

Lutheran Life

the congregational newsletter of

St. John's Lutheran Church

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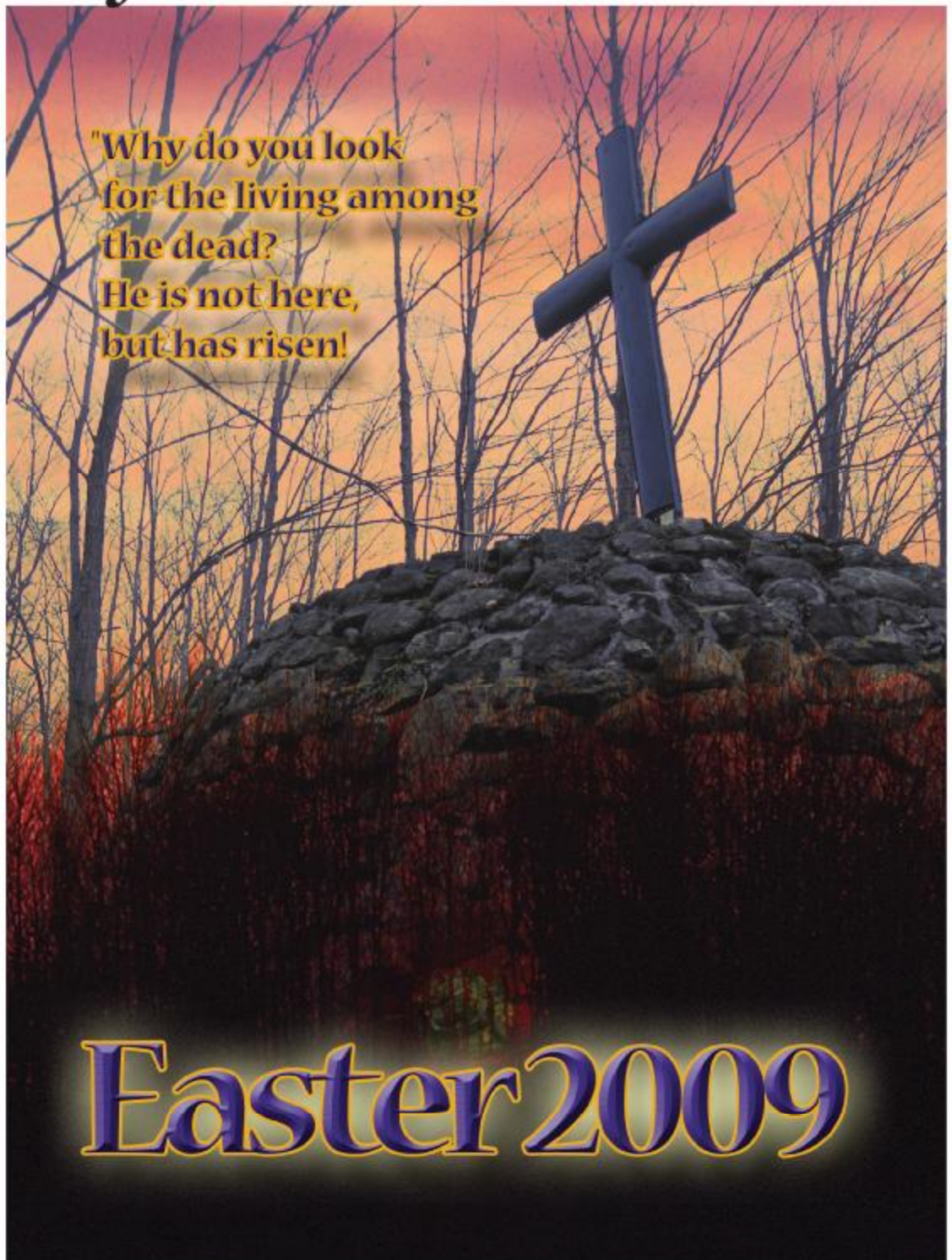
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I want to give you an **Easter experience**: write down the name of one person you want to help raise up in Christ, then stop and pray.

Ask God to show you that person's gifts. We always build on our strengths, not on our weaknesses. Write down whatever good qualities you've seen in that person in the past.

Then tell him or her, "I've been praying for you because I really care about you. I want to share with you the strengths I see in your life, because those gifts determine what God wants us to do in our lives."

Imagine the impact you could have if you would commit yourself to helping disciple one person, if you determined to bring out the best in one person in our community. That's one of the purposes of the church: to help people to grow and to become what God made them to be.

This school year I have experienced Easter in my relationship with Brandon, a nine year old third grader who attends Christenberry Elementary School. Through our new mentoring ministry, Kid's Hope USA,



fifteen members of our congregation have made Christ connections with kids in our community who wanted big brothers or big sisters to walk along side them in loving relationships.

Each week, I meet with Brandon for lunch at school and we spend time together talking, playing basketball, reading, doing school work and having fun. Brandon and I have expanded our relationship through Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Knoxville so that we can spend time together after school and on the weekends. I continue to be amazed and uplifted through this new relationship and I rejoice in how I have experienced Easter through my new little friend.

When I first met Brandon, we were introduced in the school cafeteria by a Big Brothers representative. I told Brandon something about myself and my family. Brandon was asked about his family and he told us about his mom and his sisters. When he was asked about his dad, he told us his dad had been killed four years ago. When I heard this little boy share his family tragedy, I was certain this school cafeteria was exactly where God wanted me to be that day and I continue to feel God's presence and his promise of Easter in this loving relationship.

During the season of Easter, prayerfully contemplate your calling to ministry through your baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Who is that one person you can share the Easter resurrection with and what is that "make-a-difference" ministry that God is calling you to consider in a new, loving relationship? May all God's children experience Easter!

In Christ,

Pastor Steve

**"In response to all He has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good".
Hebrews 10:24 TLB**

...empowered by the Word!***Holy Week & Easter Schedule***

Holy Week is the last week in Lent, and is a time for Christians to meditate on Jesus' final days before His death on the cross. It begins with Palm Sunday, and ends on Holy Saturday, the day prior to Easter.

Palm Sunday April 5 8:45 & 11:00 am

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the shouts of "Hosanna" and the waving of palms.

Maundy Thursday April 9 7:30 pm

The Thursday before Good Friday commemorates when Jesus commanded His disciples to follow His example of service in the washing of feet & breaking of bread.

Good Friday April 10 7:30 pm

The Friday of Holy Week, the Friday before Easter, commemorates the day on which Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross.

Easter Sunday April 12

Easter is the day in which Christians commemorate and celebrate the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead, and the hope that comes from victory over death!

Sunrise Service 7:00 am at Old Gray Cemetery
(Service will conclude in the SJLC Sanctuary)

Worship Services 8:45 & 11:00 am

Flowering of the Cross & Easter Brunch 10:00 am
(Sparks Fellowship Hall)



Council President's Corner by Neil Fischer

In late February we were blessed to have Reverend Delmer Chilton from the Southeastern Synod lead us at the Leadership Retreat on a Friday evening and Saturday morning. Over 40 SJLC leaders and members attended the event. This brought several things to mind and into focus for the church leaders. As one of those leaders attending let me share some thoughts.

Rev. Chilton talked of the marks of a true vision:

- What is the Vision?
- What are the Missional Needs God has challenged us with?
- What are the Practical Realities of the Situation?
- What Gifts for fulfilling the Vision has God given us?

Here are some responses:

- We have Vision 2012 at St. John's which is clear that a primary mission is reaching deeper into the community and into relationships.
- The needs are unceasing and on-going. As Luther said it is not the destination, but the journey.
- Our reality is that we are an inner city church, committed to remain steadfast in our vision.
- The gifts are many, with the status of BBB giving and the wonderful response in December of this year, we have a solid start for 2009.

Those visions and gifts do not end with the physical and tangible, but rather continue with the giving spirit of pastors, staff, council and involvement of many of the congregation on the various teams and ministries. Jim Roning's financial update revealed that our fiscal status has greatly improved, and this supports Jessica Bocangel's comment during the retreat that "St. John's is internally healthy and externally focused."

You, as a congregation, on Sunday, March 15, approved moving forward on another bold step, the approval to purchase the Midway Building. This will foster and provide future facilities for WOW Ministries and Leadership Development, significant calls to God's challenge. What a blessed time during a difficult period for our economy and many who struggle these days. May God bless each one of the congregational members, for they "give" what they are able.

In His Service



**circles
of support**

On behalf of the Circles of Support mentoring program with Compassion Coalition, I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to St John's Lutheran for hosting our first quarter (and first ever!) Mentors Meet and Eat Monday. The dinner took place on Monday March 2nd, and it was a great success. There were five mentor teams from four faith communities represented that evening, and the Sparks Fellowship Hall was just buzzing with energy!

Each mentor team serves one of our previously chronically homeless neighbors as they adjust to living in permanent housing. Mentors meet with their neighbor on a weekly basis to be-friend them, to walk alongside them, and to care. One week it might be a trip to the grocery store, to the park, to the library, or the team might work on a craft with their neighbor in their apartment. Basically, mentors have the privilege to teach their neighbor what it's like not only to have a friend, but also to be a friend.

The dinner on March 2nd served as an opportunity for all of the mentors in the Circles of Support program to have a chance to get to know each other. Serving as a mentor is very rewarding; however, at times it may also be overwhelming or confusing. This dinner provided a neutral forum for all of the mentors to meet one another and share their similar stories, struggles, and experiences.

This dinner also gave us an opportunity to say 'thank you' to all of our mentors who are serving in the program. In fact, the folks from the Mayor's Office of the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness joined us as well. After dinner, Jon Lawler from the 10 Year Plan office spoke for a few minutes about how important this ministry is and how it's making such an incredible difference in the lives of our neighbors in the community. Overall, the dinner was a great success, and I am reminded, once again, how incredible it is to be a part of a faith community that is never hesitant to step up and show that "Holy Hospitality" that St. John's is so well-known for.

If you would like to learn more about the mentoring program, please contact Jessica at 865.251.1591 ext. 8.

Compassion Coalition

is excited to announce a new training entitled
**"Introduction to Compassion
 Ministry: Responding to God's
 Call to Serve!"**

Grant Standefer, Director of Compassion Coalition is partnering with churches and guest speakers in the Knoxville area to teach a 6-week course **each Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**. Cost of training will be **\$20**, which will cover the two books regarding mercy ministry that you'll be reading as homework.

If you're interested in learning more about this series, contact Becca Parsley at 251.1591 x 1 or becca@compassioncoalition.org.

Topics include:

- March 24 What Does Scripture Say About God's Heart of Compassion?
- March 31 Know Your Community: Brokenness and Resources
- April 7 Tools To Assist Churches in Serving
- April 14 Ideas for Service: So Many Opportunities, So Little Time!
- April 21 Mercy is Messy: Lessons Learned
- April 28 We're the Volunteer State: Where Do We Get Them, How Do We Keep Them?

Same Kind of Different As Me

By Ron Hall & Denver Moore

May 12, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Knoxville Convention Center Ron Hall & Denver Moore, co-authors of the true story *Same Kind of Different As Me* will be guest speakers for Volunteer Ministry Center's Carry the Torch event.

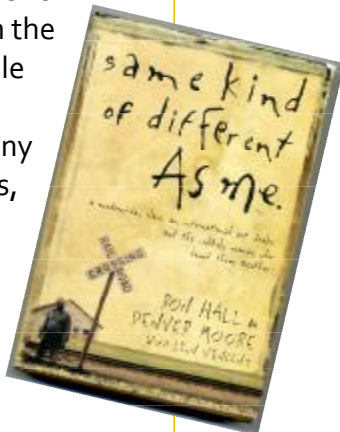
This book tells the true story of a dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery, an upscale art dealer accustomed to the world of Armani and Chanel and a gutsy woman with a stubborn dream.

The goal of this event/luncheon is to educate and motivate citizens of Knoxville, igniting a spirit of compassion that will further motivate and enable our great city to help our neighbors, who are truly not that different than you and me.

The purpose is to raise awareness of and financial support for the homeless in the Knoxville community. Volunteer Ministry Center is hosting this luncheon along with other non-profit agencies that work with the homeless in the Knoxville area. Solving homelessness takes many agencies and individuals, all working together.

Copies of the books are available for \$10 (a savings of \$11.99) by contacting Thea Peterson

You can sign up for the luncheon with Thea Peterson or by going on line at: www.vmcinc.org.



mobile meals

Do you have one hour a week that you could give to delivering hot meals to neighbors who live near to our church?

St. John's also delivers meals at Guy B. Love Towers, a senior citizen apartment house, where your commitment would be once a month. Interested? Contact Thea at 523.3330 or email: thea@sjlcknox.org.



Habitat For Humanity Are you interested in being a part of the team that will coordinate our congregation's next Habitat build? We need individuals who can help with food, coordinate with our family, and those who can swing a hammer. Contact Dale Teague at: dbteague@comcast.net or call 690.3468.



"Soup For The Hope"

Beginning on **Sunday May 3** we will have Mission of Hope blue barrels in the hallway across from the prayer board. Mission of Hope has seen a huge increase in the in number of food requests in rural Appalachia. They are requesting that SJLC help them fill the blue barrels with **soup, crackers, canned food, pasta and peanut butter**. *Please bring only those items requested and help us to fill the barrel to overflowing.*

Volunteer at KARM Crossroads Welcome Center

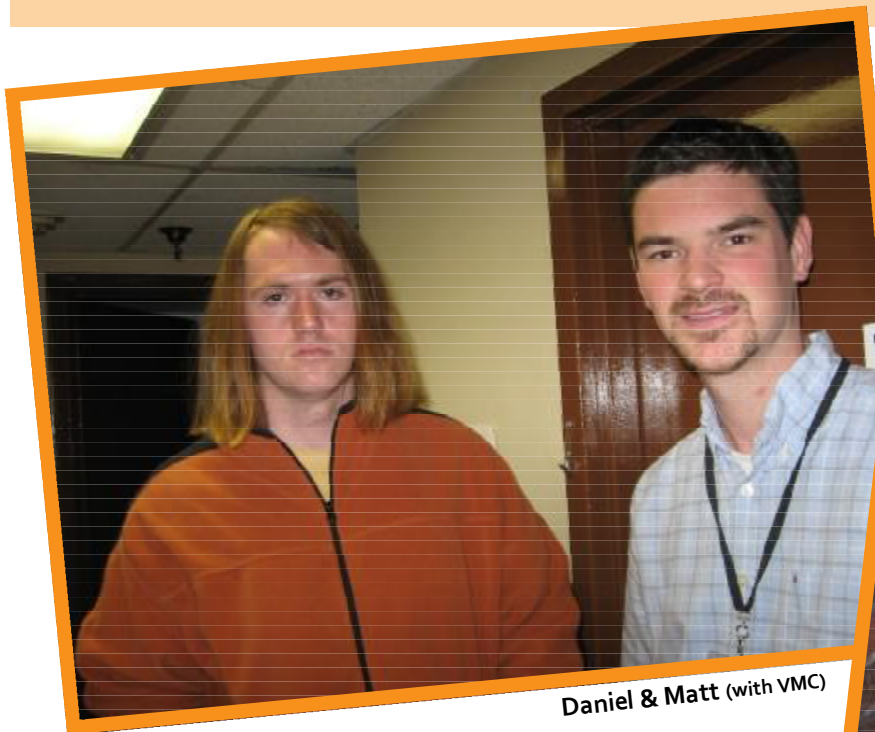


The new day center for the homeless has a variety of volunteer opportunities including: data entry, answering phone calls, storing luggage, providing hospitality, listening, making referrals, and providing encouragement and hope to the homeless. Jessica Bocangel volunteers on Friday mornings, and would be glad to have you join her to see what this ministry is all about. *If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Bruce Anderson at 673.6540 or www.karm.org*

As of Tuesday March 24th, our homeless brother Daniel is in housing!

Since January, Daniel had been living in transitional housing which was made possible through a generous donation from a family at All Soul's Church. During his time in transitional housing, Daniel has responded incredibly well to sleeping indoors, (and learned how to use the television remote very quickly!). He even mastered the art of cooking in the microwave.

Through coordinated and concentrated efforts between Daniel's case manager at VMC and staff and parishioners from both St John's Lutheran and All Soul's Church, everybody involved in Daniel's life has helped to steer him towards housing. It took a village to get Daniel housed, and that same village will continue to be needed as he transitions into being housed. For now, Daniel has given all of us at St. John's great cause for celebration! **Welcome home, brother!**



Daniel & Matt (with VMC)



Daniel opening the door to the apartment building



Kids Hope Wrap up & Celebration May 6th at 6:30 pm

Sparks Fellowship Hall

All mentors and prayer partners are invited to come for coffee and dessert to celebrate the completion of our first year of

Kids Hope USA. We will celebrate our success, and look at how we can improve the program for next year.

Please plan to join us on the 6th of May.



Annual "Cut Above" Rummage Sale to benefit Tyson House

Finish your spring cleaning and do a good turn at the same time! Support Tyson House, the Episcopal and Lutheran Campus Ministry at UT, by donating your house wares, furniture, garden supply, books, dishes, children's clothing, toys, records, or you name it, to our annual rummage sale. Drop off days are **Thursday and Friday, April 23-24, 2-7pm** at Messiah Lutheran Church, 6900 Kingston Pike.

Shop the sale **Saturday, April 25th, 8am to 1pm** at Messiah Lutheran Church.

As always, volunteers are needed for each of these days. Please consider volunteering a bit of your time to help this worthy cause! For more information contact the Messiah church office at (865) 588-9753 or chaplain Michelle Warriner Bolt at mwbolt@utk.edu.



The Annual **Join Hands Day**, sponsored by Thrivent

Financial, will be at Tyson House on **Saturday May 2, 2009**. Thrivent has committed \$1,000 for a clean up/fix up day. All Lutheran Churches in Knox County are seeking volunteers for this needed project.

Please join us in supporting one of our outreach ministries. **Please contact Dale Teague for additional information.**



Do you have a longing for belonging at St. John's? Small groups are at the core of what St. John's represents: belonging to a community of faith.

The CONNECTIONS Team is currently putting together small groups with the purpose of building relationships and nurturing our gifts and passions.

We invite you to become a part of the fun and excitement of being involved in a small group. Do you have an idea for a new group? We want to hear about it. To join a small group or find out how to start a new one, contact any of the following people:

Thea Peterson, Minister of Membership & Outreach
thea@sjlcknox.org / 523.3330

Nicki Nye (co-leader Connections Team)
Nlnye2002@yahoo.com / 544.7932 (H)

Lois Richardson (co-leader Connections Team)
Rivers.bend@earthlink.net / 692.2285 (H)

These are just some of the new small groups forming at St. John's!

- Biking In and Around Knoxville
- Camping with RV's
- Tent Camping
- Dinner Groups
- Card Nights
- Support Group for Those Seeking Employment

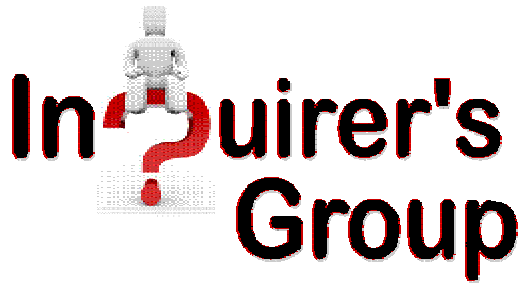
Contact any of the people listed above if you are interested in participating.



Beginning Tuesday, April 21, at 12 p.m., grab your sack lunch and book for the first meeting of the Book Discussion Club! It will meet at church on the third Tuesday of every month at 12 p.m. The first book that will be discussed is The Shack. The book club will read both fiction and non-fiction books.

This will be a great time to talk about a book in a relaxed manner over your lunch.

Contact Rita Schwartz at 621.3945, Thea, Nicki or Lois, if interested.



Inquirer's group meets April 18!

Inquirer's Group is an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, the Lutheran denomination, membership and the life and mission of St. John's Lutheran Church.

*It is not too late to sign up to be a part of the April 18th Inquirer's Group.
Contact Thea Peterson at 523.3330 or via email at thea@sjlcknox.org.*

VISION 2012 CO-LEADERS MEETING

**Wednesday, April 29
6:30 pm
Sparks Fellowship Hall**

Team leaders will gather for a one year Vision 2012 evaluation and a close look at relational goals of team development. We will also share ideas regarding development of electronic team ministry promotions to take place this fall. Fundamental principles of Servant Leadership as put forward in the book *The Servant*, will also be reviewed as we plan for quarterly Leadership Events.

Empowering Leadership

Co-leaders: Nancy Friedrich and John McCay
Mentor: Pastor Amy

Gift Oriented Ministry

Co-leaders: Larry Belt and Phyllis Collins
Mentor: Thea Peterson

Passionate Spirituality

Co-leaders: Chris McCay and Debbie Shell
Mentor: Pastor Amy

Inspiring Worship

Co-leaders: Dick Krogmann and Laura Trout
Mentor: Pastor Steve

Holistic Small Groups

Co-leaders: Lois Richardson and Nicki Nye
Mentor: Pastor Steve

Loving Relationships

Co-leaders: Ingrid Schalk and Anita Barker
Mentor: Pastor Amy

Needs Oriented Evangelism

Co-leaders: Lee Ley and Dale Teague
Mentor: Thea Peterson

Functional Structures

Co-leaders: Jim Friedrich and Dan Lee
Mentor: Don Shell and Pastor Steve

...empowered by the Word!

Christian Education-Youth



Bible Study
7 pm on Tuesdays
at Pastor Amy's House
(April 7-28)

Youth Sunday May 10

Planning Meetings

April 26 at 10
Sharp Youth Room
&
May 3 at 5:30 pm
Pastor Amy's House

Youth Sunday Rehearsal

May 5 at 6:30 pm
SJLC Sanctuary

Graduate Recognition

May 10 at 10 am
SJLC Welcome Center

EASTER

Festival Worship Rehearsal

April 5 at 12:15 pm
SJLC Sanctuary

"Passion of the Christ"

Viewing
April 10 at 8:30 pm
Sharp Youth Room

WOW 2009 Family Meeting

April 19 at 12:15 pm
Sparks Fellowship Hall

WOW 2009 Staff Meeting

May 23 at 1 pm
SJLC Conference Room

WOW 2009 Staff Lunch

May 24 at 12:15 pm
Sharp Youth Room

WOW 2009 Staff TRAINING

May 24 at 2:30 pm
Mountain Challenge Tower at Maryville College

WOW 2009 Team Retreat

May 25-30
Kure Beach Retreat Center Kure Beach, NC

WOW 2009 Commissioning

May 31 at Both Worship
Services



Team-Heads Meeting

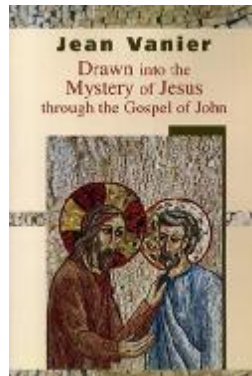
April 24 at 7 pm
Sharp Youth Room

Team Meeting

April 25 at 10 am
begin in SJLC Sanctuary
& conclude in
Sparks Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Adult Group

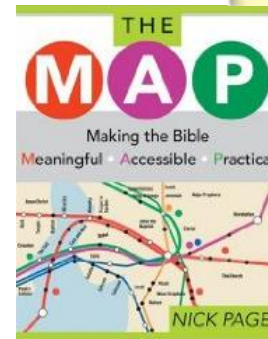
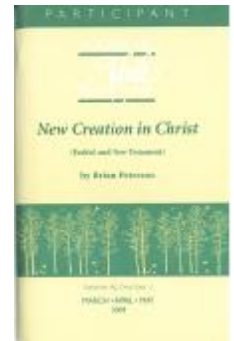
Join this class in your next step of Bible Study as this group continues to explore the book, *Drawn Into The Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel on John*, by Jean Vanier.



This class meets in the Sparks Fellowship Hall, and is facilitated by John & Chris McCay.

Augsburg Bible Study

Facilitated by Paul Wittke and meeting in the Conference Room, this group studies the Augsburg series.



Bridges, a class for parents, will continue the study and dynamic group discussion of *The Map*.

Who are the YAHOO('s)?

YAHOO('s) stands for "Young Adults Hanging Out Occasionally (at the Stancher's). In other words, we are a group of 18-year-olds to 40-somethings who enjoy getting together and having fun. Our group is comprised of both members of St. John's and friends of the church—we are open to anyone who is interested. The YAHOO('s) have regularly scheduled events, but we also welcome ideas for other gatherings.



What's going on with the YAHOO('s)

We currently have events planned through May, including outdoor explorations, bible studies, and general get-togethers (with food of course!).

Monday Night Bible Study: Every Monday night beginning March 16 at 7:00 pm, the Bocangel's house (RSVP to Jessica Bocangel)

Sunday School: Every Sunday beginning March 29 at 10:00 am, St. John's Upstairs Room 8-A

Picnic + Hike in the Smokies: Saturday, April 18 at 11:00 am, Great Smoky Mountains National Park (details TBA)

Lady Vols Softball Game: Saturday, May 2 at 1:00 pm, Lee Softball Stadium (details TBA)

Planning Meetings: Sunday, May 10 and June 14 at 12:15 pm, Gather in the SJLC Welcome Center to decide where to eat

Pool Party: Saturday, May 30 at 5:30 pm, The Stancher's Home

Where do I sign up?

Join our Facebook group, "St. John's Lutheran Church YAHOO('s)," or email Ashley Hairston at adela465@msn.com to be added to our phone and email list. We'd love to have you!

Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you for your continued support as I journey through Seminary. What an awesome blessing it is to have such a wonderful church family!

It's hard to believe that I've been in Seminary for almost two years, and that internship is right around the corner! I just finished up a grueling week of internship interviews. Trinity's internship process is unique in this regard in that we have the pleasure of interviewing with possible internship supervisors from all across the country. I had the pleasure of interviewing with seven supervisors from places like Colorado, Texas and Wisconsin. I'm not sure where I'm going to end up (that's for the contextual education director to decide), but I trust the process and know that ultimately I will be where God wants me. The bad part is that I have to wait until April to find out my assignment!

This semester I'm taking classes that I fondly refer to as "the meat and potato" classes: Care of Souls, New Testament II, The Holy Trinity and Teaching and Faith. It's quite the course load, but so far I've found them to be a breath of fresh air. I'm as busy as I've ever been, but it's a good busy. On campus I serve as the Vice President of the Middler Class and as the R.A. to the efficiency studios. Needless to say, "me" time is precious and hard to find.

I'm still playing the piano and helping out with the choir at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which is also my Ministry in context site. Over the past several weeks I've ordered some new music and the choir seems to be excited about starting some new projects. I've preached several times at St. Paul's, and I'm grateful for both the challenges and growth I've experienced.

I plan on being back in Knoxville in June and look forward to worshipping with you; it seems like it has been a very long time since I've been home.

Blessings on your Lenten journey.

Peace,

Laura D'Angelo



Dear Friends,

With gratitude and thanks for your prayers and encouragement, I would like to inform you that I will be leaving the position I have held here as Assistant to the Director of Education for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land on April 15. On that day I will return to the United States and prepare for a new call starting May 1 with the Deaconess Community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as Director of Vocation and Education.

I have been here in Palestine working with the Lutheran Schools and Educational Programs since August, 2005, and I will remember this time as spiritually challenging and enriching. It has been an honor to live and work with my Palestinian Christian and Muslim colleagues and to share briefly in their lives as they struggle with courage and steadfastness for normalcy during an unjust Occupation. Although I can never say, like the late Palestinian poet, Mahmoud Darwish, "I come from there," there will always be a place in my heart for this beleaguered country, and I will always think of myself as a *bint balad*, a daughter of the country.

Some of you know that the Israeli government refused to extend my visa. However, like Joseph after his trials in Egypt, I can say that whatever human schemes may intend, God's plans are for good, and the Spirit is now blowing me toward new adventures. I am grateful to be able to use my experiences in education, administration, spiritual direction, and pastoral care in new ways for the benefit of deaconess candidates who prepare to serve God in the gaps and edges between the Church and the world.


My immediate plans are to relocate in East Tennessee with trips to the Deaconess Community Office in Chicago until we decide on a more permanent work location and residence.

And as always, I ask for your prayers for the peace of Jerusalem, the freedom of Bethlehem and the rest of Palestine, and justice for all God's children. Jesus taught us we are all God's chosen and beloved.

Sincerely yours,

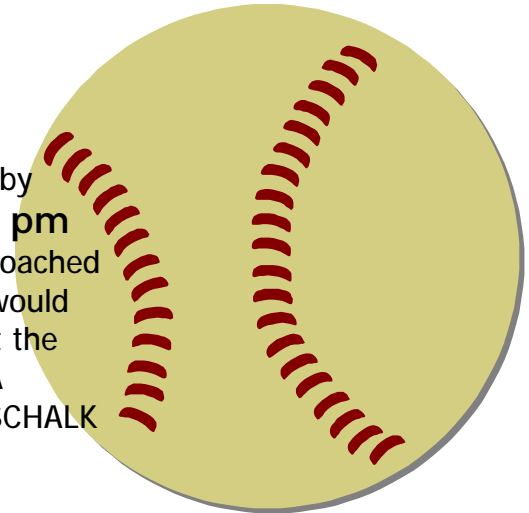
Sister Sylvia S. Countess





We have all been admonished to be good stewards of this magnificent earth God has created for us. To that end, St John's has been recycling paper and aluminum cans for several years. About a year ago, we were able to start recycling our corrugated materials. As of this month, we are now recycling plastic and our printer/copier toner cartridges. We are continuing to look at ways to be good stewards.

St, Johns will be supporting the Lady Vols softball team by attending their double header game on **April 11 at 1 pm** at the UT softball park. The Lady Vols softball team is coached by St. John members Ralph and Karen Weekly. If you would like to attend the game with fellow St. John members at the special group rate of \$3/person, please contact ANITA BARKER at 250.4070 or homeasb@aol.com or INGRID SCHALK at 93835797 or ijschalk@frontiernet.net.



The Family Bonding Center of the Appalachian Region

The Family Bonding Center of the Appalachian Region is a non-profit, 501(c)3 agency that specializes in serving foster care children and their families, as well as serving special needs adopted children and their families. These are children who have been surrendered by their parents whose birth parents have lost their parental rights due to abuse or neglect.

The Family Bonding Center works to help these children work through their rage and grief regarding their past abuse and neglect. These children often have great difficulty trusting others. These children have many needs that are not met by traditional therapy, so The Family Bonding Center incorporates hiking and outdoor activities to enhance bonding.

St. John's has provided office space for almost four years now. Without the generosity of the members of St. John's this agency could not survive financially. In 2008, over 75 children were served and over 50 families!

Marilyn Fahringer is the founder, director and therapist of The Family Bonding Center. Marilyn has over 27 years of experience working with children. Marilyn is also a licensed marriage and family therapist.

The Family Bonding Center hopes to expand their services in 2009 and 2010 through federal grants.

It seems that God has lead us to St. John's and is continuing to lead us in our service to these children and their families.

-Marilyn Fahringer, Executive Director

NEW Lutheran Study Bible

Augsburg Fortress has published a new study Bible specifically for Lutherans. Promotional literature states: "The Lutheran Study Bible presents the biblical text in a fresh, approachable format. Plain-language notes assume little understanding of theological terminology, making it accessible to youth and adult alike. The combination of biblical text and study notes enable the reader to hear God's Word as it was originally encountered by people in the Bible."



Hardcover regular price #34.99
 Paperback regular price \$24.99

If we have at least 10 people sign up and pay in advance for their Study Bibles we can get the hardcover for \$24.50 and the paperback for \$18.75.

If you would like to sign up to order a Lutheran Study Bible (please indicate hardback or paperback), email Toni Denton at: toni@sjlcknox.org

This Bible would make a wonderful gift that ties directly with the Book of Faith initiative.



"Financial Peace University is a tool that supports churches by equipping them with biblically-based accountability classes that will train their congregation and community to manage their resources".

That's the promo information from the Dave Ramsey organization where the "Financial Peace" class information comes from. But for the 44 people (yes, I said 44 people) who have committed to spending 13 weeks together to learn about true financial peace, it is becoming about much more. Each session begins with a one hour DVD lesson lead by Dave Ramsey. Following the video, we break-out into 4 small groups. It is in the small group discussion where genuine behavior change takes place. The group members encourage one another to apply the principles they are learning. Together, the group works through the seven Baby Steps needed to walk in financial peace. The objective of the small group is not to pry into everyone's business; it is simply to walk together as each family learns and applies the principles. This has been such a great experience for everyone involved.

One way to reach out and share the love of Christ is to call and wish your fellow church members a **Happy Birthday!**

April Birthdays

May Birthdays

1 Ron Woodward	16 Jordan Cole	24 Calvin Chappelle
5 Kira Krusenklous	17 John Cole	25 Sandy Bender
6 Alma Dunn	Sydney Parman	Jeffery Welch
Valerie Anderson	19 Tom Click	26 Jody Freeman
Katherine Pellek	RuthAnn Henry	Andrew Glibbery
Elizabeth Gibson	Martha Nelson	Andrew Cooter
7 Herm Gerbig	Laura Morgan	27 Rob Walker
9 Chris Brooks	David Kornrumpf	29 Bob Bast
Betsy Pursiful	Ragan Holloway	Matt Callo
10 Susie Hansen	Kristin Williamson	30 Sylvia Belt
11 Lois Richardson	20 David Pegel	Jonathan Burkhalter
13 Todd Giesecke	21 Marcia Power	
14 Robin Wells	Jennifer Martin	
Landry Thrasher	Trevor Tirro	
15 Sandy Cantrell	22 David Chapman	
Andrew Ley	23 Ray Collins	

1 Rosa Nussbaumer	11 Jessie Mae Bowman	23 Don McWilliams
Jennifer Barnett	12 Miriam Jagels	24 Peyton Hairston
Jacob Friedrich	Sarah Wing	Frank Callo
2 Suzanne Krygier	13 John Cole	Stephanie Anderson
3 Jim Roning	14 Matthew White-	Krista Lee
4 Tami Wheeler	head	Paul Brooks
Kristi Woods	15 Wendy Thrasher	Sarah Anderson
Leah Crowley	16 Ruth Crowley	25 Nancy Wilson
5 Maxine Whistler	17 Myra Haynes	26 Libby Fred
Steven Wells	Christian VanDer-	Andrew Wheeler
6 Cam Ogle	griff	28 John Lee
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Palm Sunday, April 5: Worship at 8:45 & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 9: Worship at 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 10: Worship at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunrise Service, April 12: 7:00 am
(Old Gray Cemetery)

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