

The Messenger

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DEVOTED TO FELLOWSHIP

The church picnic is fellowship, right? The Detroit Zoo trip is definitely fellowship. Or is it? Either way, there is likely some extra church credit for participating, so let's get going!

As with most things we learn at church, fellowship has a deeper meaning than just having fun together. The Greek word for fellowship is "koinonia," and it comes from a root meaning **common or shared**. When we experience fellowship, we are really finding what we have in common with one another and participating in something together. We are also finding ways to share. We share time and insight as well as resources. For maximum fellowship experience we need to give *and* receive. This summer, could you open yourself to what someone else has to offer?

The early church was so devoted to fellowship, Christians met daily in the temple and ate meals in each other's home. It's easy to reason that the exponential growth of the early church was linked to this devotion of fellowship. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we, the people of St. John's, can also devote ourselves to fellowship with one another and building relationships that stand the test of time. Fellowship lives at the zoo, breakfast, coffee hour, choir practice, birthday parties, funerals and anywhere we are together.

Need an added blessing? Fellowship builds faith, accountability, empathy and God's kingdom. Read about how the early Christians did it in the Second Book of Acts. Then, prayerfully ask to be renewed in your fellowship today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pick-Up Choirs

July 3, July 24, & August 28 @ 9:30am

Have you always wanted to join the choir but didn't have the time or courage to give it a try? This summer is your summer! On July 3, 24 and August 28, a pick-up choir will meet at 9:30am to rehearse and sing during the 10:30 service. It's no sweat to give it a try... we don't even vest. Come! Let's have a good sing!

Church Picnic

July 23, 2016 @ Noon

Join us for a church picnic at the Harvey Randall Wicks Park ([McCarty Rd](#))! We'll bring the hot dogs, lemonade and table service. Please bring the sides, desserts and games! We have reserved a pavilion, so this picnic will be made in the shade.

Golf Scramble

August 7 @ 2:00pm

It's back, the St. John's Golf Scramble at the Sawmill Golf Course! The cost of \$20 includes 9 holes of golf, an electric cart and practice balls. Prizes will be awarded! There will be an opportunity for fellowship at the course after golfing. **Deadline to sign up is July 31st.**

Detroit Zoo Trip

August 20 @ 7:30am

Plan a trip to the Detroit Zoo and let us do the driving! We're setting a goal of having 56 people sign up for a bus to visit to the Detroit Zoo. **Because we must know how many seats are available on the bus, we need to have your paid reservations before counting you as officially signed up.** Please make checks payable to St. John's Episcopal Church with the memo, zoo trip. The cost of the tickets include zoo entrance and a seat on the bus.

Tickets for Youth & Seniors - \$28, Adults (age 15-61) \$32 **Deadline to sign up is July 31.**



IN RECOGNITION

Known as Court House Square VBS, St. John's came together with Holy Cross Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church for **Vacation Bible School 2016**. The theme was Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace and anyone familiar with Joseph's story (from the book of Genesis) knows there is a lot of wisdom in his response to hardships. Students focused on: recognizing gifts and talents in others, working to the best of their ability even in hard circumstances, forgiveness and faith. Crafts, songs, stories and small groups all helped youths discover more about the legacy they've inherited as Christians and how they can live into it each day. We also give our special thanks to Lori Baillargeon, Marcia Hoffman, Dawn Penney, and Amy Simons for helping prepare and serve snacks each evening.

OPEN TABLE: AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

As a congregation, how do we elevate our outreach efforts from merely providing resources to building relationships? That is exactly the question St. John's has been asking this summer. Take a moment and explore with us an interesting possibility in outreach. It's a structure called [Open Table](#) and it's already making an impact in Saginaw.

You know the old saying, "Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he'll eat for a lifetime." Well, this is it. Open Table is a ministry program that offers training and resources to congregations willing to work with an individual in need of their knowledge, networks and support.

Congregations involved in this ministry choose 6-8 members or partner with another church to form a "table" that will meet for one year. In this time, the table will seek to understand the needs and goals of an individual then help him or her network, and gain the skills necessary to meet his or her goals.

Interested in learning more? www.theopentable.org is a great place to get started. Please take a few minutes to investigate Open Table and if you think you might be interested in moving forward, plan on attending an exploratory meeting on **Sunday, August 21 following the 10:30 service**.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee continues to meet on Monday evenings as we look for a new rector. The questions we needed to answer for the search have been posted by the diocese since mid-May. We have been formulating questions for the interview process.

If you know of an Episcopal priest looking for a new home and you think he or she would be a good fit for St. John's, tell him or her about us and refer him or her to the Diocese of Eastern Michigan.

Committee Members: Marcia Hoffman, Chairman, Lucas Curell, Dann Federico, Matt Gerhardt, Jane Girdham, Dave Humpert, Berney Jones, Ellen Redfield, Paul Schaub

Birthdays

Jul 1 - Connie Grantham
Jul 1 - Dick Stringer
Jul 2 - John Carter
Jul 5 - Judy Sutart
Jul 6 - Matt Gerhardt
Jul 6 - Mike Houle
Jul 6 - Ralph Jackson
Jul 8 - Sarah Daugherty
Jul 9 - Thomas Grantham
Jul 10 - Bill Carroll
Jul 11 - Dawn Penney
Jul 11 - Harold Grnya
Jul 12 - Jan Stringer
Jul 12 - Jill Wetmore
Jul 14 - Evan Rzeszutek
Jul 15 - Jim Mack
Jul 17 - Amy Simons
Jul 18 - Nancy Kraus
Jul 19 - John Roberts
Jul 21 - Peg Vlassis
Jul 21 - Sarah Keenan
Jul 23 - Melanie Hollman
Jul 23 - Wendy Majask

Jul 25 - Judy Millar
Jul 26 - Jacquie Forrest
Jul 29 - Michael Busch
Aug 3 - Sarah Beckely
Aug 4 - Tom Lynes
Aug 7 - Dan Hoffman
Aug 9 - Lori Baillargeon
Aug 10 - Connie Clements
Aug 16 - Ferris Arnold
Aug 16 - Jim Braun
Aug 16 - Valerie Gilchrist
Aug 18 - Thomas Renna
Aug 19 - Emma Barshaw
Aug 22 - Josie Keenan
Aug 23 - Mary Jane Spalding
Aug 24 - Clara Vlassis
Aug 24 - Jo Lee
Aug 24 - Marsha Braun
Aug 25 - Rea Corcoran
Aug 25 - Sue Marquardt
Aug 25 - Violet Harrell
Aug 27 - Ray Ilkka
Aug 28 - Paul Schaub
Aug 28 - Sarah Hoffman

Aug 30 - Phyllis Richardson
Aug 31 - Lucas Curell

Anniversaries

Jul 1 - Huges & Kathryn Coman
Jul 2 - Berney & Barb Jones
Jul 6 - Ned & Jill Wetmore
Jul 18 - Steve Kempiski & Susan Ludwig
Jul 20 - Reed & Ashley Byron
Aug 6 - Richard & Sue Marquardt
Aug 11 - Jerry & Sue Lockhart
Aug 12 - Jane Girdham & Michael Keenan
Aug 18 - Amy & Kevin Simons
Aug 22 - Burce & Marilyn Wells
Aug 24 - Ted & Diane Grigg
Aug 26 - Amy & Jeffrey Torok
Aug 29 - Duncan & Sandra Redfield



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