hurn      |
| Abigail Sova                    | Jackson Wood                  |
|                                 | <b>3/23</b> Luke Murnane      |
| <b>3/10</b> MaryLynn Lentz      | <b>3/24</b> Norma DeMarino    |
| Erin Scarborough                | Vada Menges                   |
| Renee Smith                     | <b>3/25</b> Matthew Miller    |
| <b>3/11</b> Colin Miller        | <b>3/26</b> Karen Hofmann     |
|                                 | Jonathan Sova                 |
|                                 | <b>3/27</b> Georgia Franz     |
|                                 | Genevieve Schwartz-           |
|                                 | Mitchell                      |
|                                 | <b>3/28</b> Richard Arnold    |
|                                 | Erin Nolder                   |
|                                 | <b>3/29</b> Mary Flagle       |
|                                 | Laura Sparks                  |
|                                 | <b>3/30</b> David Meekins     |
|                                 | <b>3/31</b> Sallie Bennett    |

Happy  
Anniversary

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| <b>3/3</b>  | Jaime & Phil<br>McCracken                       |
| <b>3/6</b>  | <b>Sharon &amp; Louis<br/>Carletti</b>          |
|             | <b>Happy 50<sup>th</sup>!</b>                   |
| <b>3/10</b> | Arthur & Mary Pulket<br>Jonathan & Jessica Sova |
| <b>3/13</b> | Nancy & Sonny Toner                             |
| <b>3/17</b> | Henry & Rachel Ermer                            |
| <b>3/20</b> | Brandon & Nicole<br>Shindel                     |
| <b>3/24</b> | Keith & Anna Gibbons                            |
| <b>3/26</b> | Gina & Cornelius<br>McCall                      |

#### Did we miss your celebration?

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

#### 2015 Congregational Council Members

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



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

and we know that  
 all things  
 work together  
 for  
 good  
 to those who love God  
 to those who are  
 called according to  
 His purpose  
 Romans 8:28

## Congregational Care

### Please remember these individuals in your prayers:



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**For health and healing:** *Mary Ann Reek, Betty Glassband, Ardi Scarborough, Tammy Heyl, 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:** *Mel Peterson, Tina Hall, Ebbie Wheeler, Jeana Huber, Larry Tuly, Bill Quinn, James Mehan, Johnny Mearkle, Jim & Laura Christensen, John Kucharski, Jr., Chris Rogers, Trisha Ryder, Janet Brown, Norma Weber, Robin & Sam Smith, Rebecca Hoffman, John Beilat, Charles*

**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** *Joe Janovec, 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 Kempeske, Mildred Kempeske, Bunny Kucharski, John Lotterer, Evelyn McGuire, Jerry Mead, Margaret Middleton, Eurith Morris, Estelle Nelson, 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](mailto: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 March, Sunday School children in the nursery class through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be learning how Jesus Calms a Storm, Jesus Clears the Temple, and how Jesus Walks on Water. They will also be learning the story of The Widow's Mite and Peter Denies Jesus. Make sure you ask them to tell you about these Bible events.

The Sunday School is looking for donations of small pieces of wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a box on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the hallway across from the coat rack to collect donations.

We are in need of more teachers and helpers during the Sunday School hour, especially for our elementary age classes. If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact Rachel Hills or Lynn Gerber.

## Congregational Life



We wanted to thank the congregation of St. John's for their continued support over the years and most recently for participating in the Ledo's Pizza fundraiser with us. It was lovely to see so many of you there and to meet some of you for the first time. We made \$506.28 plus we had a lovely evening too. The staff at the restaurant told us that we had the best turnout they had seen in quite a while.

Thank you, St. John's Preschool

*It never ceases to amaze me that when a St. John's member gets down our St. John's friends are always there and ready to pick us up. My husband with congnitive heart failure and both of us with pneumonia just experienced this. The Cemetery Committee Breakfast for Men in Mission on February 14<sup>th</sup> went off beautifully without a hitch. And why? Because of their caring, work and donations. A very special thank you to the gals: Judy J., Sue A., Vickie J., Sharon C., Nancy F. —and yes, thank you to you, too, Ed Ford!*

*Blessings, The Cemetery "Chair", Betty Ehm*

*P.S. Many thanks to all for the food, cards, phone calls, flowers, and candy from our family and friends at St. John's! Betty and Dan*

Thank you for your cards, calls and prayers during our illnesses. A special thank you to Pastor Asplin for his visit and prayers. Your caring and thoughtfulness are much appreciated. God bless.  
Pastor & Lois Manning

## Congregational Life

The Men-in-Mission would like to thank the ladies of the Cemetery Committee who served a wonderful breakfast to us on Valentine's Day. Thanks especially to Betty Ehm, Judy Jasinski, Sue Addison, and Sharon Carletti. Thanks also to John Kraft for leading our 2014 – Year in Review discussion.



Our next Men's Breakfast will take place on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Denny's Restaurant on Belair road.

On March 25<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting the Wednesday soup and salad meal for the congregation in the Fellowship Hall.

At our meetings on Tuesdays at 7:00 in March, we will continue to study the Book of Proverbs and other topics such of interest to the group. You may be surprised at what you might learn if you attend one of our meetings!

May peace be with you!

Keith Duerling



## Newcomers' Orientation

**March 8, 9:30AM**

**St. John's Parlor, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor (on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor just off the main front lobby) at 9:30AM. St. John's leaders look forward to meeting you and talking about our shared life of faith here at St. John's.

Please call Pastor David at 410-665-1234 if you have questions about this process.

## Welcome New Members Breakfast

**March 15th**

**9:30 to 10:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall**



## Congregational Life (continued)

### CEMETERY COMMITTEE NOTES

Attention anyone who has Christmas decorations, etc., on St. John's cemetery lots: Please clear the graves off by March 19<sup>th</sup> so that we can get the cemetery ready for spring and the Easter season.



### 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:michelle.evans14@yahoo.com)) or Leah Miller ([leahslrh@gmail.com](mailto:leahslrh@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](mailto:appinfo@crmoorescholarship.org).

### 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

Please submit all articles, information, and pictures for inclusion in St. John's *The Herald* for the next edition for the month of April by

**MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>** to [newsletter@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsparkville.org).

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

## Congregational Life (continued)

### **An Invitation from the Worship & Music Committee**

In 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, Chapter 4 we read, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's Grace in its various forms."

The purpose of this ministry is to assist in the planning of worship services and music programs and to follow through with their implementation on a regular basis and in accordance with our liturgy and Lutheran traditions.

Our group currently consists of the following members – Our Interim Pastor, David Asplin, Music Director Martha Requard, Usher Teams Captain Tony Jasinski, Rachel Hills, Youth Service Coordinator, Sue Addison of The Altar Guild and myself.

Our Mission is to provide the means to involve all members of the congregation in worship, learning, service and support by nurturing their faith through prayers, music, praise and thanksgiving.

There are many opportunities to serve in Worship. Some of our duties include the recruitment and training of ushers, acolytes, crucifers, communion assistants, lectors as well as healing and assisting ministers. We provide and care for hymnals, supervise and provide materials and vestments for our choirs and assist the Altar Guild in the care of chancel furnishings.

In Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the church in Corinth, he tells the people about spiritual gifts. He says, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all."

I hereby extend an open invitation to all of you to join us as there is always an opportunity for you to get involved. Perhaps you would like to serve on the Altar during a service, become an Usher, a Baptism Assistant, a Wedding Coordinator, assist the women of our Altar Guild in their preparations, sing with one of our choirs or participate in our hand bell group.

Do you play an instrument? We would love to include your gift during worship.

I take this opportunity to THANK our faithful servants of the following groups; the Altar Guild, lectors, communion & assisting ministers, acolytes, our adult & children's choir members, the members of our adult & children's hand bell groups, our usher teams, our healing & puppet ministers as well as our baptism & wedding coordinators.

Please consider this an invitation to join us & talk to one of the members of the Worship & Music Committee for more information.

As Paul explained to the church in Corinth, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone."

We ask God for His Guidance as we continue to work for His Purpose.

Thank you.

Bonnie M Spellman, Committee Chairman

**Congregational Life (continued)**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
QUARTER AUCTION  
TO BENEFIT  
ST. JOHN'S YOUTH**



**Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 7pm**  
(Doors open at 6:00pm)

Located at St. Ursula's School Gymnasium  
8900 Harford Road  
Parkville, MD 21234

Over 100 items will be "auctioned" from great companies such as:



Pampered Chef  
Dove Chocolate Discoveries  
Stampin Up  
Homemade Candy  
Longaberger  
Paparazzi Jewelry  
Tupperware



No Bid Will Be More Than 4 Quarters

Tickets are \$3 (extra paddles available for \$2)

Food will be available for purchase from the Youth.

Please contact Rachel Hills

([rm\\_hills@yahoo.com](mailto:rm_hills@yahoo.com) or 410-592-3587)

to reserve your table!

# March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:15 & 11 Worship 9:30 SS/AF/FM 9:45 Handbells MR	<b>2</b> 10:00 Bible Study SB	<b>3</b>  7p Men in Mission YR	<b>4</b> 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB 12:00 Young at Heart FH <b>Noon Taize Service</b> 6p Lenten Dinner FH 6-9:00 pm Choirs MR	<b>5</b> 10-12 Bible Study SB	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9am Men in Mission Breakfast (Denny's) 10-3:30 Confirmation FH, YR, MR</b>
<b>8 Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> 8:15 & 11 Worship 9:30 SS/AF/FM 9:45 Handbells MR 12:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>9</b> 10:00 Bible Study SB	<b>10</b> 7:00p Trinity Circle SB 7p Men in Mission YR 6p Memorial Mtg ChEd	<b>11</b> 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB <b>Noon Taize Service</b> 6p Lenten Dinner FH 6-9:00 pm Choirs MR 7:00 Stewardship CE	<b>12</b>  7:00 Exec MR	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Healing Sunday</b> 8:15 & 11 Worship 9:30 SS/AF/FM 9:45 Handbells MR  <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>	<b>16</b> 10:00 Bible Study SB	<b>17</b> 12 Ascension Circle SB 7p Men in Mission YR 7:00 Altar Guild SB 7	<b>18</b> 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB <b>Noon Taize Service</b> 6p Lenten Dinner FH 6:00 Tech Mtg- Tech ofc 6-9:00 pm Choirs MR	<b>19</b> 10-12 Bible Study SB  7:00 Council SB	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:15 & 11 Worship 9:30 SS/AF/FM 9:45 Handbells MR	<b>23</b> 10:00 Bible Study SB	<b>24</b>  7p Men in Mission YR	<b>25</b> 9:30-1:30 Busy Bees SB <b>Noon Taize Service</b> 6p Lenten Dinner FH 6-9:00 pm Choirs MR	<b>26</b> 10-12 Bible Study SB	<b>27</b>  <b>St. Ursula School Play</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Youth Quarter Auction 6pm-10pm St Ursula Auditorium</b>
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> 8:15 & 11 Worship 9:30 SS/AF/FM 9:45 Handbells MR	<b>30 Holy Week</b> 10:00 Bible Study SB	<b>31 Holy Week</b> 7-8:15a AA SB 7p Men in Mission YR				

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--March 2015

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	CRUCIFIER	ACOLYTE
<b>March 1</b>	8:15 A.M.	Milt Dutcher	Milt Dutcher Wilma White	Brandon Crites	Andrea Nufea
	11:00 A.M.	Bonnie Spellman	Bonnie Spellman Sue Addison	Ethan Sommer	Hannah Houston
<b>March 8</b>	8:15 A.M.	Bob Berner	Bob Berner Barb Berner	Abbie Coffman	Carly Coffman
	11:00A.M.	Judy Jasinski	Judy Jasinski Shirley Snyder	Corinne Brock	Joshua Hills
<b>March 15</b>	8:15 A.M.	Keith Duerling	Keith Duerling Lisa Duerling	Mara Wolfe	Ryan Cummings
	11:00A.M.	Amanda Rash	Amanda Rash Sharon Carletti	Katie Neal	Hayden Evans
<b>March 22</b>	8:15 A.M.	Lee Smith	Lee Smith Karen Ermer	Kyle Cappucci	Andrea Nufea
	11:00 A.M.	Claire Miller	Claire Miller Rachel Hills	Nate Grisez	Jennifer Holland
<b>March 29</b>	8:15 A.M.	Jim Morrow	Jim Morrow JoAnn Weiland	Autumn Winterling	Allie Meyers John Meyers
	11:00 A.M.	Laurie Krieger	Laurie Krieger Bob Hastings	Matthew Miller	Noah Jones Matt Scheindlinger

### 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](mailto: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)
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.

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**JERRY D'S**

**7808 HARFORD ROAD IN PARKVILLE**

**Both Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Any time from 11 am to 9 pm**

**A PERCENTAGE OF ALL SALES WILL GO TO**

**BENEFIT ST. JOHN'S YOUTH**

**\*\*\* PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPT AND GIVE IT TO TONY  
JASINSKI AT CHURCH \*\*\***

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