

# 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 May

***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 parental love, give us a passion to teach our children and help them grow in faith. Help us to also remember to learn from them. Our youth cry out to make a difference in the world. May we be inspired by their vision as they set an example for us in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. Give us a vision for mission that is soul-shaking, heart-waking and world-changing!

## May 2014

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

Interim Pastor:

Ryan Roberts

Secretary:

Carol Eperstein

Director of Music:

Martha Requard

Preschool Director/Teacher:

Lisa Horst

Preschool Teacher's Aide:

Niki Thoeicht

Sexton:

Al Johnson

Pastor Emeritus:

The Rev. Richard Manning

## Transition and Interim Pastoral Search Updates

# Welcome,

## Pastor Ryan Roberts!

St. John's is pleased to announce that we now have an Interim Pastor! Pastor Ryan Roberts will begin his ministry with St. John's as our Interim Pastor on Monday, May 5<sup>h</sup>. Pastor Ryan comes to us from St. Stephens Arbutus where he has served for the past 2 1/2 years. His first Sunday will be on Mother's Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please welcome Pastor Ryan into our St. John's community.



## Transition Process for St. John's Community Members

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.

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

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

Remember this is a tentative schedule. Things may move faster or slower. But always remember to **PRAY**

## Worship and Music

### *Notes from the Organ Bench*

*By Martha Requard, Director of Music*



Alleluia! Spring is here and the Lord has risen! Alleluia! From the comments that I have gotten, it appears that several people read my April article. As I have said, St. John's is a congregation that is very much alive. Attendance and giving are doing well through the changes. Hallelujah!

It seems that this is the time for Hallelujahs. Many thanks to the choir and congregation members who assisted with the Holden midweek services. Thank you to John McLaughlin, Donna McDonough, Linda Wiley, Zach Hills, Claire Miller, Bonnie Spellman, Rachel Hills, and Tony Jasinski for leading worship. Thank you to the other people who volunteered to read but were not used because we ran out of Wednesdays. Thank you to the 50+ people who worshipped each week. What a wonderful sound you made. Holden Evening Prayer continues to be one of my favorite worship services.

Hallelujah and thank you to the singers of the Children and Tween Choirs for helping the Adult Choir with the Palm Sunday anthem. The result was all I could have wished for and gave the congregation a good idea of what it probably sounded like when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. The singing was great!

Good Friday's tenebrae service, We Remember Calvary, was attended by 110 worshippers- continuing a steady growth over the seven years that the Adult Choir has led the service. Thank you for worshipping with us. Thank you, also, to Gina McCall, Eric and Corinne Brock, Linda Wiley and Mary Gude for joining us. (Oh, Corinne, Linda and Mary have decided to sing regularly with the Choir. Hallelujah!)

## Worship and Music (Continued)

The Handbell and Adult Choirs rang and sang beautifully on Easter morning. Please remember to thank the members who provided music for two services that day. That is dedication!

The Choirs are busy preparing for their final anthems before they get a well-deserved summer break. During my "break" I will begin planning the music for next season.

So, until next month, keep on.

Making a Joyful Noise,

Martha Requard, Director of Music



*Our wonderful  
Handbell Choir  
sharing their talents  
with the  
congregation on  
Easter Sunday*

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



God bless and be safe!

## Baptismal Anniversaries-May

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| <p><b>5/1</b> Oliva Calise<br/> <b>5/5</b> Brooke Dougherty<br/> <b>5/7</b> James Garland<br/> <b>5/9</b> Gladys Downs<br/> <b>5/10</b> Sharon Mullinix<br/> <b>5/12</b> Maxwell Kellner<br/>               Autumn Winterling<br/> <b>5/13</b> Karen Hofmann<br/> <b>5/16</b> Robert Berner<br/> <b>5/17</b> Samantha Streb<br/> <b>5/18</b> Joshua Gerber<br/> <b>5/20</b> Hudson Francus<br/> <b>5/21</b> Barbara Berner</p> | <p><b>5/24</b> Jesse Testudine<br/> <b>5/26</b> Andrew Burkhardt<br/>               Carter Votta<br/> <b>5/28</b> Amanda Rash<br/>               Nicole Testudine<br/> <br/> <b>5/29</b> Sarah Flagle<br/> <b>5/30</b> Luke Murnane<br/> <br/> <b>Date Unknown:</b><br/>               Anny Hoge-Franz<br/>               Isaac Jewell</p> |
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Please submit all articles, information, and pictures for inclusion in St. John's *The Herald* for the combined summer edition for the months of June and July by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** to [newsletter@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsparkville.org).

## Congregation Council News

The church Council met on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, to discuss appointment of new leaders within the church's varying committees and ministries as well as to discuss updates to the transition process and interim pastoral search.

The meeting began with prayer and the approval of the March 2014 Council meeting minutes. The final Pastors' Report from Pastors Maria and Danny Hammons was received and filed but was not initially noted in the minutes. It was noted that they should have appeared between Correspondence and the Executive Committee Report.

The Council received correspondence from Karen Merrey, chairperson of the Mutual Ministry team, thanking the members of the team for their faithful service during the tenure of the Hammons. With their departure, the team's work is concluded.

It was noted that the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be only one service conducted by the Youth at 10 a.m. The Congregational Meeting will be held following the worship service and a potluck luncheon will follow the meeting.

The Technology Team is still in the process of switching the church's phone and internet service from Verizon DSL to Comcast, resulting in savings to the church of \$100 per month. The Treasurer's Report was received and filed.

Ministry Team Reports were given from the Property Committee, including the painting of the church administrative offices, fixing of both outside doors of the preschool room, Men in Mission member replacing lights above altar, and working on the outside gardens beginning April 12<sup>th</sup>.

A couple upcoming dates were noted, in particular the Youth-sponsored Basket Bingo to be held in St. Ursula's Hall on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Annual Rummage Sale to be held on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Congregation Council News (Continued)

It was also motioned from the Church Council that Chris Hills be nominated for a three year term as Church Treasurer. This will be brought to the Congregation for their approval at the annual meeting.

### 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, Walt Whitmire, John McLaughlin, Bett Murphy, Linda Watts, Mary Curnoles, Carolyn Robey, Bill Ortloff, Trudy Anderson, Brenda Hedges, Dick Weger, Shirley Watkins, Pat Becker, Mary Jo Rother, Sheena Bittner, and Bob & Mil Baxter

**For family and friends:** 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:** Maria Burgos, Brian Hedges, Chaplain Chris Frigm ... and all those in harm's way.

**For those grieving—families and friends of** Doris Downes, Helene Jung, Richard Healy, and IrenIrene Heyl

**For our homebound parishioners:** Richard & Alma Arnold, Murhl & Evelyn Bauer, 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 Kempeske, Mildred Kempeske, 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 Schaaake, 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](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!

Save  
The  
Date!



"God's work:  
Our hands."  
Sunday  
September 7, 2014



### Celebrating Each Other! Congregational Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

- 5/2 Cindy Burt
- 5/5 Sheila and Charles Bender, Jr.
- 5/6 Raquel and Rick Baker  
Sharon and William Mullinix
- 5/15 Kathleen and Jay Foreman
- 5/18 Lois and Dick Manning  
Alice Teel
- 5/22 Jane and Ronald Gibson
- 5/23 Amanda and Christian Wood
- 5/27 Mildred and Leonard Hutschenreuter
- 5/30 Deborah Lancelotta  
Stephanie and Michael Meekins  
Dorothy and Charles Stairs



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!

**Birthdays:**

**5/1** Victoria Ring  
Robert Spellman  
**5/2** Tyler Jones  
Edith Krieger  
John Sommer  
**5/3** Taylor Ermer  
Carol Kempke  
**5/5** Alice Belth  
Kimberly Lott  
**5/7** Mary Sigmon  
**5/8** Agatha Biensach  
Brook DeWitt  
Brandon Shindel  
Annemarie Sova  
**5/9** Matthew Scheindlinger  
**5/10** Danny Hammons  
Phil McCracken  
**5/11** David Fitch, Jr.  
Joan Swank



**5/12** John Funk  
Bernice Kucharski  
Gladys Porter  
**5/14** Luke Klein  
Andrew Rother, Sr.  
Christie Shindel  
**5/15** Robert Hastings, Jr.  
**5/16** Rosalie Coffman  
Allison Meyers  
Andre' Nufea, Jr.  
Mara Wolfe  
**5/17** Robert Beck  
Doris Rye  
**5/18** Jacob Bittner  
Jordan Glassband  
Virginia Randall  
**5/20** Nathaniel Grisez  
Victoria Jasinski  
Jeremy McDonough  
Leah Menges  
Laura Wolfe  
**5/21** Erin Brophy  
Shirley Snyder  
**5/22** Carly Coffman  
Anny Hoge-Franz  
Mildred Hutschenreuter  
Edna Stratmeyer



**5/24** Darlene Blackmon  
Jennifer Holland  
Brenda Moran  
**5/25** Susan Henschen  
Nicole Hurn  
**5/26** Richard Bauer  
David Nash, Jr.  
Jeremy Rash  
**5/27** Chelsea Vaught  
**5/28** Kira Shull  
**5/30** Jay Foreman  
Douglas Meekins  
Laura Schleigh  
**5/31** Michael McKee  
Elias Nicholson  
Shirley Watkins

**Attention All St. John's Ministry Leaders!**

We need your assistance in maintaining the church's website, [www.stjohnsparkville.org](http://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](mailto: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

During May, Sunday School children in the nursery class through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be learning the following stories: Jesus appears on the Emmaus Road; Peter and John heal the lame man; Peter and Cornelius; and Peter's escape from prison. Make sure you ask them to tell you about these Bible events.

Just a reminder... There will be **NO Sunday School on May 4<sup>th</sup>**. This one service Sunday will be led by our middle and high school youth, followed by the annual Congregational meeting.



**Save the Date!** The annual Sunday School talent show is June 8, 2014. It is time to begin thinking about a talent that you would like to share with everyone. Participants of all ages are invited to share their talents. Look for sign-up sheets in the bulletin as well as from your Sunday School teacher.

## Vacation Bible School

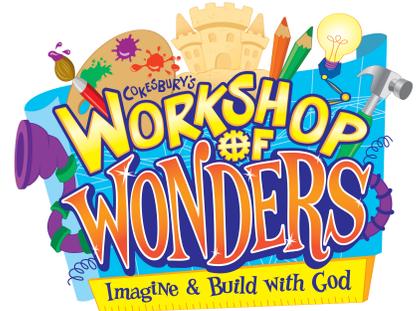


Grab a hammer, find a paintbrush, and put on your creative thinking cap! It's that time of the year again! We are planning another fun Vacation Bible School. Please join us July 7-11 from 9 am-12:30 pm for "Workshop of Wonders- Imagine and Build with God"! Registration forms can be found in the church 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](mailto: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

## Youth Ministry

### **Confirmation Class!**

May 3rd

All classes are from  
10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall.

As a courtesy to your  
classmates and teachers,  
please arrive on time.  
Thank you!



**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES  
AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES IS REQUIRED!**

## Stewardship

The Stewardship Ministry Team of St. John's currently consists of four members: Terri Meekins, Bonnie Rogers, Bob Merrey and Karen Merrey. We would like to grow this Ministry team and welcome all disciples of St. John's to join us.

We meet at church at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month for 90-minutes. We need you to provide energy and ideas to bring the message of STEWARDSHIP to the disciples of St. John's. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) has provided tools and resources to guide our work over the next twelve – eighteen months.

Please explore your God given talents and consider joining us -- servants of the Lord – on this journey to grow as a faithful steward.

Reflections on Stewardship:

- We learn that we are not masters living in a world that we own and control, but we rather are stewards of what has been entrusted to us.
- Christian stewardship is rooted in God's gift of Jesus Christ to us, and we are entrusted with sharing this gift.
- Through God's grace, we freely receive God's gifts and have permission to use these gifts.
- Stewardship has to do with every aspect of living out personal faith, including creation, lifestyle, gifts, finances and callings/vocation.

Churches are increasingly dependent on lay members to assume their rightful place of servant leadership, using their gifts to participate in God's work in the world today. Please consider attending a meeting of the Stewardship Ministry Team to learn more about the faith-filled stewardship journey to participate in God's work.



(This brief history is summarized from "A History of Stewardship" by Dr. William O. Avery of Gettysburg Seminary, and was published by the Lutheran Laity Ministries for Stewardship.)

## Congregational Life

### Enroll Now: Classes in Scripture, Theology, and Lay Ministry

Summer semester at the Ecumenical Institute of Theology is an ideal opportunity to journey more deeply into Scripture, enhance lay ministry skills, or simply learn something new! Apply and register now for weekday evening and Saturday classes that will begin May 31! A division of St. Mary's Seminary & University, the Ecumenical Institute offers graduate-level courses, certificates, and degrees to women and men of all denominations. More information: [www.stmarys.edu/ei](http://www.stmarys.edu/ei), 410/864-4200, or [ei@stmarys.edu](mailto:ei@stmarys.edu).



**Saturday, May 10 at 6 pm**  
**St. John's Fellowship Hall**

For more information, please contact Nancy Ford at 410-668-5278.

*The Committee is planning another fun-filled evening as we honor all mothers.*

*Hope to see you!*

*Tickets may be purchased from either Betty Ehm at 410-668-4644 or Joan Kraft at 410-444-2596.*

### WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

The Wednesday Lunch Bunch will meet at The Friendly Farm Restaurant on **May 28, 2014 at 12:00 noon**. It is located at 17434 Foreston Road in Upperco, MD off of Mt. Carmel Road.

For additional information or reservations call Carolyn at 410-686-0063.



## Congregational Life (continued)



### **There are no words...**

... to thank you, our dear St. John's friends, for the absolutely wonderful farewell send-off you gave for us. From the beautiful Farewell and Godspeed tribute and special music during our worship time together ... to the unbelievable reception that followed... everything was perfect. We can only imagine how much time and hard work went into planning and preparing for the day – the special music, the homemade and delicious food, the cake, the flowers, the video, the Memories book, the confirmation photo, the youth banner, the children's cards, the prayer

shawl, the blankets, the t-shirts, the hard work of set up and clean up, and so much more – made us feel more loved than you can imagine. Your very generous congregational gift, and all the gifts and cards with such kind and thoughtful sentiments, the emails and phone calls from those of you who weren't able to be present on that special day, and the visits from young and “not so young” parishioners right up to our moving day – all are so much more appreciated than we could ever express. You even gave treats and a blanket for our Sonny dog – what a blessing you are!

The (almost) 8 years that we spent as your pastors have given us some of the most cherished memories of our lives. We were blessed and honored to serve with you – our partners in ministry – our sisters and brothers in Christ – our dear friends. You will be in our hearts and in our prayers as God leads you on this next step of your faith-filled journey... and always! Amazing love ... amazing grace.

With heartfelt thanks!

*Pastor Maria & Pastor Danny*

p.s. to Carol, Martha, Al, Lisa & Niki - We know we had to have made you crazy in those last weeks. Thank you for all the extra hours, energy, support, and patience ... and for always keeping a sense of humor. We were so blessed to serve with you and couldn't have done it without you!

**Problem: Rain washout damaging the Labyrinth path**

**Solution: A donation by Towson Campus Minister Laura Sinche of unused stones in her back yard.**

**Problem: How would we get those stones to St. John's?**

**Solution: St. John's Muscle Team: Gary Vogtman, Mike Tyndall, Brenda Moran, Tom Lawn, Lisa & Keith Duerling, Rosalie Coffman, Alan Casalena, and Corinne Brock.**

**These people gave their time & energy on our first beautiful Saturday morning to haul over 2 tons of rock! The Confirmation Class spread the rock over the path (just in time, as we had torrential rain soon after). This was a huge job, and we are so grateful for their help. An extra special thank you to Tom & Gary for stepping up and offering the use of their pickup trucks, key to accomplishing this.**

**Next time you see these people check out their biceps & give them a quick shoulder rub!**

**Many thanks, The Labyrinth Committee**

## Congregational Life (continued)

# MEN IN MISSION

### MEN-IN-MISSION NEWS:

We appreciate all of the work that Larry Addison has been putting into improvements to the church. We have been trying to help Larry by replacing the ceiling lights in the sanctuary and assisting with the landscaping work.

It is nice to have Larry and Dennis Buckless as new regular members of the group. Welcome Larry and Dennis!

Our regular meetings continue to take place on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We are currently discussing the gospel of Mark.

We continue to keep our faithful Treasurer Bob Baxter in our thoughts and prayers. We miss having you at our meetings Bob!

Peace be with you!  
Keith Duerling

#### Upcoming Events:

- The Men-in-Mission will meet for breakfast on Saturday, May 3rd at Denny's on Belair Road at 8:00 a.m.
- On Saturday, May 10th, we will host the Mother-Daughter Banquet.
- Weekly Tuesday evening (7 p.m.) discussion meetings in the Youth Room.

### 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

### 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

### Longaberger® Basket Bingo



**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Doors open at 6 p.m.  
BINGO starts at 7  
p.m.**

St. Ursula Auditorium  
8900 Harford Road

Tickets: \$15 in advance;  
\$18 at the door

For more information,  
please call church office  
at 410-665-1234 or Tony  
Jasinski at 443-474-2727.

# YARD SALE

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Rain or Shine!**

**Spaces are \$10. Tables are available for \$5 (limited number available) or bring your own.**

For more information, call Judy at 410-529-7536 or the church office at 410-665-1234.  
All collected fees will go to the Building Maintenance Fund.

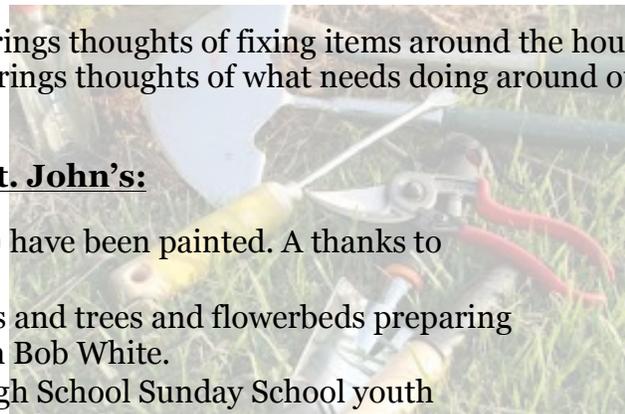
## **If these walls could talk...**

### *Updates on Church Property*

Ah! Spring has sprung, and the warm weather brings thoughts of fixing items around the house—inside and out. True, but for some of us it also brings thoughts of what needs doing around our church—in and out!

### **Here's some of the doings lately around St. John's:**

- The three offices (both Pastors and office) have been painted. A thanks to Larry Addison for this huge project.
- Mulch has been spread around the bushes and trees and flowerbeds preparing for Easter. Larry again with an assist from Bob White.
- Tony Jasinski, Debbie Haacke and the High School Sunday School youth planted flowers in the front and rear of the church.
- Mailbox post support fixed.



## Congregational Life (continued)

- Replacement fluorescent tubes were installed in our church office by Walt
- Signs posted by front steps of church forbidding skateboard and bicycle use.
- Teacher of Month parking sign support fixed.

### **Here are some projects in the works or planned for May and June:**

- Concrete work planned in area of double doors to the right of main entrance that lead to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Concrete blocks to edge border of pavement and slope of hill at the ends of long steps
- Painting of black hand rails around the church.
- Calking of openings in pavement and curbs around the church especially in the rear.
- Roofers called to address on-going leak problem of rubber roof above parlor

### **Property Committee**



#### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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#### **"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](http://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](mailto:arthurdthomas@verizon.net).



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

# May 2014

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                          | Saturday   |
|--|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------|--|
| <p>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.</p> |  |   |  | <p><b>1</b><br/>10-12 Bible Study<br/>SB</p>  | <p><b>2</b></p>                 | <p><b>3</b> 8-10a Men in Mission Breakfast (Dennys)<br/>10am-3:30pm Confirmation<br/>FH, YR, MR<br/>7p Basket Bingo!<br/>(Doors open at 6pm)<br/>St. Ursula Auditorium</p> |
| <p><b>4</b><br/>Congregation Meeting<br/><b>ONE SERVICE</b><br/>10:00 Youth Service<br/>11:00 Cong. Mtg<br/>12ish Pot Luck</p>   | <p><b>5</b><br/>10:00 Bible Study<br/>SB</p>                         | <p><b>6</b><br/><br/>7:00 Men in Mission<br/>YR</p>   | <p><b>7</b><br/>9:30-1:30 Busy Bees<br/>SB<br/>12:00 Young at Heart<br/>FH<br/><br/>6-9:00 pm Choirs<br/>(MR)</p>                      | <p><b>8</b><br/><br/>7:00 Exec Mtg<br/>MR</p>   | <p><b>9</b></p>                 | <p><b>10</b><br/><br/>12-10 Mother/Daughter Banquet<br/>FH</p>   |
| <p><b>11</b> Mother's Day<br/><br/>8:15 &amp; 11 Worship<br/>9:30 SS/AF/YF<br/>9:45 Handbells MR</p>   | <p><b>12</b><br/>9-2 Preschool (K)<br/>10:00 Bible Study<br/>SB</p>  | <p><b>13</b><br/><br/>3-9p WELCA Mtg/dinner<br/>FH/K<br/><br/>7:00 Men in Mission<br/>YR</p>                    | <p><b>14</b><br/>9:30-1:30 Busy Bees<br/>SB<br/><br/>6-9:00 pm Choirs (MR)<br/>7:00 Stewardship CE</p>                                 | <p><b>15</b><br/>10-12 Bible Study<br/>SB<br/><br/>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES<br/>DUE<br/><br/>7:00 Council SB</p> | <p><b>16</b></p>                | <p><b>17</b><br/><br/>Vicar Fund Yard Sale</p>   |
| <p><b>18</b><br/><b>Confirmation!</b><br/>8:15 &amp; 11 Worship w/Healing Prayer<br/>9:30 Confirmation Brunch<br/>9:45 Handbells MR<br/>12-4 Young Families Picnic/Potluck<br/>Park/FH<br/>12:30 Lunch Bunch</p>   | <p><b>19</b><br/>10:00 Bible Study<br/>SB</p>                        | <p><b>20</b><br/>12:00 Ascension Cir<br/>SB<br/><br/>7:00 Men in Mission<br/>YR<br/>7:00 Altar Guild<br/>SB</p> | <p><b>21</b><br/>9:30-1:30 Busy Bees<br/>SB<br/><br/>12:00 Wed Lunch Bunch<br/><br/>6:00 Tech Mtg PD Ofc<br/>6-9:00 pm Choirs (MR)</p> | <p><b>22</b><br/>10-12 Bible Study<br/>SB</p>   | <p><b>23</b></p>                | <p><b>24</b></p>   |
| <p><b>25</b><br/>8:15 &amp; 11 Worship<br/>9:30 SS/AF/YF<br/>9:45 Handbells MR</p>   | <p><b>26</b><br/><b>Memorial Day Holiday</b><br/>(office closed)</p> | <p><b>27</b><br/>7:00 Men in Mission<br/>YR</p>   | <p><b>28</b><br/>9:30-1:30 Busy Bees<br/>SB<br/>6-9:00 pm Choirs (MR)</p>  | <p><b>29</b><br/>10-12 Bible Study<br/>SB</p>   | <p><b>30</b> Synod Assembly</p> | <p><b>31</b> Synod Assembly</p>  |

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

## Liturgical Assistant and Service Ministry Schedule May 2014

| DATE   | TIME      | LECTOR             | COMMUNION ASSISTANT            | CRUCIFIER          | ACOLYTE                             |
|--|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>May 4-<br/>One<br/>Service<br/>Sunday</b> | 10 A.M.   | Senior High Youth  |                                |                    |                                     |
| <b>May 11</b>                                | 8:15 A.M. | Dave Ermer         | Karen Ermer<br>Charles Bender  | Kyle Cappucci      | Brandon Crites                      |
|  | 11:00A.M. | Judy Jasinski      | Judy Jasinski<br>Tony Jasinski | Matthew Miller     | Nate Grisez<br>Emma Nicholson       |
| <b>May 18</b>                                | 8:15 A.M. | Jim Morrow         | Jim Morrow<br>Karen Merrey     | Allie Meyers       | John Meyers                         |
|  | 11:00A.M. | Confirmation Youth | Confirmation Youth             | Ryan Cummings      | Hannah Houston<br>Corinne Brock     |
| <b>May 25</b>                                | 8:15 A.M. | Lee Smith          | Lee Smith<br>Wilma White       | Mara Wolfe         | Autumn Winterling                   |
|  | 11:00A.M. | Nancy Ford         | Nancy Ford<br>Ed Ford          | Matt Schiendlinger | Sarah Schiendlinger<br>Ethan Sommer |

### 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.

*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

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<br>(8:15) | Month    | Late Service<br>(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 May

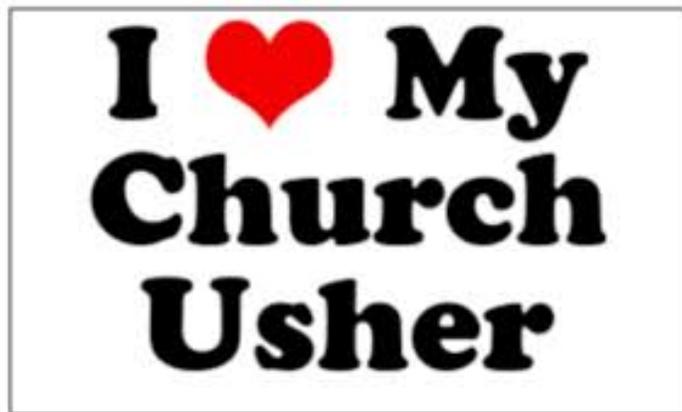
**May**

8:15

Joan Kraft  
Malcolm & Janet Neifeld  
Eric & Susan Neifeld

11:00

Ed & Nancy Ford  
David R. Evans  
Neil McCall  
Brett Evans



## Coffee Hour Set-Up Schedule-May

**Coffee Hour Volunteers:**

May 4—Phyllis Duerling, Barbara and Bob Berner  
May 11—Phyllis Duerling, Barbara and Bob Berner  
May 18—Cheryl and John Linberg, Lee and Renee Smith  
May 25—Cheryl and John Linberg, Lee and Renee Smith

**Coffee Set-Up:**

May 3—Stu Graf  
May 10—Pat Merrey  
May 17—Pat Merrey  
May 24--?  
May 31--?

**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!!!

It's the bottom of the ninth inning. Bases are loaded with 3 balls and 2 strikes. The pitcher carefully eyes the catcher, deciding upon the next pitch—the pitch that will determine a win or a loss for his team. The batter tightens his grip as the pitcher releases the ball spiraling towards an unknown consequence. The catcher leans in slightly and the batter begins to swing. All the pitcher can do is exhale...and wait to react.

As many of you, I tend to compare myself to that batter who is waiting for that next pitch. The batter maintains control of whether we hit a homerun or swing and miss, colliding with the air. The batter has control of his strength and ultimately determines his batting averages.

The batter is praised for his accomplishments, his speed, his endurance. He can lead his team to victory with a loud crack out into left field. He rounds the bases with the avid baseball fan cheering, the child aspiring to "Do what Bo does" and to dream big.

But what we all fail to realize is that the batter would be nothing without the pitcher. Without the

pitcher sending those balls cutting through the air at high speeds that ultimately cause those hit balls into a winning trajectory. The pitcher is the batter's biggest supporter.

Similarly, we don't often contribute our success to God's love and strength. We should always remind ourselves that

*He gives power to the weak  
and strength to the powerless.  
Even youths will become weak and tired,  
and young men will fall in exhaustion.  
But those who trust in the Lord will find  
new strength.*

*They will soar high on wings like eagles.  
They will run and not grow weary.  
They will walk and not faint.*

(Isaiah 40: 29-31)

We will only hit homeruns if we let God pitch us winners.

Hitting it out of the ballpark,  
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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