



Formation Through Fellowship

Working for the DNR in the summers after college, my wife, Chrissy, and I both had a difficult task to do. As "Explorer Guides" we had the mission of creating activities to promote DNR messages to vacationers at the State Park. Now I can't think of many things that people in northern Michigan want to hear less about than DNR propaganda, especially while on vacation. And yet the manner by which we were instructed to spread the message made all the difference. We were given a "fun budget" to create events and activities that campers would enjoy...and told to slip in a DNR message covertly. So our "Walking Stick Hike," which brought families together to make walking sticks and go for a refreshing walk through the forest, also taught them to avoid poison ivy, pick up litter and stay on the trails.

The smiles on people's faces throughout these summer programs showed me that fellowship activities are the perfect place to learn and grow. I think the same holds true for our life together as a congregation. As a church, we have the blessing and calling of creating opportunities for fun and fellowship. This is not in addition to proclaiming the Gospel, but rather one of the very means by which we proclaim it. Starting this month, Rev. Pam is going to be meeting with a Fellowship Team to talk about opportunities for us to have fun together and share in the joy of Christ as a congregation. So send us your ideas and suggestions or better yet, lend a hand as we create events that will bring us together. By doing so, I believe that we will grow closer to God and one another.

Be Refreshed,
Fr. Daniel+



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Constance Grantham
- 1 Richard Stringer
- 2 Diane Carter
- 5 Judy Stuart
- 6 Ralph Jackson
- 8 Sarah Daugherty
- 9 Thomas Grantham II
- 10 Stephanie Cittel
- 10 Stephen Seibert
- 12 Janet Stringer
- 12 Jill Wetmore
- 13 Craig Tourangeau
- 17 Amy Simons
- 18 Nancy Kraus
- 18 Karen Parr
- 19 John Roberts
- 20 Matthew Seibert
- 21 Sarah Keenan
- 21 Peggy Vlassis
- 23 Melanie Hollman
- 23 Wendy Majask
- 24 Bradley Cittel II
- 24 Jasen Wilson
- 27 Heather Campbell
- 27 Jason Wright

Happy Anniversary!

- 2 Barb & Berney Jones
- 6 Jill & Ned Wetmore
- 15 Lori & Marc Baillargeon
- 18 Sue Ludwig & Steve Kempiski

Thank You

Thank you to **Marcia Hoffman, Michelle Hoepfner, Janet Cozenza** and **Amy Simons** for donating and managing snacks for Vacation Bible School!

Thank you **Betty Grills, Sue Marquardt, Diane Grigg, Ida Smith, Lou Smith, Kathy TenWolde, Dawn Penny** and **Nancy Birdsall** for delivering altar flowers so far this year.

Thanks to **Kathy TenWolde, Michael Keenan** and **Rebecca Curell** for helping deliver supplies to the Lunch Bag Outreach program!

Is there someone in our parish who has gone above and beyond? If you would like to offer thanks, please call the office at 793-9575.

Good Samaritans:

Jun. 23 - Jul. 6	Betty Galbraith	793-3422
Jul. 7 - Jul. 20	Mary Slater	777-4722
Jul. 21 - Aug. 3	Tom Donaghy	395-3588

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Another Successful VBS!

For the past three years, I have been sitting on a planning committee for Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the Courthouse Square Churches. In 2011, First Presbyterian, Michigan Avenue Baptist and St. John's joined forces in our first collaborative effort. Last year, First Presbyterian and St. John's continued to work together for another successful VBS. This year, Holy Cross joined us.



June 17th – 20th brought 70 children to Holy Cross for this year's VBS. The theme was "Tell it on the Mountain." About 25 volunteers lead children in games, bible stories, music and crafts. St. John's supplied the snack each night. We served trail mix, bagels with cream cheese and strawberries, ice cream and hotdogs. Thanks to Michele Hoepfner, Janet Cosenza and Sallie Swanson for helping prepare the snacks. Thanks to Amy Simons for supplying paper products. The cost of the food is covered by the sale of tickets to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Pam Renna's granddaughters, Marriana and Alexis, have attended all three years. Ask them how they liked VBS. They always look like they are enjoying themselves.

A gentleman who lives in the Heritage Square area was so impressed that the Courthouse Square Churches were working together to bring VBS to our children, his place of employment donated 70 passes to the Children's Zoo to the VBS children. We need to continue to collaborate with our neighbors in other efforts.

Next year Zion Lutheran is planning on joining us. I hope more people from St. John's join us too. When Sallie Swanson asked me why I volunteer for VBS I answered, "I do it for St. John's, but more importantly, I do it for the children." I hope more of you will join me in this effort next year and show St. John's support for VBS.

Marcia Hoffman

Two By Two, to the Zoo!

The summer fun continues for young families when in July we take a trip to the Children's Zoo at Celebration Square. We'll continue to explore God's good creation with a short kid friendly lesson and adventure through the zoo.

- When:** Saturday, July 20 @ 10am - 1pm
- Where:** Meet at the Saginaw Children's Zoo in Celebration Square
- Cost:** \$7 per person, under 1 are free
(Zoo members are free)

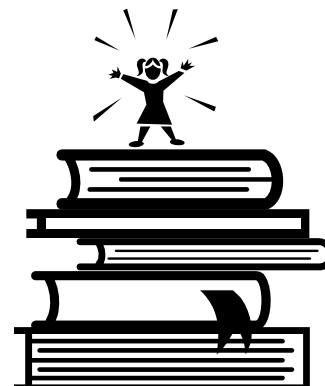
Bring your friends.
All are welcome!



Sunday School Volunteer Meeting

It's not too early to be getting ready for our fall youth programs. We have some exciting new curricula for our nursery, 3-5 year olds, and 1-8 grade! But we need some volunteers to help. If you are interested in teaching, being a teacher's aid, or otherwise being involved, please plan on attending our *incredibly-short-ever-so-easy* volunteer meeting on **Sunday, July 14th at 11:30am.**

You'll learn about being SafeChurch™ trained, what lessons and materials you'll be using and more.



St. John's Golf Scramble 2013

Why should the kids have all the fun?

The 3rd Annual St. John's Golf Scramble is scheduled for **Saturday, August 10th, at the Sawmill Golf Course** on Midland Road. The cost is \$15 a person which includes 9 holes of golf, an electric cart and a bucket of warm up balls. We will begin our tee times at 2:00 p.m. and should be finished by 5. The clubhouse will be available following the round for those who wish to stay for some fellowship. This outing has become a tradition here at St. John's and we are looking forward to this year's event. There will be a **sign-up sheet available in the Community Room** for those interested in participating! Please contact the Rev. Pam Renna if you have any questions.



Putting the Fun in Fellowship

Many of you have indicated the importance of fellowship opportunities within our church family. Therefore, we are going to put together a fun-loving group of people who will help identify and organize some great activities that as a church family we can all enjoy...perhaps, casual dinners, picnics, concerts, movies, plays, baseball games...wherever our imaginations take us! We are looking forward to forming this group which can tap into the resources around our community. If you would like to be a part of this organizing group, please get in touch with Rev. Pam. Or if you have ideas for some activities, please let her know. It is wonderful to share our Christian love for each other even outside the church setting while enjoying activities around the Tri-city community. There is a lot to do here. It will be great to do it together. Please consider joining us!

Contact: the Rev. Pam Renna (pam@stjohns-saginaw.org)

Women in Prayer

Are you a woman who wants to gather in the fellowship of other women to strengthen the power of prayer at St. John's? Then join us for a Daughters of the King inquirers meeting, **Tuesday, July 9th at 6:30pm.**

Summer Pick-Up Choir

Miss singing in the choir? Want to try it for the first time? Join us for our summer pick-up choirs! Come to one or come to them all; we're glad to have your voice for Sunday worship. Friends are welcome to join as well. Here's the scoop...

Rehearsal starts at **9:30**; we'll sing during the **10:30** worship service. That's all there is to it!

The Schedule:

July 28 - Be thou my vision - arr. Richard Shepherd

August 18 - O Holy City, Seen of John, arr. Roger Price

Join our event on Facebook to share with your friends and hear samples of the music!



The C.S. Lewis Pub Club - July 23 @ 7:00pm

What's the Pub Club?

The Pub Club is for people who want to talk about issues of faith and Christianity, but who may not want the ongoing commitment and preparation of a weekly book group. We'll meet only once for each book we read, meeting at a Spencer's Route 46, a local bar & grill, for appetizers, refreshments and conversation as we discuss the works of C. S. Lewis. Read what you can. Come when you can. It's that simple.

Why C.S. Lewis?

Lewis approached religious belief as a skeptic which allowed his writings (after he converted to Christianity) to address many of the questions, doubts and practical issues of church and faith that many of us face today.

Where & When Do We Meet?

We'll be meeting at Spencer's Route 46 (5530 Gratiot, Saginaw, Michigan 48638). Food and drinks will begin at 7:00pm with discussion starting at 7:30pm.

The July selection will be "**Surprised by Joy**" which will be discussed July 23.



Prayer List

June 2013

Need prayer for you or someone you know? Let us know! Fill out a prayer request form and drop it in the offering plate or contact Kelsey in the office. Prayer requests will be included on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Your prayers would be appreciated for...

The protection of the men and women in our military: Mark James Brady, Craig Burdis, Matthew Donnelly, Breck & Lucy Martin, Ashley (Wilson) Reaves, Stephen Ryckman, Jeffrey Shalkowski, David J. Slater, Amber Warner, Justin Wilson, Joshua Kraniak.

Our rector, vestry, and staff: the Rev. Daniel Cannon, Keith Birdsall (*Senior Warden*), Mark Mahlberg (*Junior Warden*), Dennis Thom (*Treasurer*), Jane Girdham (*Clerk*), Kelsey Dillon, Alfonso Gissendanner, Sonni Magyar, the Rev. Pamela Renna, Amy Simons, Kevin Simons, and Jan Young.

All the people of St. John's and their ministries.

Our church leaders, fellow diocese and church: The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, for our Bishop, Todd Ousley;

Those receiving treatment for and others suffering from cancer: Edwin, Sally Spence Morley, Amerdeep, Sidhu, Gary Thacker, Duane Bushey, Tim Kubik, Lana, Loretta Borger, Betty Galbraith, Delores Freeman, Trudy Barshaw, J. David Knodel, Pam Conaway, Matthew, Meg Mancini, Irene, Emma Genter, David Tolliver, Goodie Peters, Curtis Scott, Tom DuCharme, Glen, Tami Kerr, Helen Johnson, Gary Tanner, Donna Shelenhamer, Joanna McKeown, Christopher Loiselle, Connie, Bill Elliott

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JULY 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist	4	5	6
7 <i>The 7th. Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist	8 7:00pm – Finance Meeting	9 6:30pm – Daughters of the King Inquirers Meeting	10 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist 7:00 – Vestry Meeting	11	12	13
14 <i>The 8th. Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist 11:30am – Sunday School Volunteer Meeting	15	16	17 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist	18	19	20 10:00am – Summer Family Activity@ Saginaw’s Children’s Zoo
21 <i>The 9th. Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist	22	23 7:00pm – C.S. Lewis Pub Club @ Spenser’s Route 46	24 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist	25	26	27 9:15am - Old Town Christian Outreach Volunteer Day
28 <i>The 10th. Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am – Holy Eucharist 9:30am – Pick-Up Choir 10:00am – Nursery 10:30am – Holy Eucharist	29	30	31 Noon – Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist			

*Note: Sunday School will begin again in September. Join us for our volunteer meeting on July 14th!
 Nursery will continue as throughout the summer.*