

THE WEEKLY WORD

THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2009

THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

PRAYER REQUESTS

IN THANKSGIVING: Prayers of thanks for birthdays, anniversaries, births:

- Birthdays of Alex and Ethan Carpenter, Gabriel Booth, Dave Siebert, Jenna Swale, Cecie Adolphi, and Adam Dancy

FOR HEALING: Prayers for those who are ill, hospitalized, or are recovering from sickness or surgery:

- Dolores Neumann
- Rachel Grizzard
- Cathy Sheldahl
- Betty Grizzard
- Edith Monson
- Gene Bennett
- Aston Shoemaker
- Shirley Dwinelle

GENERAL PETITIONS: Specific intercessions for the church, the world, and all in need:

- Sympathy to Seija Johnson and family upon the death of her mother



VIDEO CAMERA NEEDED: Pastor Campbell needs to borrow a

digital video camera to assist with a project for Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. If you would be willing to lend your camera for a week, please contact the church office. Thank you!

WORSHIP AND COMMUNION ATTENDANCE:

- Last week 231 people worshipped at St. John's.
- 85 received the faith-strengthening gift of the Lord's Supper.

May the Holy Spirit continue to add His power and gifts to all who receive them.

Altar flowers are given by Ed & Dolores Neumann in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP

PENTECOST: This weekend, May 30-31, is the Festival of Pentecost. We rejoice in the sending of the Holy Spirit who calls us and keeps us in the one true faith. Special music will highlight this service, and the liturgical color for this festival is red – the color of the Spirit's fire and power.

THE SAXOPHONE QUARTET this morning is comprised of former St. John's member and Air Force Band member, Jeremy Koch playing soprano saxophone; Marine Band member, Dave Jenkins on alto saxophone; Jake McCray, also from the Air Force Band, on tenor saxophone; and Paul Tucker from the Army Band on baritone saxophone. Since we believe that the Holy Spirit resurrects and recreates not just individuals but a whole people, the music this morning comes from many countries. The prelude includes "Wapango" by D'Rivera and "Spanische Serenade" by Albeniz. During the communion distribution, we will hear "Canson D'Autrefois" by Pierne. Please linger following the service for the postlude music which will be a riveting rendition of "Ulla in Africa" by Wiberny.

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EDUCATION

“HOLY CONVERSATIONS: TALKING ABOUT GOD IN EVERYDAY LIFE”: God is back on the agenda. Today people are fascinated by spirituality, and they have lots of questions. Who better to talk with them than Christians? Trouble is, many of us don't know how to talk about our faith or are uneasy about religious salesmanship and canned evangelistic formulas. We are afraid of button-holing others, being offensive or saying something wrong. We simply don't know how to express our faith naturally--in everyday language. In *Holy Conversation* Richard Peace teaches us how to engage in easy and comfortable conversation about the good news of Jesus--the pressure is off. Using small, easy steps, he explains the gospel in plain language and encourages us in practical ways to share our faith with friends, neighbors and colleagues. This will be a very interactive and applicable class with participants doing “homework” and engaging in principles taught. Those interested will need a copy of *Holy Conversations* which can be purchased at Amazon.com or Family Christian Bookstores. Classes begin on Sunday, June 7 in the Fellowship Hall and will end on the last Sunday in August. Pastor Meehan will serve as the facilitator for this class. Please visit www.sjlc.com to register for this class.

THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE: END TIMES: MILLENNIUM. REVELATION. RAPTURE. ETERNITY: So many opinions. What do you believe? As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often struggle to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the “what” of Lutheran doctrines, they do not always understand the “why.” Based on God's Word as faithfully reflected in the Lutheran Confessions, this study will help you to state clearly what you believe about eschatology. Topics covered in this 6 week course include: The Mysterious Veil, Recognize the Signs, Love His Appearing, The Millennial Reign, Judgment Day, and Heaven or Hell? *The Lutheran Difference* series identifies how Lutherans differ from other Christian denominations and shows from the Bible why Lutherans differ. This mid-week class will be facilitated by Pastor Meehan and Jennifer Hills. Classes will begin on Wednesday, May 20 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the library.

“WELCOME TO THE FAMILY” BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS: This course helps individuals to prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, whether those individuals are parents desiring to have their children baptized, or adults planning for their own Baptism. The class will be held on **Wednesday evening, June 10 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** Location will be announced. Pastors will serve as instructors and guide candidates, parents, and sponsors as together we explore the Biblical basis for Baptism and their role in the covenant of God's grace given in Baptism. To register, please call the church office (703-971-2210) or send an e-mail to office@sjlc.com.

COMMUNITY CARE AND OUTREACH

SPANISH LANGUAGE MISSION UPDATE: The Spanish Mission Developer Search Committee has completed five phone interviews. The Search Committee asked four candidates to continue in the call process with on-site interviews; however, two of the candidates, Pastor Antonio Lopez, from Norwalk, California and Pastor Juan Hormachea of Denver, Colorado have decided not to continue in the process. The first candidate to come for an on-site visit was **Pastor Pedro Lopez** of Racine, Wisconsin, who was here this past week. The next on-site visit will be with **Pastor Dana Brones** from Jacksonville Beach, Florida. He will be arriving on the morning of Monday, June 8th and will be departing on Wednesday evening, June 10th. St. John's will host a meet-and-greet forum in the Fellowship Hall for Pastor Brones on Tuesday, June 9 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Please keep each of these candidates and the search committee in your prayers. The Spanish Language Mission Development Board (SLMDB) will be meeting today (Sun, May 31) at 1 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Woodbridge. Questions may be addressed to Rachel Evans (rachelje@gmail.com) or Maritza Guerra (maritza.guerra@sjlc.com) on the Search Committee. You may also contact Rod Smith (socr1st@yahoo.com), St. John's Minister of Outreach, who serves on the Spanish Language Mission Development Board, together with Ivan Eby (cizeby@gmail.com).

WE INVITE ALL LUTHERANS AND THEIR FRIENDS to join us for a luncheon meeting of Lutheran Lay Fellowship, scheduled for the first Thursday of each month from noon until 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Colesville Road at Dale Drive in Silver Spring, one mile south of the Capitol Beltway at Exit 30B. Ample off-street parking is available. Interested persons can make reservations for a delicious lunch by calling Harlan Oelke at 301-545-1910 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2nd. The cost of the luncheon is \$7.50, payable at the door.

The speaker for noon on Thursday, June 4, 2009 is The Rev. James L. McDonald, Vice President of Bread for the World. His address is entitled “Rising Hunger: Crisis and Opportunity”.

PRAYER WALKING FOR THE CURE @ the June 6th *Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure*: Our St. John's team is hoping to raise at least \$400 in sponsorship pledges. With your help, there's no limit on how much we can raise and the impact we can make on the other participants and those observing. In addition to praying for the cure for breast cancer, we will also be praying for our capital city and seat of the federal government and getting some good exercise. Contact Rodney or Janet Smith for more details on the June 6th walk.

FINANCE

SUMMER OFFERINGS AND TITHES: As we enter into the summer season when many people travel and are on vacation, please ensure that your tithes and offerings for the ministry and mission of our congregation continue while you are away. During the challenging economic times that we face, summer can be a particularly low time for tithes and offerings in the congregation. Please send in your contributions if you plan to be away. You may also want to consider electronic funds transfer which allows your contributions to take place weekly, monthly, or on whatever frequency you choose. If you'd like more information about how this might work for your household, please contact Cathy Sheldahl, St. John's Financial Administrator (703-971-2210, cathy.sheldahl@sjlc.com).

NOMINATIONS: COUNCIL & ENDOWMENT CMTE.

The following congregational members have been nominated to serve:

CHURCH COUNCIL

President	Mike Waring
Vice President and Minister of Administration	Elliott Worcester
Council Secretary	Barbara Pate
Minister of Community Care	Chris Payne
Minister of Congregational Care	Susan Hinderleider
Minister of Education	Susan Carpenter
Minister of Finance	Caral Spangler
Minister of Outreach	Rodney Smith
Minister of Support	Christy Hoins
Minister of Worship	Bob Pinkham
Minister of Youth	Carol Davis

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Skip Wagner, Ron Adolphi, John Aponte, Tom DeMik, Eric Klanderman

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara "T" Carter, Patti Crampton, Bob Payne (Nominating Committee)

In The Event Of An Emergency . . .

- Stay calm and follow the directions of the ushers. Ushers will determine if evacuation is necessary.
- Please follow the instructions of the ushers for the safest exit points and proceed to the assembly area in the main parking lot.
- If you need special assistance, please identify yourself to the ushers or greeters for help. An usher or greeter will assist you.
- Children in the nursery will be taken directly to the assembly area. Parents should go directly to the assembly area, not the nursery.
- Stay calm and walk, do not run, as you exit the church.



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We gather around the cross,
 formed and fueled by God's
 grace, and are sent into the
 world to invite all people to
 a life transformed by
 Jesus Christ.

ODDS AND ENDS

WHEN LEAVING DONATIONS FOR KOINONIA (the Franconia community service agency) in the collection box in the narthex, please do not overwhelm the box or surrounding space with lots of bags and containers of donated items. If at all possible, you are encouraged to take your donations directly to Koinonia (located in the building behind Franconia United Methodist Church – just down the street from St. John's). Their hours of operation are Monday-Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am – 12 noon, and Thursday from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Donations left in the narthex are taken to Koinonia as needed (usually at least once a week), but we need your help to ensure that articles for Koinonia are useable. Please, no broken, dirty, or damaged items. Because of hygiene concerns, no shoes or sandals can be accepted. Gently used clothing is welcome and accepted, but please bring this to Koinonia in the appropriate season (lighter, summer clothing is needed now). Personal care products, cleaning supplies, diapers, and non-perishable food items are always needed. Thank you for your support of Koinonia and its ministry to help our community.

CIRCUIT MISSION COMMITTEE FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA CIRCUITS 9A AND B meets each month (September-June) at St. John's for mutual planning and coordination of LCMS congregational outreach and mission work in our area. The final meeting before summer will take place on Saturday, June 13 at 10 am in the Library at St. John's, and you are welcome to attend. A dedicated group of people from the seventeen congregations of our two circuits come together for prayer, updates, and discussion as we seek to follow where God is at work in the world. Questions? Please contact Ken Watkinson, Circuit Mission Advocate (ken.watkinson@poplc.org).



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUN. 5/31 Pentecost
 8:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Christian Education Hour
 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 Noon Multicultural Cooking Class, Fellowship Hall and Kitchen
 6:30 p.m. Church Council, 307/309
 7:00 p.m. Adults and Boy Scouts, Library

MON. 6/1
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, 304, 305 and, MPR
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall & Dining room

TUES. 6/2
 9:00 a.m. Braille Center, Fellowship Hall
 Noon Exercise Class, 307/309
 7:15 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Mtg., MPR

WED. 6/3
 11:00 a.m. ECEC Chapel, sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. The Next Level, 305
 7:00 p.m. *The Lutheran Difference*: End Times, Library
 7:15 p.m. Crossways Unit 3, Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir, 301/303

THURS. 6/4
 10:00 a.m. XYZ, Craft room
 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library
 7:00 p.m. Craft Fellowship, Craft room
 7:30 p.m. Bells Angels, 301/303

FRI. 6/5

SAT. 6/6
 8:00 a.m. Freecycle, Fellowship Hall
 3:30 p.m. JOYSONG! Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. JOY! Service, Sanctuary

SUN. 6/7 Holy Trinity
 8:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Christian Education Hour
 10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 11:00 a.m. Graduates' Reception, Fellowship Hall and Kitchen