

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE WEEKLY WORD

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2010

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WORSHIP

GREETER MINISTRY: Greeters, please be thinking about dates you're not available to greet during March, April & May. This schedule will include Mid-Week Lenten Services and Holy Week. Please call 703-961-8259 or send a note to me at <aklanderman@yahoo.com>. Thanks so much to each of you for your willingness to greet. A heartfelt invitation to any in the congregation who are interested in becoming a part of St. John's Greeter Ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES 3 - 6 will be providing the prelude music at the 10:45 service on Sun., Feb. 28.

ALTAR FLOWERS: A new procedure for altar flower payments has been started. Please sign on the flower chart on the date you wish to place altar flowers. Then complete one of the payment envelopes and place it into the offering plate with payment at least 2 weeks prior to the date you are donating flowers. Payment envelopes and flower chart are on the Worship bulletin board.



WORSHIP AND COMMUNION ATTENDANCE:

- Last week 150 people worshipped at St. John's.
- 110 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.

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Altar flowers are given by Bill and Alice Millican

ADMINISTRATION

TOWN HALL MEETINGS HELP SHAPE FUTURE FACILITIES DECISIONS. There was excellent turnout at the two Town Hall meetings held recently to discuss building and finance options facing St. John's as it looks to pay down the debt on the Posey property and develop plans for future construction. In addition to reaction to the work these committees have done, there were some good suggestions about related issues that can be factored into the equation. Thanks to all who took the time to participate.

The church council will hear further discussion from the two committees at its next meeting on Feb. 14 and we will bring this issue before a special congregational meeting on Sun., March 14, following the late service. I hope all of you can attend. At that time, we will also vote on approving a four-month sabbatical for Pastor Meehan for later this year.

Our facilities here at St. John's are an important home base for our work in God's vineyards. But the church remains the people of St. John's, not the bricks and mortar. Connecting these two in a thoughtful and responsible way is the key to making sure we are prepared to carry out our mission and ministry for years to come. As always, your feedback and suggestions, as well as your continued financial support, will help ensure that that effort will be successful.

Mike Waring
Congregational President

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Dolores Neumann
- Carri Booth
- Dunell Schull

- Gene Bennett
- Aston Shoemaker
- Elaine Costello
- Jack Grizzard, Sr.
- May Moy
- Andrew Johnson
- Shirley Dwinelle

- Lynette Ebberts

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

- The people suffering in Haiti from the earthquake.

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

ST. JOHN'S HAS SCHEDULED A LIFE LINE HEALTH SCREENING CLINIC for Sat., Feb. 27. St. John's point of contact is Susan Hinderleider and she can be reached at 703-922-5263 or susan.hinderleider@verizon.net.

LYNETTE EBBERTS entered Mayo's Pain Rehabilitation Clinic on Jan. 3 and will be there through mid-Feb. Please lift Lynette up in prayer as she undergoes this rigorous rehab program. Cards and notes may be sent to the following address: Lynette Ebberts % Best Western Soldiers Field Towers and Suites 401 6th Street SW Rochester, MN 55902.

YOUTH



VALENTINE'S CANDY SALE: Youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be making and selling chocolate candy on TODAY, Feb 7th and Feb 14th. It will be sold in 1 pound boxes. Look for the table in the narthex on Feb 7th where boxes will be available for purchase and orders for Feb 14th can also be taken.

JOIN US FOR A SPAGHETTI DINNER & VARIETY SHOW on Feb. 21! Enjoy great food and sparkling talent at the annual spaghetti dinner, where you'll be served by St. John's teens. They're raising funds for their trip to the national Lutheran Youth gathering in New Orleans in July. Tickets will be sold at the table in the narthex after each worship service. Tickets are: \$7 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 eat free. Choose either the 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. seating.

SHARE YOUR TALENT: Do you sing, play a musical instrument or juggle? Show off your talent and have fun performing for our friendly spaghetti dinner patrons. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board under "Congregational Care," in the choir room and the high school room. Questions? Contact Dori McCormick at dorimccormick@msn.com.

WE NEED YOUR "2 CENTS"! As in "Can you spare some change?" We have all been asked that at one time or another, and our St. John's high school youth have a special purpose for that spare change that we all have lying around our homes -- in the dryer, under the couch cushions, or even in a big jar, just awaiting that special purpose. Our high school youth will be attending the National LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 17 through 21, 2010 and have been busy raising money to help with the cost of this trip. If you would like to donate your spare change, a jar has been set up in the narthex to collect your donations. Once again thank you for your support!

SCOUT SUNDAY, TODAY, FEBRUARY 7: This year, 2010, is a very special year as we celebrate 100 years of Scouting. Scout Sunday will be held TODAY, Feb. 7 at the 10:45 service, and Scouts of all ages are encouraged to attend. We have a special table set up in the narthex. St. John's has made Scouting an important part of the church's mission and we want to express our appreciation.

OUTREACH

AN EVENING OF BOOK SIGNING, IRISH CULTURE AND GOOD FOOD to Benefit Carpenter's Shelter and the Father McKenna Hypothermia Center: On Tues., Feb. 9, from 5:30 p.m. to closing, McGinty's Public House in Arlington just off Jefferson Davis Highway between Potomac Yard and Crystal City (in the same complex as Harris Teeter). is offering to donate 20% of all food proceeds to Carpenter's Shelter and the Father McKenna Hypothermia Center in northwest DC. Dan Costello, author of "[The Rag Tree](#)" will be signing his book and talking about Irish culture. According to one reviewer, "[The Rag Tree](#)" is possibly "the next great novel of Ireland." If you have questions, please call 703-548-7500.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA (LSS/NCA) is expecting many unaccompanied refugee minors from Haiti. We are searching for caring, responsible adults that would consider welcoming a foreign-born youth. It is not too late to attend the winter orientation session to learn about becoming a foster parent with LSS/NCA. LSS/NCA trains and licenses foster parents who reside in the District of Columbia or suburban Maryland.

Classes begin on February 9. RSVP to Nicole Gordon: email gordonn@lssnca.org or call (202) 723-3000, ext. 284 immediately.

COMMUNITY CARE AND OUTREACH

WELCOME CENTER WARMTH: Friend, The Welcome Center needs your smile. You can help to ensure that all friends and family will be greeted and sent with a smile before and after each service. Please consider serving as a host for 15 minutes before/after a service of your choice. Email leticianordvall@hotmail.com or stop by The Welcome Center.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING of greeting cards for St. Jude's Ranch for Children will end TODAY, February 7th. The response has been TREMENDOUS! Thank you so much. Way to go, St. John's! You can still check out their website at stjudesranch.org -- to learn more and/or to place an order for the recycled greetings! Any questions, contact Betty Shanklin at blshanklin@verizon.net or 703-719-5967.



CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOUPER BOWL TODAY. Thrivent Financial will contribute \$250 if we collect \$750 (1 to 3 match), so let's go St. John's! Maybe we can even equal our last year's donation of \$1,100.

ESL TEACHERS NEEDED. Want a rewarding, hands-on volunteer opportunity? Volunteer to teach English to our immigrant neighbors. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 16-May 6 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 7:30-9 p.m., at St. John's. Teachers must commit to one class per week (either mornings or evenings). Classes are team-taught. No experience necessary. Just a smile and a desire to help people from other countries. A workshop for new and current teachers will be held at St. John's. Registration help also is needed on Feb. 16 and 18 from 6:15-8:30 p.m. For more information, please contact ESL Coordinator Diane Brody at faclesl@aol.com.

HELP FOR HAITI: St. John's has been asked to partner with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in a Stop Hunger Now meal packaging program for the people of Haiti on Feb. 19 (7-9:30 p.m.) and Feb. 20 (9:00-11:30 a.m.). Individuals and groups can volunteer for a meal packaging session by going to Prince of Peace's website at www.poplc.org. Register for one or both sessions by clicking on the "Stop Hunger Now-Food for Haiti" link on the home page. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to package 100,000 meals (25 cents per meal) for designation to the families of the Village of Hope (VOH) School in Haiti. VOH is one of three ministries of the Lazarus Project-Haiti (www.lazarusprojecthaiti.org), sponsored by Food for the Poor. If you cannot support financially, please support with your labor and prayers. Or dine at the Kingstowne Uno's Chicago Grill on Feb. 10 and 11th from 11:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Uno's will donate up to 20% of your check (dine-in or carry-out) for the Stop Hunger Now-Haiti meal packaging program. You must present a Uno's "Dough Raiser" coupon at the table or with your carry-out order for the SHN- Haiti meal packaging program to get credit. Look for fliers on February 6/7 in church bulletins.

Make your dollars stretch even further by purchasing Uno's gift cards to buy your lunch or dinner on February 10th and 11th from our Youth Group Sun., Feb. 7th. Proceeds from the gift card sales will help fund our Youth Group's National Youth Gathering this summer.

HISPANIC MISSION DEVELOPMENT TEAM LEADER AND IMPLEMENTERS: We are seeking new members of this team that works in support of Hispanic Mission Development at St. John's and together with Pastor Lopez as we move forward. A 2010 plan has been developed and areas that you could get involved with include Estudio Biblico, Community Meals, a new Prayer & Worship service prior to ESL, VBS/summer programs, etc. Current efforts include growing social ministries into Word and Sacrament ministries. We want to recruit, educate and involve SJLC members to collaborate in growing this ministry, as well as identify and train indigenous leaders. There are various areas where we are seeking leaders as well as support players. You do not have to have any knowledge of the Spanish language to participate so all are invited. If you do have Spanish language skills, we strongly encourage you to consider getting involved with this ministry as those skills are beneficial. Please email Rachel (Evans) Dancy at rachelje@gmail.com if you would like to get involved and/or have any questions. Gracias!

DINE-OUT FOR KOINONIA on March 2 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Roy Rogers in Manchester Lakes. Roy Rogers will donate 15% of sales to benefit Koinonia.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS HOSTING AGORA AGAPE, a home-based business bazaar, on Saturday, February 13, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Vendors include Discovery Toys, Tastefully Simple, Longaberger, Pampered Chef, and many more along with a silent auction and raffles. Proceeds will benefit Bethany's Senior Youth as they prepare for their mission trip to the national Youth gathering in July. Bethany is located at 2501 Beacon Hill Road in Alexandria. Please contact Beth Leeman (703/765-8255; office@bethany-lcms.org) for more information.



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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 trans-
formed by
Jesus Christ.

ODDS & ENDS

WALTHER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT: St. John's is honored to host the advanced touring choirs from Walther Lutheran High School in Chicago on Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. A concert of sacred music will be given by *A Cappella*, a 52-voice mixed choir which performs a wide range of concert and service music; *Chamber Choir*, a 16-voice mixed choir which specializes in music of the Renaissance and Baroque eras; and *Christian Minstrels*, a 40-voice mixed choir which performs contemporary Christian music. Our congregation will provide dinner for the choir members on Thurs. evening, and will also provide overnight housing and breakfast the next morning. We will be responsible for housing 65 students and 5 faculty chaperones, so please consider opening your home to provide hospitality for choir members. Please contact Cathy Long if you can help with housing.

Creative Fellowship will be coordinating the meal. Thanks!

MISSION TRIP – KATRINA RELIEF: St. John's is forming a team for a spring 2010 mission trip to do Katrina Relief work. The dates for the trip are April 24 through May 1, and the team will be staying at Camp Restore in New Orleans. We've got a group of 6 veterans from past trips to "Nawlins" poised to go. We would love to have a few additional people (both men and women) join us!

If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Brian Hoins (Home phone 703-643-9726, cell phone 703-220-5468, E-mail bchoins@cox.net). If you think you might be interested, but would like to learn more about it, there will be a meeting at the church at 7:00 on Thursday evening, February 18 to explain what's involved and answer questions.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUN. 2/7	Epiphany V	7:15 p.m.	Crossways, Fellowship Hall
	Scout Sunday	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir, 301/303
8:00 a.m.	Worship with Baptism	THURS. 2/11	
9:30 a.m.	Christian Education Hour	10:00 a.m.	XYZ, craft room
10:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, library
Noon	Multicultural Cooking Class, kitchen	6:30 p.m.	ECEC Board, library
2:30 p.m.	Bible and Me, 309	7:00 p.m.	Craft Fellowship, craft room
MON. 2/8		7:30 p.m.	Bells Angels Handbell Choir, 301/303
7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts, 304, 305, and MPR	FRI. 2/12	
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall & dining room	SAT. 2/13	
TUES. 2/9		9:30 a.m.	Worship Committee, Library
9:00 a.m.	Braille Center, Fellowship Hall	3:30 p.m.	JOYSONG! Rehearsal, sanctuary
Noon	Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.	JOY! Service, sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Structure and Governance Task Force, library	SUN. 2/14	Transfiguration of Our Lord
7:30 p.m.	Haiti Mission Trip, Fellowship Hall	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion and Bible & Me Presentations
WED. 2/10		9:30 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
10:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Study, 307/309	10:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.	ECEC Chapel, sanctuary	Noon	Church Council, 307/309
6:00 p.m.	Choristers, 301/303	7:00 p.m.	2 nd Sunday, Fellowship Hall, 307/309, 308, and 305
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, 307/309, and 308		
6:30 p.m.	The Next Level, 305		