



## You Are God's Good News

This month at St. John's we will be focusing on the mission of the Church to reach beyond itself to embrace the world around us. We call this outreach, but the Gospel calls it sharing the Good News. Our good deeds are the evidence that our faith is sincere and that has changed our lives. Each of our lives is the only Gospel that many people will ever read. Let's make each day count in our walk with God. I think the following quote from Mother Teresa, I think sums up what we are trying to share with people when we perform outreach activities:

"What is the Good News? The Good News is that God still loves the world through each one of you. You are God's good news. You are God's love in action. Jesus cannot walk in the streets of Calcutta nor in the streets of the world now, so what he does--through me, through you--he walks and touches the poor. Today, God loves the world so much by sending us."

At St. John's, God has given us many ways to reach out and bless our neighbors with the love of God. My hope is that something in this month's outreach newsletter will inspire you to serve and that your service will touch many lives with the love of God.

Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Daniel+



**Happy Birthday!**

- 2 Carl McLaughlin
- 2 Tom Lynes
- 6 Gino Garza
- 7 Dan Hoffman
- 8 Jeremy Jones
- 8 Rose Marie Smith
- 9 Lori Baillargeon
- 10 Mark Cittel
- 10 Connie Clements
- 12 Dan Cramer
- 14 Rod Remer
- 15 Linda Buzon
- 16 Jim Braun
- 16 Valerie Gilchrist
- 18 Thomas Renna
- 19 Emma Barshaw
- 22 Josie Keenan
- 23 Mary Jane Spalding
- 24 Marsha Braun
- 24 Kim Burau
- 24 Josephine Lee
- 24 Matthew Reardon
- 25 Rea Corcoran
- 25 Susan Marquardt
- 27 Ray Ilkka
- 24 Clara Vlassis
- 25 Rea Corcoran
- 25 Violet Harrell
- 25 Susan Marquardt
- 26 Taylor Shinaberry
- 27 Ray Ilkka
- 28 Sarah Hoffman
- 28 Paul Schaub
- 30 Phyllis Richardson
- 31 Robert Hines
- 31 Lucas Curell

**Happy Anniversary!**

- 6 Chrissy & Daniel Cannon
- 6 Susan & Richard Marquardt
- 14 Tim & Judi Braun
- 15 Mary & Herb, Jr. Spence
- 18 Amy & Kevin Simons
- 21 Katie & Mark Wilson
- 24 Diane & Ted Grigg
- 25 Dorothy & Ivor Henry
- 26 Betsy & Bruce Trogan
- 29 Sandy & Duncan Redfield



# Thank You

Thank you **Marcia Hoffman, Michelle Hoepfner, Tanya Brown, Lucas Curell, Betty Donaghy, and Sarah & David Thamm** for helping to prepare for the start of our fall Sunday School Programs!

<b>Good Samaritans:</b>			
Jul. 21 - Aug. 3	Tom Donaghy	395-3588	
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# YEAR-ROUND OUTREACH!

## Can A Healthier Lunch Be A Cheaper Option?

Yes it can! We've replaced sugary snacks with items such as string cheese, peanuts and real fruit juice. And we've also managed to reduce the cost per bag by about \$0.15! This is another step forward in our continued mission to care for God's people through the St. John's Lunch Bag Outreach Program.



How does the Lunch Bag Outreach Program work? Monday through Thursday from 9:00am till Noon, St. John's serves sack lunches to those in our community most in need. This program is possible because members donate, volunteer to prepare and distribute the lunches and shop for supplies. If you'd like to know more about donating or participating in this ministry contact Amy Simons in the church office (amy@stjohns-saginaw.org).

## How Can 4 Hours Help 300 People?

"I really didn't know that there were that many people out there that needed help on a weekly bases." That was Tom Grobaski's first impression to the almost 300 people he served when volunteering at our Old Town Christian Outreach volunteer day. Here, members of St. John's as well as other area churches help the outreach center distribute food such as cereal, bread, meats and juice.

"We set the distribution tables and organize the food. Sometimes people line up overnight to be sure they get something. We pray before we start and we pray at the end. I wouldn't describe it as fun, but rather hugely satisfying." It takes a group of 20 to 30 volunteers to make the process run smoothly; every person counts, particularly on bad-weather days. If you or your family can lend a hand, consider joining your fellow members the fourth Saturday of each month (9am to 1pm).



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### TAKING INITIATIVE!

Outreach isn't limited by the boundaries of a specific program. Check out what these members are doing!

**Mary Spence** wanted to build a connection with the Council for Abused and Neglected Children in Saginaw. So now members of St. John's knit and crochet hats and mittens to be donated to C.A.N. in November each year!

**Sue Ludwig** wanted to do more for the Lunch Bag Outreach recipients in the cold winter months, so now she collects donations of hats and mittens to hand out in addition to a meal!

# SPECIAL OUTREACH EVENTS!

## A New Day For An Old Spade

Many of us bought them initially for good reasons. Because we don't like throwing good things away, we kept them. Now, some sit unused in the musty, cobweb-laden corner of a backyard shed. Others have found a home nestled behind bicycles, air-compressors and lawn mowers in what room remains in a packed garage. Still more have been forgotten in the dank darkness of a forlorn basement, robbing moisture from the air to cast various rusty shapes on the cool concrete floor. Yes, it is time to admit that there may be some old tools and building materials in your home that you just aren't going to use anymore. And it is time to breathe a little new life into the rust and dust by bringing them in for our gently used tools and equipment drive!

For the month of August, St. John's is collecting equipment and materials to begin a partnership with a local non-profit called Kingdom Builders. Kingdom Builders is an organization dedicated to reaching out to the people of East Saginaw by renovating abandoned homes in the area, educating local youth with valuable construction trade skills and work values and loving the people of the neighborhoods by performing weekly acts of kindness. Not only will we be hosting a drive for the equipment needs of Kingdom Builders, but in early September we will gather together in our worn jeans and work shirts to get our hands dirty by spending the afternoon of September 7<sup>th</sup> working with the Kingdom Builders' team to clear a vacant lot in preparation for a new playground. Be on the look out for more details and keep your eye out for a sign-up sheet in the Community Room.



What to donate:

- Riding & push lawn mowers
- Rototillers
- Lawn tools: rakes, shovels, trimmers, chainsaws, work gloves, etc.
- Utility trailer for hauling lawn equipment
- Landscape edging and weed block fabric
- Various building materials for remodeling houses: cabinets, toilets, vanities, paint, flooring, wood, trim, etc.

*\*We ask that all equipment and materials be in working condition.*

Don't have any of the items listed above, but still want to be involved? You can also give monetarily or you can sign up soon to be a part of the work day in September. Contact the church office for more information or go to [www.kingdombuildersmi.org](http://www.kingdombuildersmi.org).



## SPECIAL OUTREACH EVENTS! CONTINUED...

### Take Walk And Fill A Stomach

This October, teams of Saginaw residents (between 400 and 600 people) will walk a route around our city to raise funds and awareness for world hunger through Saginaw's 2013 C.R.O.P. Walk. How will St. John's participate? We're setting up a **team of walkers** and our building will be open as a **rest stop**. This year's walk will be on **Sunday, October 13th**. Save the date!

**Dave Humpert**, our committee chair, says "C.R.O.P. Walk is part of my personal effort at 'Outreach' in our community. It's something that gets me directly involved. I love walking. I love seeing all of the people, young and old, joining in a worthy cause. Everyone has fun and together we make a difference."



### Santa Clause Comes To Old Town

On November 22nd, Old Town Saginaw will be dressed up and ready to share the holiday spirit at **Holidays in the Heart of the City**. This event is possible through the collaboration of civic organizations, local businesses and churches like us. St. John's hosts the Saginaw Area Concert Band for its festive holiday concert and opens our building as a place for citizens to warm-up and to enjoy cookies and hot cocoa. Music, food, shopping and even Santa Claus make this a terrific opportunity for St. John's to open its doors to those who may never have been here before. Save the date if you'd like to help usher the concert or serve cookies and cocoa!

### Christmas Gifts For Rosine Towers

Each December, the members of St. John's have donated food and personal care items, assembled these items into baskets and delivered them as Christmas Gifts to our neighbors at Rosine Towers for our **Christmas Outreach Basket** ministry. One of the best parts of this outreach program is that it involves almost EVERYONE at St. John's in the basket packing process! This year, however,



**this outreach ministry needs a new team leader!** We need someone who will help coordinate the efforts made to solicit donations from local businesses, inventory donations and lead the troops for delivery. Are you up for the job? (pssst... you and a friend can be co-leaders, too). Contact Burris Smith and he can discuss the leadership of this ministry with you.

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# AUGUST 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 <i>The 11th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am—Holy Eucharist 10:00am—Nursery 10:30am—Holy Eucharist	5	6	7 Noon—Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist	8	9	10 2:00pm—Golf Scramble @ The Sawmill
11 <i>The 12th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am—Holy Eucharist 10:00am—Nursery 10:30am—Holy Eucharist	12 7:00pm—Finance Meeting	13 6:300pm—Daughters of the King Meeting	14 Noon—Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist	15	16	17 10:00am—Summer Family Activity@ Bay City Marsh
18 <i>The 13th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am—Holy Eucharist <b>9:30am—Pick-Up Choir</b> 10:00am—Nursery 10:30am—Holy Eucharist	19	20	21 Noon—Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist 7:00—Vestry Meeting	22 6:00pm—Youth Choir Rehearsal [NEW!]	23	24 9:15am - Old Town Christian Outreach Volunteer Day
25 <i>The 14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am—Holy Eucharist 10:00am—Nursery 10:30am—Holy Eucharist	26	27 7:00pm—C.S. Lewis Pub Club @ Spenser's Route 46	28 Noon—Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist	29 6:00pm—Youth Choir Rehearsal [NEW!]	30	31

*Note: Sunday School will begin again in September. | Nursery will continue as throughout the summer.*