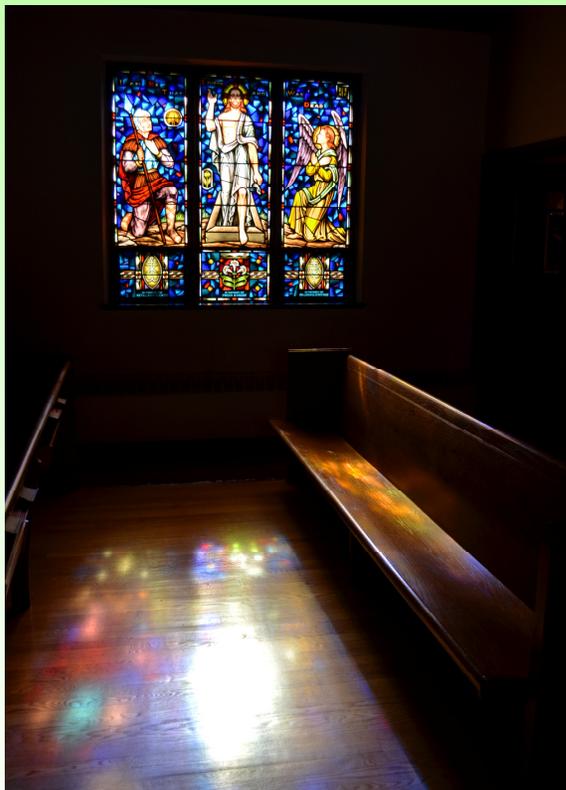
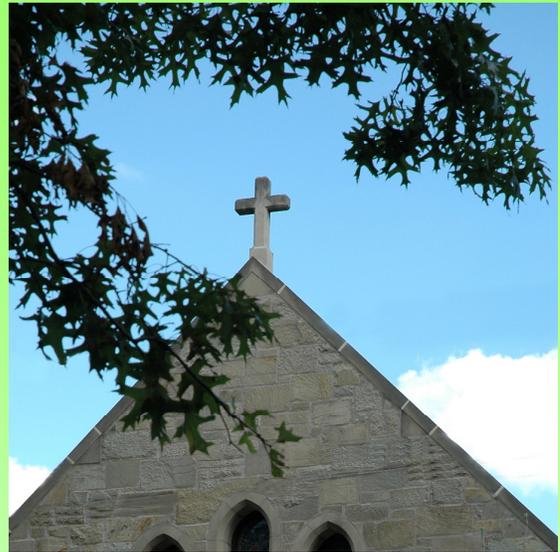


September 2012 Lantern



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Thoughts from Pastor

Dear Family in Christ,

Well, we promised a wonderful and inspirational summer worship experience and I must confess that our summer worship exceeded my expectations. Extensive use of the new With One Voice hymnals, provided for us in loving memory of Renee Morel, set the mood each week. When I am not driving down the road singing to my Elvis CD's, I often find myself humming snatches of favorite songs from the new hymnal. (We do not listen to Elvis when Teresa is in the car.)



One of the new hymns introduced to us this summer is number 748.

“Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together in love.”

It was St. Paul who said to us—“Make love your aim.” (I Corinthians 14:1) We shall. We can. We must. I think a church family of any size needs to be bound together in love, but a small church family like our own needs the bonds of love to define who we are in very clear and meaningful ways.

We have been moving in that direction for a long time and this fall will be no different. Each Sunday, the goal is for you to find God's love to comfort, sustain, guide and challenge you. Each Sunday, the goal is for you to find rest for your souls through others who are bound to you with cords that cannot be broken.

In times of celebration, times of struggle, times of loss, times of growth, times of change and times of sameness, the love of your church family will support you in conversation, in silence, in caring, in prayer and in active outreach. Together we will continue to strive with all our strength and all God's grace to make love our aim.

Recent lessons have focused on the choices we make in our lives—none more compelling or meaningful than the choice we make every day to either follow Jesus or depart from him. As fall activities resume and the rush toward year end awaits, let us continue to make love our aim, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:2) Let us dare to be bold in faith, bold in grace, bold in the bonds of love.

Bound to You,

Pastor Walters



From Council President

I hope everyone had the summer of their life and crossed at least one thing off of their bucket list. Wasn't it just yesterday we were wondering what kind of season it would be? Would the grass grow, would the reservoirs run dry, would there be another excessive record heat wave, a watchable Olympic Opening Ceremony or even the Mets being playoff bound!

We used the summer to go college hunting. And were able to visit Baltimore and Providence, both new destinations for us. We traveled up and down 95 which is not known as the best route for a relaxing road trip. It never ceases to amaze me that people can never go fast enough or tailgate and intimidate to no end just to get off at the next exit. I wonder if these people ever slow down to look around, see what's around them, take in the sights and sounds and just stop and smell the coffee? Do they notice changes?

As you come up to church, will you notice any changes? Will you notice that the trees in the front have been cut down or that the unsightly kitchen vent has been removed or that the original iron grate has been replaced and painted? Well I sort of spilled the beans here but that does not matter. The front of the church has not seen the light of day for some 10 years or so and it was time to show it off once again. It looks great and the photos that our Ace photography staff has supplied us with, shows why.

So when you come to church, I hope you go slow, have a hot cup of coffee with you and approach St. John's with your eyes wide open. A lot of effort went into the new clean and fresh look.

Best and see you on Sunday,

Vince Mottola
Council President &
Property Chairman

Stewardship Time and Talent Fair
St. John's 86th Anniversary Celebration
Reformation Sunday

DATE: October 28, 2012

TIME: Immediately following Worship Service with Coffee Hour

Location: Overflow room during Coffee Hour fellowship

Dear Church Family,

Time and Talent provides an opportunity for our church family and friends to volunteer their time or a talent in a specific way to others that may have an interest or a need; the highest donation being accepted for the particular time or talent offer volunteered.

In this way we can share in the contribution of volunteer service or a talent and are then able to also make a donation on something another member/friend has provided. The proceeds from this will be designated for and to help St. John's financially with some fun time in fellowship and participation.

We hope you will volunteer your time or provide a talent for a specific project or something you may specialize in such as: helping with a painting project; yard/house clean up, babysitting, food shopping or driving for a doctor appt.; a small plumbing or electrical repair, etc.

Perhaps you have a special talent for baking, cooking, sewing, knitting/crocheting; tutoring or a special training project that would be offered for a donation for a certain time or event.

Please join us for this brief and special time to make this a fun event in celebrating St. John's 86th Anniversary and support our church's Stewardship. The Time & Talent is being joined with our usual coffee hour fellowship, so we'll enjoy the best of both to share with one another.

Complete the information below by **Sunday, Oct. 7th** and return to Pastor Walters or mail to St. John's to Pastor's attention or place in the offering plate or contact Nancy Hart email: nchsh8@gmail.com
In Faith, Stewardship Committee

Name: _____

What will you volunteer for your Time or Talent:

Suggested Donation your volunteer Time or Talent: _____

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Already volunteered for the Time and Talent Fair are:

Homemade Apple Crisps that will be available to take home at the time of the Fair

Time volunteered for 2 hours of yard clean up

A ride in antique Model A Ford with a stop for ice cream at local confectionary shop

Homemade blueberry-lemon scones to be supplied between Time & Talent Fair and holidays

Cold weather soup made fresh and frozen available at Time & Talent Fair



This is the model A Ford as mentioned above. Standing in front is the chauffeur. Oh, and he also happens to be the owner!!! A ride in this car and ice cream too??? I will certainly bid on this myself!!! *Marty*



Total Family Sunday School

Welcome Back Students

September 9, 2011, 9:00 AM

Please join us for a Summer Catch-up Breakfast followed by a special craft to start the new school year.

As always, please feel free to bring a friend, the more the merrier. Can't wait to see you!

All are welcome.

You're never too young or old for TFSS, Please join us.



September 9, 2012

Regular Hours Begin - 10:15 am !!!!!!!

Total Family Sunday School Begins - 9:00 am





Finance Report



Dear friends,

I am happy to announce the funds from the sale of the parsonage were invested during the summer. First, I want to thank the members of my committee, Tim Gearity, Karen Ohland and Amy Schmidt. We worked very hard to do what was in the best interest of our beloved church. We had to meet in the evenings after work and we also had to meet once at 8am before we went to work! So, it was not easy to plan and schedule all the meetings and go through all the due diligence before we made our final recommendation.

All the candidates were worthy candidates and we could have chosen any of the three we interviewed. Each one would have done well with our funds. In the end, the finance committee recommended Thrivent. After discussion in Council it was agreed by unanimous vote to go with Thrivent. We all felt Thrivent best represented St. John's goals, ideals and philosophy. They have been dealing with us for many years and they handle finances for many more churches than did the other two candidates. I totally believe in my heart that our funds are in the best possible hands for our future. Since I am running very late with the Lantern I will not go into any more detail at this time. If there is anything else you want to know please see me after church. I will be happy to provide any information (within reason) that any member wants to know.

I want to end the article by profusely thanking Ken Oliver and Vince Mottola. Why, you might be thinking, am I including this in a Finance article. First, both Ken and Vince each attended one of the meetings on the parsonage funds investment candidate interviews. But that is not the reason. The reason is that I want everyone to know how much these two men have done during the summer. In addition to the normal grass cutting and maintenance they (1) cut down the two trees in front of the church, with David Oliver's help (2) fixed, adjusted and welded the window gratings' in front of the church (3) power washed the front of the church and I believe either removed the air vent unit in the front or were heavily involved in doing so!!!! There are even more items which don't come to mind right now or I have forgotten in my advancing years. So further, by these two dedicated members doing all this work it has saved us money by not having to pay someone to do this. So, yet another reason to put in a finance article!!! But that is not the important reason I am doing this. The point is that everyone should know how much work it takes to keep St. John's in the beautiful condition it is in. I want to personally thank these two men as a friend and as a member of the congregation! I am on the lawn mowing team with Ken and he always manages to make me feel guilty. I cut the grass on Saturday because I work during the week. Well, for most of the months Ken cuts the grass on Thursday or Friday and so by the time I go Saturday it is done!!!! I am going to have to retire sooner than I want so as I can then beat him to the cutting and no longer feel so guilty!

I realize there are many many people who do a LOT for St. John's and I thank them all!! By thanking Ken and Vince I don't want anyone to feel slighted. It's just that I think exceptional commitment and work should be acknowledged.

See you in our beautiful church!!!!

Marty

Happenings in summer 2012 at St. John's



Picnic June 10th—These hats will surely become a fashion trend!!



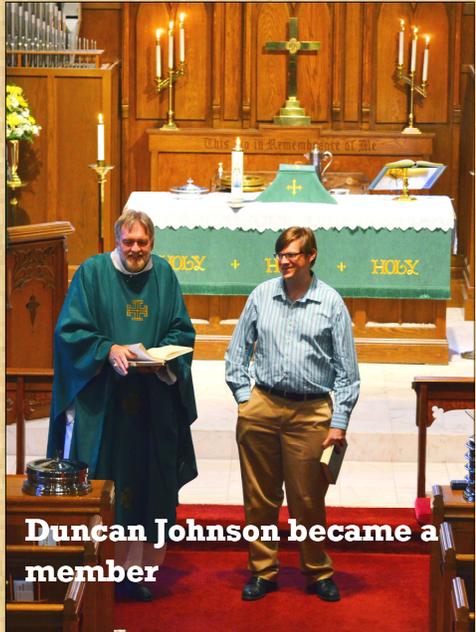
Ace photog Samantha taking pictures of good looking couple for photo directory



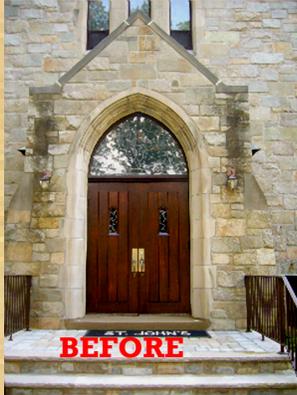
Summer music "Oh when the saints come marching...."



More Summer happenings....



Our hard working president, Vince Mottola power washed the front of the church. What a difference!!!
THANK YOU VINCE!!!!



Mary Ann & Stephen Mastro became members. No picture available.

September Birthday's and Anniversaries

Birthdays

3-Jill Christians

5-Katherine Kempenski

9-Joy Christians

11-Shawn Christians

11-Gerrit Hart

18-Alexandra Oliver

19-Bryan Anderson

22-Karen Ohland

24-Edie A. Strom



Anniversaries

6-Luciano and Joyce Miceli

6-Rob and Debbie Holman

21-Steve and Brianne Kempenski

27-Tommy and Stefanie DiMeola

29-Harry and Ann Carlock



September 2012 Volunteer Assignments

LAY ASSISTANTS



09/02 Marty Kaup
09/09 TBD
09/16 Lisa Oliver
09/23 Lori Torsiello
09/30 Dave Collins

COFFEE HOUR



09/02 No coffee hour
09/09 Joe Hohler
09/16 Lisa Oliver
09/23 Irene Kaup
09/30 Penelope VanOsten & Rod Leith

USHERS

09/02 Marty Kaup, Joe Hohler
09/09 Vince & Samantha Mottola
09/16 Ken Oliver +
09/23 Lisa Oliver & Joy Christians
09/30 TBD



TALLY



09/02 Marty Kaup
09/09 Bill Bartels & Joe Hohler
09/16 Fred and Jean Benzing
09/23 Joan Eveleens & Fran Heim
09/30 Ruth & Bill Rice

ALTAR GUILD

09/02 Irene Kaup
09/09 Nancy Hart
09/16 Lisa Oliver
09/23 Joyce Miceli
09/30 Karen Ohland



ACOLYTES

09/02 TBD
09/09 TBD
09/16 TBD
09/23 TBD
09/30 TBD



Did you pray about it.....

As much as you talked about it?????