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July Edition

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“With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” –Mark 4:30-32

Recently, Pastor Amy preached on this familiar and yet still surprising text from the Gospel of Mark. If you missed her sermon, I would recommend it to you. You can find the recording on the church's Youtube Channel, from Sunday June 16th, the 4th Sunday after Pentecost.

Her sermon included the poem below, by Jesuit priest, Pierre Teilard de Chardin. Today I invite you to reflect on the scripture reading above, the poem below, or both.

With hope and trust in Jesus Christ,

Pastor Mathew

Patient Trust

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;
 your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
 let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

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Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

–Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ
excerpted from *Hearts on Fire*



From the Council President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This month I would like take a few minutes to talk about St. John's finances. I will be using data from the most recent Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2024.

Through April, 2024, with income of \$143,057 and expenses of \$135,216 we have a positive balance of \$7,841. This compares to April, 2023, where we had a deficit of \$18,911. This is a remarkable improvement and I commend the Congregation for their generosity and the Ministry Teams for their fiscal responsibility.

Through April, 2024, offering is up over \$27,000 compared to April, 2023.

As we head into the summer months, where attendance and offering are typically lower, I would like to remind you that the Mission and Ministry of St. John's does not take a vacation. If you are traveling during that well earned vacation, please remember that we have both Venmo and Simply Giving available when you are unable to be present during regular services.

In conclusion, I am cautiously optimistic with the current state of St. John's finances, but don't want to see us in deficit territory at the end of the summer months.

Peace and Blessings,

Lee Smith, Council President 2024



COUNCIL
NEWS



Notes from the Organ Bench

As I am writing this month's article, we have just finished today's service which was centered on the mustard seed and how mighty things come from the smallest seeds. All of today's music was focused on growth, even the offering hymn, *As the Grains of Wheat*. This hymn is the offering hymn for the entire summer and today it really matched the readings.

I have been planning service music for over 35 years and have seen much change. We now have resources to guide our planning. Most of the time this makes things easy, but there are some things that I really have to think through the planning. My husband complains that I ask too many questions, but this is how I understand. I need to have and sort through the information to make a decision.

One of the things in our liturgy that I am still struggling to understand is the offering hymn. When I was growing up, the Doxology was used every week. Period. Over time the hymns used for the presentation of the offering reflected stewardship, giving to God our monetary gifts. Sometimes food would be brought up, too. When my great-niece was baptized in the Catholic church, she was presented along with the monetary gifts and the communion elements.

In worship today, our offerings and offering hymn are included in the MEAL part of the service. As the *Grains of Wheat* talks about the grains being gathered (like our offering) as well as the people being gathered in God. I can see the presentation of our gifts in the refrain, but the verses are definitely speaking about communion- God's gift to us. I am learning...slowly.

So, back to the mustard seed. From the mustard seed comes great things. Registrations are slowly coming in for the music camps. **The Campette for children who have completed kindergarten through grade 2 is being offered from 9 am to noon on July 29th-31st.** If you know any children of this age who enjoy singing, moving, making and playing instruments, please spread the word.

We are hoping to resurrect the Musical Camp this summer. It is a totally immersive experience for students who have completed grades 3-8 and is being offered from 9 am to 2 pm, August 12th-16th. Registrations are slowly coming in and we may be presenting a scaled-back musical, but I promise a mighty result. These children always amaze me with their enthusiasm, energy, creativity and accomplishments. Please encourage any child you know who might be interested.

Enjoy your summer, plant some seeds, nurture them and see what happens. And, while you are nurturing, remember to keep

Making a Joyful noise!

Martha Reguard



Join us in wishing a very
Happy Birthday
to our oldest member
of St. John's!
Audrey Lentz is celebrating
her 104th birthday on June 30th.

Newsletter Articles
for the August edition of the
St. John's Herald
are due by July 19th.



Lector/Communion Assistant Schedule for July



7/7	Amanda Hartman	7/21	Susan Handley
7/14	Lee Smith	7/28	JoAnn Weiland

The office will send out your readings. If you do not receive them, call the church office at 410-665-1234. The schedule is posted monthly on the bulletin board in the Vestry where you robe.

Thank you,
Sheila Bender



July Assisting Minister Schedule

7/7	Bob Berner	7/21	Vickie Jasinski
7/14	Bob Berner	7/28	Vickie Jasinski

*During July and August acolytes will not wear robes as long as they are dressed appropriately-no basketball shorts, sweats, etc.

**If you are unable to keep your scheduled time, please contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com or 410-592-3587 with any schedule changes as soon as possible. Thank you!

July Acolyte Schedule

7/7	Emily R. (C) Jack W.	7/21	Landry E. (C) Alec B.
7/14	James W. (C) Devon W.	7/28	Olivia S. (C) Landry E.



7/7-Devon W.	7/21-Jack W.
7/14-Maddie W.	7/28-Alec B.

July Worship Dismissal Schedule

If your child would like to help with the dismissal, please let one of the Pastors know.

Treasurer's Report – April 2024

Treasurer's Report

	2024 Budget	Apr 2024	2024 (Jan-Apr)	2023 (Jan-Apr)
Income				
Regular Giving	\$310,000	\$36,194	\$119,895	\$92,875
Other Income	<u>129,083</u>	<u>4,544</u>	<u>23,162</u>	<u>19,344</u>
Total	\$439,083	\$40,738	\$143,057	\$112,219
Average Giving/ Sunday	\$8,444	\$7,239	\$7,053	\$5,160
Expenses				
Benevolence	\$ 31,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Budgeted Expenses	<u>408,083</u>	<u>27,588</u>	<u>125,216</u>	<u>121,130</u>
Total	\$439,083	\$30,088	\$135,216	\$131,130
Deficit		\$10,650	\$7,841	(\$18,911)

Open Altar Flowers dates for 2024 are:



July 21	September 8, 29	November 3, 10, 17
August 18	October 6, 13	December 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 29

Please contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com or the church office at office@stjohnsparkville.org or by phone at 410-665-1234 to request a date.

****Please note that the cost of Altar Flowers is \$50****

Thanks to everyone for supporting this ministry and for keeping our altar beautifully decorated with flowers each Sunday.

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Emily Brock-graduating from Edgewood High School / attending West Virginia University and is majoring in Nursing



Johanna Gray-graduating from The Catholic High School of Baltimore / attending Millersville University (PA) and is majoring in Sports Management

Morgan Perzan-graduating from Perry Hall High School / attending Notre Dame of Maryland University and is majoring in Criminology

We wish you good luck in your future endeavors.

National Night Out 2024
Tuesday, August 6th



This is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. St. John's has participated in this event in the past and would love to participate again this year, but we need people to lead the event and volunteers to help. Please contact the Pastors or the Church office if you can help. This has been a really fun community event in the past and we hope you will consider helping so we can participate.



COMMUNITY DINNER

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with the Community Meals and Wednesday night worship.

We are taking July and August off to give everyone a break for the summer. We will begin again in September.



Friday Bible Study

**We are taking off in July and August.
We will resume after Labor Day.**



Faith + Fellowship

**Join us on Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall
from 9:00am-9:45am**

This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.



The Busy Bees need sugar!

We are collecting sugar to make our jelly that we sell at the Christmas Bazaar. Please give your donations to one of the Busy Bees or you can drop them off in the church office.

A reminder that

St. John's has Venmo!

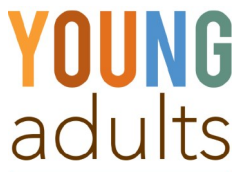
Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code. This is an alternate way of giving for those who don't carry cash.



St. John's Youth Group meets in the Youth Room



on the second floor from about 11:15 am-12:30 pm on the 1st Sunday of the month. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know on another, and grow in faith together.



Join us for our inaugural Young Adult gathering

on Friday evening, July 19th at 8 pm in the Smith Building

This will be an evening of fellowship, snacks and games! This event is specifically geared toward young adults 18+. If you plan to attend or have questions, please speak directly to the Pastors. RSVP by July 12th.

SAVE THE DATE

New Members' Lunch

Saturday, August 17th

12 noon-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall



This event is for all prospective new members who are interested in joining or re-joining St. John's. We will gather to get to know one another and some members of our community over lunch, to ask any questions--be it faith at large, Lutheranism, or St. John's specifically-- and to pray for God's guidance as we all seek to live out our faith together.

We will officially welcome new members on Sunday, August 18th during the 10 am service.

Clothing Shed Fundraiser



All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: **All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys.** Please spread the word about our clothing shed to your family, friends and neighbors. Thanks for your donations.

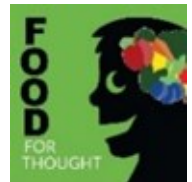
So far in 2024, we have raised almost \$400.

The Food for Thought Program is taking off for the summer!

A huge thanks to everyone who has supported this program with food donations and monetary donations. Also, to all of the behind the scenes folks who have spent tireless hours shopping, packing and delivering the bags to the school, we greatly appreciate

ALL OF YOU!

Monetary donations for this program are always accepted!



The Altar Guild is looking for new members. We set up the altar on Saturdays and clean up after Sunday's services. Our specific need at this time is for Saturday help. We work in pairs and are done in less than an hour. We schedule on a once monthly basis according to our individual availabilities.

If you would like to join us, please see Sue Addison, our chairperson.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE



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Primary Music Campette Registration

July 29-31, 2024

K—Grade 2

Registration Deadline - July 19, 2024



Child Name _____
(first) (last)

Grade completed in June 2024 _____

Primary Household Address

(Street and Number) _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

Primary Household Phone _____

Parent/Guardian #1 _____
(first) (last)

Parent/Guardian Cell _____

E-mail address _____

Parent/Guardian #2 _____
(first) (last)

Parent/Guardian Cell _____

E-mail address _____

Child lives with _____

Emergency Contact Name _____
(first) (last)

Emergency Contact Phone _____

Name of Person picking up child _____

Allergies and Medical Concerns _____

Medications _____

Additional Information about my child _____

Media Waiver

Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used in St. John's Lutheran Church publications, including the website? YES NO

Friend Request

You may request that your child be placed with up to two friends.

#1 _____

#2 _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Registration fee of \$15 (non-refundable) is due with registration. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Deadline for registration is July 19, 2024

For Office Use	
_____ Registration fee was received with form. (Date _____)	
Cash _____	Check: # _____



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Summer Musical Camp Registration

August 12-16, 2024

Grade 3—8

Registration deadline July 29



Child Name _____
(first) (last)

Grade completed in June 2024 _____

Primary Household Address

(Street and Number) _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

Primary Household Phone _____

Parent/Guardian #1 _____
(first) (last)

Parent/Guardian Cell _____

E-mail address _____

Parent/Guardian #2 _____
(first) (last)

Parent/Guardian Cell _____

E-mail address _____

Child lives with _____

Emergency Contact Name _____
(first) (last)

Emergency Contact Phone _____

Name of Person picking up child _____

Allergies and Medical Concerns _____

Medications _____

Additional Information about my child _____

Media Waiver

Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used in St. John's Lutheran Church publications, including the website? YES NO

Friend Request

You may request that your child be placed with up to two friends.

#1 _____

#2 _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Registration fee of \$35 (non-refundable) is due with registration. Reduced non-refundable fee of \$25 for each sibling. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Deadline for registration is July 29, 2024.

For Office Use	
_____	Registration fee was received with form. (Date _____)
Cash _____	Check: # _____



The food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Victor's Vittles, is now serving 30-40 families each week.

Items needed are:

Canned fruit



Cereal & Oatmeal

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Pasta sauce



Spaghetti noodle

Raman noodles

Mac & Cheese

Beef stew



Pancake Mix & Syrup

Instant Potatoes

Canned Spaghetti



You can drop your donations off at St. John's and we will deliver them to the food pantry.

***Just a note...regular size items are best because everything has to fit into one bag.**

Thank you so much for your continued support of our local food pantry!

July Birthdays

07/01 Patricia Dunn	07/13 Jacob Cloman	07/24 Dan Eck
07/01 Kathryn Evans	07/14 Deborah Lancelotta	07/25 Janet Curnoles
07/02 Juniper Mehan	07/14 Nathan Perzan	07/25 Charles Ermer
07/02 Samantha Zimmer	07/14 Gayle Schindler	07/25 John Meyers III
07/03 Mary Jane O'Brien	07/15 Christopher Hills	07/25 Barbara Schlicht
07/03 Brittany Sommer	07/16 Carol Stifler	07/27 Kelly Haacke
07/03 Samantha Weeks	07/16 Adam Stiles	07/28 Lisa Duerling
07/06 Mark Hofmann	07/17 Simon Blazakis	07/28 Marie Kramer
07/06 Meadow Mehan	07/17 Robin Cappucci	07/30 Margaret Eubert 95th
07/06 John Stevens	07/18 Louis Carletti	07/30 Carol Shaw
07/08 Olivia Shull	07/18 Nancy Ford	07/31 Henry Ermer
07/09 Stephanie Alford	07/18 Robert Morgan	07/31 Nicholas Holland
07/09 Carolyn Sauthoff	07/19 Cory McCall	07/31 Oliver Snapp
07/10 Gary Burkhardt, Sr.	07/19 Mildred Schaffer 95th	
07/10 Emily Rash	07/21 Candi Votta	
07/11 James Morrow 85th	07/22 Gloria Stadnik	
07/12 Robert Suznick	07/23 Daniel Gerber	



July Baptismal Anniversaries

07/00 Nancy Ford	07/19 Amanda Weeks	07/25 Martha Requard
07/00 Kathryn Evans	07/19 Finley Kirkpatrick	07/27 Gregory McEvers Jr.
07/00 Landon Ullmann	07/20 Carly Coffman	07/28 Kira Shull
07/02 Dominic Lancelotta	07/20 Yoon Mee Chong	07/30 Laura Wolfe
07/10 Victoria Jasinski	07/22 David Evans	07/31 Hayden Miller
07/13 Jennifer Brock	07/23 Kyle Cappucci	
07/17 Garrett Morgan	07/23 Johanna Gray	
07/18 Peter Gerber	07/24 Mackenzie Ford	



Happy Anniversary

July Wedding Anniversaries

7/1/1967 Barb & Bob Berner	7/21/2000 Matt & Laura Sparks
7/5/1985 Peggy & Dennis Buckless	7/23/1977 Martha & John Requard
7/13/2002 Christopher & Julie Perzan	7/25/1992 Rachel & Christopher Hills
7/17/2007 Linda & David Kocan	7/27/2019 Tammie & Suzanne Lindsay
7/21/1991 J.B. & Darli Sommer	

Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

For health & healing

Tom Walter
Diane Carroll
Eleanor McLaughlin
Mary Jo Rother
Mary Gude
Doris Rye
Richard Souders
Oluseye Fowode
Robert Suznick
Lisa Duerling
Joan Swank
Rosalie Coffman
Pat Hurley
Debbie Miller
Sandy Scott
Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends

Ernie Schuman
Paola Lott
Bob Murphy
Pat Lambert
Jonathan McLaughlin
Tim Hartman
Bill Beck
Chris Newman
Pierce Newman
Coralee Myrtle
Eleni Bowden
Butch Kahl
Pearl Johnson
Donna Joseph
Harriet Miller
Maeve Webster
John Bryan

Joe Federline
Tiffany Webb
Mary & Barry McCain
Bonnie Franklin
Jamie Kirschner
Rob Graff
Alice Evans
Trish Pizza
Betsy Shock
Julie Bramble
Donna Bobloch

For the military and their families

Kalib McCann
Mason Ledbetter
Leroy Keller
Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony
Bowser
Corporal Justin Ferro
Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann
Michael Anthony Tucker

... and all those in
harm's way.

Homebound members

Patricia Becker
Agatha Biensach-Daniels
Barbara Conrad
Margaret Eubert
June Franz
Betty Glassband
Richard Hoerner
Patricia Hurley
Audrey Lentz

John Lotterer
Paul Nolder
Patrick O'Connell
Janet Roth
Kim Townsley
Emma Volz



Notes regarding the Prayer List:

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 410-665-1234 or email office@stjohnsparkville.org.

The friends and family prayer list has been growing considerably. Since members of the church place their loved ones on the list and we don't typically know the status of their illness, we don't know when they are well enough to be removed. Please look over the prayer list and if there is someone who is doing well, please contact the church office and ask to have them removed.

July Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 9:30am - Busy Bees @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ SB	Independence Day (Office) 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 6:30pm - Alanon Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH 7pm - SOS @ Parlor	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - 4Square Church @ FH	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am - F&F 10am - Live & Online Worship 11:30am - Youth Group @ 6pm - Alanon Mtg. @ SB	9am - Vacation Bible School 6:30am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 9:30am - Busy Bees @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ SB	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 6:30pm - Alanon Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - 4Square Church @ FH	8am - AA Business Meeting
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9am - F&F 10am - Live & Online Worship 11:30am - Exec. Mtg. @ MR 6pm - Alanon Mtg. @ SB	6:30am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH 7pm - Council Mtg. @ SB	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 6:30pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	Newsletter Articles Due 6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 9:30am - Busy Bees @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ SB	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 6:30pm - Alanon Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH 7pm - SOS @ Parlor	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - 4Square Church @ FH 8pm - Young Adult Gathering	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am - F&F 10am - Live & Online Worship 11:30am - Altar Guild Mtg. @ 6pm - Alanon Mtg. @ SB	6:30am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 6:30pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 9:30am - Busy Bees @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ SB	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 6:30pm - Alanon Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - 4Square Church @ FH	12pm - Lady Balto Doll Study
28	29	30	31	1	2	
9am - F&F 10am - Live & Online Worship 6pm - Alanon Mtg. @ SB	9am - Music Campette 6:30am - AA Mtg. @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 6:30pm - AA Mtg. @ FH	6:40am - AA Mtg. @ SB 9:30am - Busy Bees @ SB 7pm - AA Mtg. @ SB			



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| JAMES | ROMANS |
| JOHN | THESSALONIANS |
| JUDE | TIMOTHY |
| LUKE | TITUS |

