



September is More Than Just "Back to School"

As summer ends and fall settles upon us, we are beginning another program year with some exciting new opportunities here at St. John's. With the help of many volunteers and staff members, our Godly Play program (ages 3 - 8) will be starting this fall along with a children's choir. In Godly Play our young people will develop qualities like reverence and helpfulness as they engage in activities that help teach them Bible stories and about the church. Older children will have the opportunity to participate as guides and assistants to the Godly Play instructors and learn leadership and responsibility.

In addition to the weekly Godly Play classes, which take place during the 10:30am Sunday service, we are excited to begin a children's choir which will sing with the adult choir twice a month. This choir allows our young people an opportunity to participate in the great Anglican tradition of choral music and to be regular contributors to our Sunday liturgy.

Besides these activities for the youth, Rev. Pam is leading a team, that will be meeting this month to plan fellowship activities for the whole church. If you are interested in helping to plan activities please contact Rev. Pam--it is not too late to join the team. I am truly excited by the energy and enthusiasm that so many of you are pouring into making St. John's a vibrant church. May God bless each of us as we seek to serve him and grow in love and faithfulness.

Fr. Daniel+



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Happy Birthday!

- 1 Nancy Birdsall
- 1 Claire Simons
- 5 Angela Endean
- 7 Rosalind Berlin
- 8 Susan Daugherty
- 9 Susan Ludwig
- 17 Todd Barshaw
- 19 Carl Lockwood
- 22 Mary Jo Scharffe
- 22 Sherrie Yeager
- 23 Pam Renna
- 24 Susie Emond
- 26 Michael Keenan
- 26 Leslie Arnold
- 30 Barbara Ilkka

Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Mary Jo & Bill Scharffe
- 17 Julie & Rod Remer
- 18 Violet & Robert Hines

Thank You

Thank you to **Pat Lynes, Sue Marquardt, Kathie Smith,** and **Nancy Kraus** for helping in the office while our staff took some vacation time this summer!

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Thanks to **Keith Birdsall** for your continued assistance with editing "The Messenger."

Thank you **Sue Ludwig** for your efforts organizing the choir library.

Thanks to **Sue Brigham** for your faithful help folding the Sunday bulletins each week!

Good Samaritans:		
Sep. 1 - Sep. 14	Janet Cosenza	401-0853
Sep. 15 - Sep. 28	TBD	
Sep. 29- Oct. 12	Kathie & Burris Smith	792-4775

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Kick-Off Sunday!

You won't want to miss Kick-Off Sunday! September 8th we officially launch our program year with the start of choir and Sunday School. We'll have a **church potluck following the 10:30am service** including some special goodies for the kids. Bring your appetite and best dish to pass!

This is a great way for a fresh start at St. John's, meet your fellow church members, catch up with friends, and learn how you can be involved in ministry and community at St. John's!



Rummage Sale

How can old things breathe new life into a ministry? When they are donated to and purchased from the St. John's rummage sale!

October 5th from 9:00am to 2:00pm St. John's will host a rummage sale of items donated by our members. Profits from the sale will benefit our Lunch Bag Outreach program, which has served thousands of lunches already this year.



What to Donate:

Household items, kitchen items, books, costume jewelry, coats, scarves, gloves, linens, blankets, toys, games and more. Please, no summer clothing or shoes.

When to Donate:

Items can be dropped off between 9:00am and 12:00pm, Tuesday October 1st through Friday, October 4th.

How to Help:

We're in need of some extra volunteers to help sort and price donations as they arrive as well as help manage the sale itself. If you would like to be involved please contact Lou Smith (989-799-5583) or Sperry Garber (989-790-4940) for details.

Getting Involved: Finding What’s Right for You!

Lets be honest; most of us hear the word “volunteer” and instantly think of swinging a hammer on a hot rooftop or sitting at a bake sale table making small talk with someone we’ll never see again. Many of us have volunteered in temporary ways by coming to the aid of a cause that’s short on elbow grease and then going on our way, but volunteering at St. John’s is different. **At St. John’s you’re not temporary. You’re part of a community.** Volunteering means contributing to our common ministry and building relationships... getting involved! When you volunteer for someone or something you love (like helping your parents “get on” Facebook or helping a friend clean the yard before their child’s birthday party) you’re really building relationships and lifting your community.

What can you do this year to be involved at St. John’s? Below are some volunteer opportunities organized in ways that may help you get the most out of what you choose. We’ll have more detailed information on Kick Off Sunday or you can contact Amy Simons in the church office at any time!

When do I have time?			
On Sundays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greeter/Usher • Reader • Serve in the Altar Party • Coffee Hour Host • Sunday School Aid 	During the Week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch Bag Outreach • Office Help • Good Samaritan 	Special Ministries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir • Altar Guild • Vestry • Building & Grounds • Finance Team • Daughters of the King • Fellowship Team 	As Needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery Substitute • Grant Writing • Gardening • Soup Kitchen • Photography

What am I good at?			
Working with people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greeter/Usher • Coffee Hour Host • Sunday School Aid • Good Samaritan • Fellowship Team 	Working alone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch Bag Outreach • Office Help • Grant Writing 	Small Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir • Altar Guild • Vestry • Building & Grounds • Finance Team 	Organizing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Baskets • Lunch Bag Outreach • Fellowship Team

What's New With Sunday School & Nursery?

Nursery

Nursery will continue to be offered for our youngest members each Sunday between 10:00am and Noon and is targeted to children ages 3 months through 3 years. The nursery is staffed with three college students all of whom have terrific experience with kids and have been SafeChurch™ trained (You can learn more about staff members Lexee, Kelsey, and our newest member, Shante, by visiting our website, www.stjohns-saginaw.org/nursery). In nursery, the staff engage our kids in creative play, supervise the independent players, and make sure they have a safe environment to learn and grow. "Lessons" consist of singing songs, coloring pages, and telling stories that align with the lectionary or holidays.



Sunday School

This year we're using the Godly Play curriculum in our Sunday School classroom. Godly Play is an excellent program that uses interactive story-telling to teach the most important aspects of Christianity and our liturgical traditions such as: teaching scripture, modeling prayer, using lessons guided by the lectionary, and using the "tools" of worship. Lessons are targeted to students ages 3 through 9, while older students act as "guides," assisting the teachers and helping younger students by joining in response to the story, assisting with art work, and asking critical thinking questions. Sunday School will meet each week from 10:30am to 11:05am (about the time we pass the Peace during the worship service) at which time students will join us in worship for communion or return to nursery as each family chooses.

Youth Sundays & More

The fourth Sunday of each month is set aside as "**Youth Sunday.**" On this day, our middle and high school students help lead the 10:30am worship service by serving as acolytes, torch bearers, lectors, and more. Prior to the service, students will meet with Fr. Daniel to learn the "nuts and bolts" of their specific roles in the service.

Special **fellowship** and **service opportunities** will also be scheduled throughout the year to better build peer-to-peer and intergenerational relationships.



NEW Youth Choir

We are excited to continue the English tradition of excellent youth choirs! Members and youth of the community are encouraged to join. The youth choir will be under the leadership Jeremiah Kraniak, St. John's choral scholar and director of choirs at Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy.



Participation is open to all youth grades 3 through 12. Rehearsals will be held each Thursday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm and choristers will be scheduled for participation in two services a month. The best part is participating in youth choir won't mean missing out on Sunday School or other great youth events at St. John's!

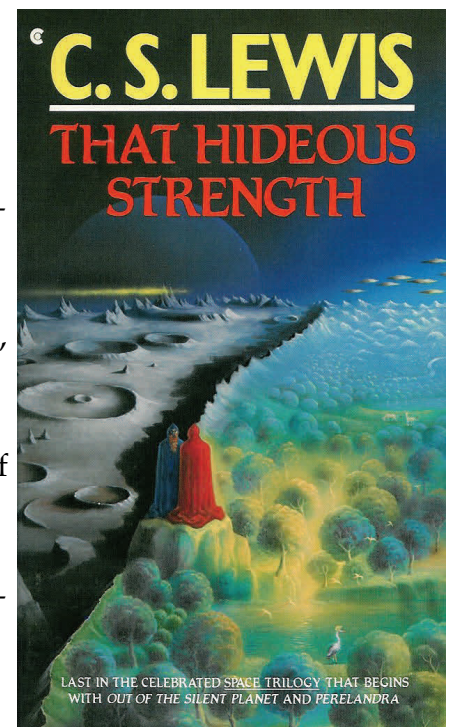
Critical Details:

- First Rehearsal, 6:00-7:00pm – September 5th, 2013
- Open to all youths grades 3 through 12
- Contact Kevin Simons (kevin@stjohns-saginaw.org) to enroll.

C.S. Lewis Pub Club

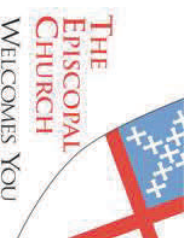
Our September selection is "That Hideous Strength."

"That Hideous Strength' is the third novel in Lewis's science fiction trilogy. Set on Earth, it tells of a terrifying conspiracy against humanity. The story surrounds Mark and Jane Studdock, a newly married couple. Mark is a sociologist who is enticed to join an organization called N.I.C.E., which aims to control all human life. Jane, meanwhile, has bizarre prophetic dreams about a decapitated scientist, Alcasan. As Mark is drawn inextricably into the sinister organization, he discovers the truth of his wife's dreams when he meets the literal head of Alcasan, which is being kept alive by infusions of blood. Jane seeks help concerning her dreams at a community called St. Anne's, where she meets their leader—Dr. Ransom. The story ends in a final spectacular scene at the N.I.C.E. headquarters where Merlin appears to confront the powers of Hell." ~Amazon.com



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SEPTEMBER 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <i>The 15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am—Holy Eucharist 10:00am—Nursery 10:30am—Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Noon—Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist 7:00pm—Fellowship Team Meeting</p>	<p>5 6:00pm—Youth Choir Rehearsal [NEW!]</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 1:30pm - Kingdom Builders Volunteer Day</p>
<p>8 <i>The 16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am—Holy Eucharist 10:00am—Nursery 10:30am—Sunday School 10:30am—Holy Eucharist 11:30am—Church Potluck!</p>	<p>9 7:00pm—Finance Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Noon—Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist 7:00—Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>12 6:00pm—Youth Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 <i>The 17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am—Holy Eucharist 10:00am—Nursery 10:30am—Sunday School 10:30am—Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Noon—Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist</p>	<p>19 12:00pm—Warden's Lunch 6:00pm—Youth Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 <i>The 18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am—Holy Eucharist 10:00am—Nursery 10:30am—Sunday School 10:30am—Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 7:00pm—C.S. Lewis Pub Club @ Spenser's Route 46</p>	<p>25 Noon—Morning Prayer w/ Eucharist</p>	<p>26 6:00pm—Youth Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:15am - Old Town Christian Outreach Volunteer Day</p>
<p>29 <i>The 19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00am—Holy Eucharist 10:00am—Nursery 10:30am—Youth Sunday 10:30am—Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>30</p>					

Care, Share, Worship, Celebrate & Love!