

# Nicholas News

The happenings of Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church,  
an ELCA congregation

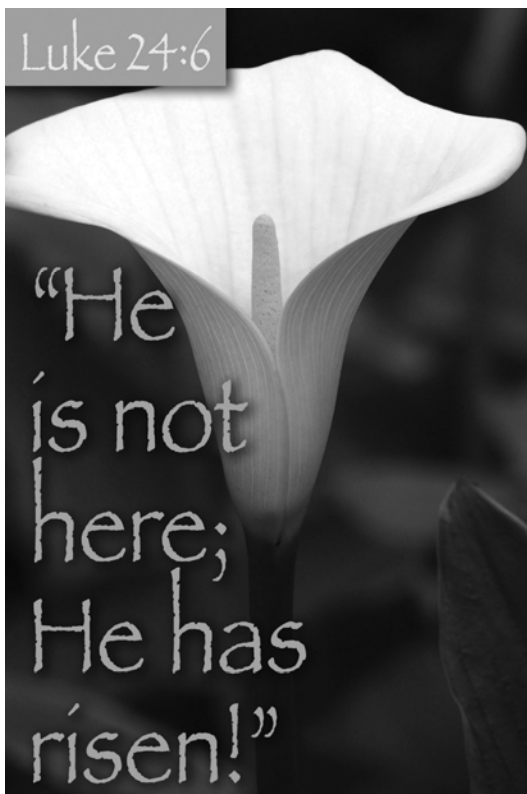


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## Holy Week Services

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday  
(Thursday, April 21)  
7:30 pm Good Friday  
(Friday, April 22)

## Easter Services April 24

6:15 am Sunrise  
9:00 am Traditional

Growing and empowering disciples of Jesus Christ for the ministries of God's work in the world

Ministers: People of Saint Nicholas

# 2010 MINISTRY ORGANIZATION

## LOVE GOD

Contact: Open

Council Liaison:

Ministries: Altar Care, Choirs, Nursery, Stewardship, Worship Planning



## LOVE OTHERS

Contact: Open

Council Liaison:

Ministries: Congregation Care, Evangelism, Fellowship, Prayer, Special Events, Stephen Ministry, Youth



## TEACH AND LEARN

Contact: Vicki Williams

Council Liaison: Kay Aronhalt

Ministries: Confirmation, Discipleship, Education, VBS



## SERVE THE WORLD

Contact: Kathy Dangin

Council Liaison: Sherie Cooper

Ministries: Benevolence, Community Service, Work Camp



## ADMINISTRATION

Contact: David Hickin

Financial Secretary: Tom Blatt

Ministries: Audit, Church Archives, Communication, Facilities, Finance, Newsletter, Nominating, North Wing Task Force, North Wing Décor, Policy, Web

## COUNCIL

### Executive:

- President : David Hickin
- Vice President : Sean Demme
- Secretary : Kay Aronhalt
- Treasurer : Amare Merz

### At Large:

- Alyson Griese
- Sherie Cooper
- Edith Crane
- Christine Hogan
- Colleen Hyland
- Sid Kolbe
- Karen Phelps



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Soon we will be proclaiming the basic tenant of our faith: "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" What joy filled words, and what meaning they have for us and for all creation. At Easter we gather together to remember that God has done a new thing, something that allows us to revel in the joyous news of the promise of new life – both here and now as well as after our earthly death.

Perhaps the news is even more important than many of us tend to think. We often sing hymns that remind us that death is not the end, but the beginning of a new life with God in heaven. Yet often we forget that this new life is already ours, and we don't need to wait until death and resurrection to experience what that means.

For the followers of Jesus, new life is something that has been given to us in baptism, and is offered to us each day as we walk with the very power of Jesus' resurrection within us every moment. This reality is what calls us to ministry, each in their own special way according to their own gifts. It is this reality that frees us to speak for those who often go unheard when they try to speak for themselves: the outcast, the poor, the suffering. This reality calls us to rethink our church's very existence in terms of reaching out in ministry to each other, the world and the community around us.

The news of new life in Christ sets us free to think in new ways about what the Christian community is all about. St. Paul and other earlier followers of Jesus did not just seek to care for their own (though that is always a priority for the community), but to extend themselves and their ministry to any they found in need, or who came to them.

We are not here to ask what God can do for us, but what is it that we, as the baptized children of God, can do for the world around us in the name of God and his Son, Jesus. This is not always a comfortable thing to do, and yet it is the Church in living, acting faith! A faith that says we are a resurrection people – a people of new life, ever new faith, and those who abide in the loving gift of God through Jesus Christ the Risen and Living One.

May this Easter bring you renewed joy, hope, peace, and action as you live out your baptismal faith in One Lord who died and rose for you that you might have new life, and have it abundantly. In the joy of Christ's resurrection,

Pastor Ray

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## CORE PLANNING GROUP UPDATE

Our newly formed Core Planning Group has had a busy beginning. Rising as a response to mission-focused leadership sessions over the past several years, the group has set out to more clearly define who we currently are as Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church. Conversations have included an in-depth look at what we do well and what may need to be refreshed or added. Foremost in all deliberations is the question, "What is God calling us to do in this place at this time?" Hoping to attract additional members and broaden the idea bank, the group plans to deliver innovative updates at the beginning of each service in the next few weeks. Watch for their cues, and do think about accepting their open invitation to join the cause. More good news! The initial conversations have resulted in a number of actions, including:

- A brand new brochure setting forth our Saint Nicholas programs as well as our involvement in the community and a guest book is awaiting visitors on the podium in the narthex. Feel free to check out the brochures in the tract rack just outside the office door.
- An electronic kiosk with a streaming video or slideshow highlighting aspects of our many activities is well into planning stage. This feature is being designed to help visitors and new member prospects learn about Saint Nicholas in a fun, entertaining manner.
- A congregational survey is coming inviting all our members to share their thoughts on how we can be an even more welcoming congregation.

How about joining our team? You can email Debbie Bang at [dbang20736@yahoo.com](mailto:dbang20736@yahoo.com) or just show up at a meeting, all of which will be announced in *The Weekly* insert in your bulletin. You will be most welcome! Bring your ideas and your enthusiasm, and join the group!

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## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SUNDAY APRIL 10

In Discovering God's Vision for Your Life, Kenneth Haugk says, "The volunteer workforce in the world contributes significantly to the betterment of society... But is *volunteerism* the right word to use to describe what happens in the church? Decidedly not... In a biblical theology of ministry and calling, there are no "volunteers." All are ministers. This difference is significant. When we Christians believe in our hearts that we are truly ministering, it changes the way we regard ourselves. It also changes the way we think about those we serve and those who serve us."

During National Volunteer Week, we thank all the ministers of Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church. We'll take a few minutes during worship on Volunteer Recognition Sunday, April 10, to give prayers of thanks to all of us who are in ministry, and to rededicate ourselves to service in the coming year.

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## VOLUNTEER CALENDAR FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

*How do I volunteer for worship services?* You can contact Barbara Harris, either by phone at 410-286-3257, or by email at [bramharris@chesapeake.net](mailto:bramharris@chesapeake.net). You can also go on line at [www.saintnicholaslutheran.org](http://www.saintnicholaslutheran.org). Look at the section labeled "Volunteer Opportunities" and click on "Worship Services Volunteer Calendar." Click on the date, and which of the three worship services for which you want information. The screen that comes up will give you the entire list of those who are serving on that date. If there are openings where volunteers are still needed, you can follow the instructions on that page, which sends an email to Barbara Harris. You can also sign up for a reminder notice.

*How do I know what I volunteered for?* You can use the same website and locations to see what you volunteered for by clicking on the date and service, and seeing if you are listed. In addition, the newsletter has the calendar for the entire month – you can pull it out, highlight your assignment, and put it on your fridge or bulletin board. The *Weekly* insert in the church bulletin has a listing of who is helping at worship the following week. And finally, check the church bulletin when you get to church to see if your name is listed for that day's service!

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

**Sunday Morning Hospitality Team Coordinator:** Around 100 congregation members are on the Sunday Morning Hospitality team. We are in need of a coordinator who will contact team members to schedule them for a specific Sunday in the upcoming month. This simple ministry can be done face-to-face at church or from home and involves making quite a few phone calls and emails every month until the 4-5 slots for the month are filled. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Barbara Harris.

**Lawn Mowing Teams:** Do you love hands-on work in the great outdoors! Join one of the lawn mowing teams. Each team takes a turn, in rotation, to mow the lawn and trim during the growing season. Saint Nicholas has 2 lawn tractors which make fast work of the large grass area. Want to learn more? Contact Bruce Schmale or Barbara Harris.

**Lenten Pita Bread Provider:** During Lent, we change from using loaves of home-baked bread to using pita bread for communion. Providers don't have to bake this, just buy a package big enough for use at both the second and third services. Bring it to the sacristy (the room behind the altar) by 8:40am on Sunday morning. Sign up for a Sunday in Lent using the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. We will use pita bread through Maundy Thursday on April 21.

# LOVE GOD



Ministry Teams  
Altar Care, Choirs  
Nursery, Stewardship, Worship Planning

Contact: Open

## A LOOK AT OUR STEWARDSHIP



Attendance				
	Feb 27	Mar 6	Mar 13	Mar 20
7:45 am	26	23	22	25
9:00 am	67	68	64	72
11:15 am	57	40	51	40
<b>Total</b>	150	131	137	137
Ash Wednesday Mar 9—52				

Finance		
	February	Year to Date
Operating Income	\$20,972	\$44,947
Building Fund Receipt	\$7,992	\$16,089
Building Fund Transfer	+3,258	+6,411
Mortgage	11,250	22,500
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$32,222</u>	<u>\$67,447</u>
Less Operating Exp	43,315	77,119
<b>Difference</b>	-\$11,093	-\$9,672
Total Restrict Receipts	\$704	\$813
Add'l Bldg Fnd Recpts	\$0	\$0

## *Holy Week and Easter Worship*

### Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm

Good Friday 7:30 pm

### Easter Services

Sunrise Service 6:15 am

Traditional 9:00 am

Sing & Rejoice 11:15 am

# LOVE OTHERS



## Ministry Teams

Congregation Care, Fellowship, Prayer,  
Special Events, Stephen Ministry, Youth, Evangelism

Contact: Open

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We pray that our Lord will bless those listed, as well as those in your heart, with a sense of peace and assurance through the abiding presence of God's Spirit. For the prayer team requests, contact Kay Aronhalt at 301-855-1656 or [karonhalt@comcast.net](mailto:karonhalt@comcast.net). For the spoken Sunday prayers contact Anna Kitzmiller, [office@saintnicholaslutheran.org](mailto:office@saintnicholaslutheran.org).



IN NEED  
OF PRAYER

Ron & Jeanne Olinger	Ruth Cagle	Sally Brown
Vivian Smetana	Jim Rupert	Carol Deiso
Susan Cagle	Tommy & Danny Oves	Jacob Brand
Judie Sheffer	Don & Angela Knepp	Mark Knepp
Patricia Yost	Roberta Walsh	Meredith Dalzell
Abigail Leach & Family	Norman Whittington	Olive Woods
Laurie Campbell	Doris Ivey	Austin Smith
Greg Phillips	Palumbo Family	Schroeder Family
Wolfgang Family	Sean Beaman	DeVere Family
Blaine Weaver	Katharyn MacDonald	Jimmy Hildewine
Huntingtown Firefighters	Banks & Ross Families	Louis Baptista
Zachary Forschen	Victims of earthquake in Japan	

## Easter Fellowship Breakfast

There will be time after each service on Easter to enjoy fellowship and a light breakfast. Please plan to bring a food contribution to be shared during the fellowship time of the service you attend on Easter, from sweet rolls to casseroles. A couple of people from the 9:00 and 11:15 services are needed to arrange the food table before and clear the table after their fellowship time. To help those setting up, please take your dish with you after your fellowship time. Thank you to Don and Angela Knepp for coordinating the breakfasts.

## LOVE OTHERS

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# April Birthdays

Berche, Hillary	04/08	Nowak, Emily	04/29
Butz, Mary	04/30	Page, Kyle	04/29
Camilletti, Eugene	04/03	Piper, Christine	04/05
Currie, Landon	04/12	Piper, Mark	04/23
Dickinson, Claude	04/13	Reeves, Noah	04/12
Flynn, Meghan	04/18	Ross, Ronald	04/24
Hanson, Kayla	04/10	Royle, Stephen	04/15
Hogan, Christine	04/18	Scopel, Ann	04/09
Hogenson, Alissa	04/20	Smetana, Jennifer	04/17
Hyland, Michael	04/29	Stuart, Travis	04/09
Kitzmiller, Ben	04/23	Westphal, Eileen	04/20
Landale, Rachel	04/17	White, Gabrielle	04/17
Lewis, Christy	04/03	Wolf, Jean	04/19
MacDonald, Heather	04/08	Wood, Austin	04/07
McCouston, Kenny	04/28	Younkers, Andrew	04/17
McKnight, Sabrina	04/17		

## THANK YOU

Dear Saint Nicholas Family,

First let me apologize for taking so long to do this. I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness, it will always be remembered. Only by God and all of you were we able to make it this far. I can't express enough how much it means to me what truly wonderful people you are. My family and I are forever in your debt.

As far as what's happening now, the family and I are in a cozy rental just up the street from the house we lost. Construction will start on our new home soon, and I plan on taking my boys down to see their new house being built. It has been a very slow, painful process at times, but I am sure all will be well in time.

Thanks again to all of you and God bless.  
Joshua Michener and family.

## Who's in the Pew?

*Kevin and Lauren Wawroski have been members of Saint Nicholas for about three years. Usually attending the second service, they have been busy behind the scenes as they participated in many ministries. Lauren was a youth leader for several years, and is now an integral part of our Core Planning Team.*

Kevin and Lauren Wawroski are this month's "Who's in The Pew?" friends. Kevin grew up in northern New Jersey, though he doesn't admit that freely. He is the baby of his family and has two older sisters and one older brother, with quite the collection of nieces and nephews. Lauren grew up in Hershey, Pennsylvania. She is the oldest child in her family, having one younger sister, and credits Kevin's older sisters with teaching him to always put the seat down. . . always.



Since Lauren insisted on marrying a man with blue eyes, she was ecstatic when she first met Kevin at the University of Maryland in 2000. Kevin was majoring in aerospace engineering and impressed Lauren by introducing her to the Maryland phenomenon of Chipotle. Lauren and Kevin became fast friends while standing next to each other in the Mighty Sound of Maryland marching band (playing drums!). Kevin liked to tease Lauren by hiding her music and then getting her in trouble with her section leader — Kevin. They began dating a few months after first meeting each other. After one of their first dates, Lauren rushed back to her dorm to call her mother and tell her all about Kevin. Lauren's mom loves to tell the story of that phone call—a breathless, paragraph-long description of all of Kevin's best qualities, ending with "... and Mom! He's a Lutheran, too!"

After graduating from college, Kevin took a job with NavAir at Patuxent Naval Air Station. Lauren finished her undergraduate degree in 2003 and began graduate school the same year. She spent her time shuttling between her apartment in College Park and Kevin's apartment in Lexington Park. In October 2006, Kevin and Lauren were married in Hershey, and rented a house in Prince Frederick for a year. Since Lauren and Kevin can occasionally be gluttons for punishment, they bought their first house in Huntingtown and Lauren finished her doctorate of audiology all within six months of each other. Lauren then took a job as a pediatric audiologist at Children's National Medical Center and life and mortgage payments settled in.

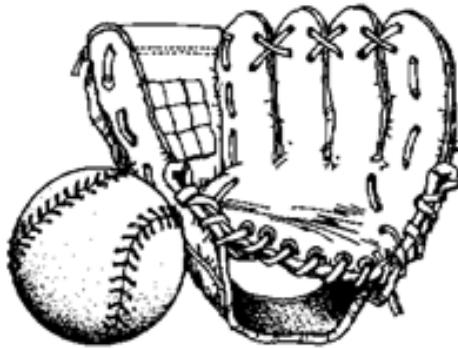
When they're not at work, Lauren and Kevin can be found renovating their house or vacuuming furballs off the floor and couch. They have three Australian Shepherds who are excellent at eating, shedding, cuddling, and not much else. Lauren and Kevin found their church home at Saint Nicholas in 2008, much to both of their mothers' delight.

Written by Lauren Wawroski

# SOFTBALL TEAM UPDATE

By Tom Blatt

The softball team is busy practicing and preparing for the 2011 season. The season opening doubleheader will probably be the weekend of April 16/17. Unfortunately, the 2011 schedule has not yet been determined. In fact, it won't be known until early April. Check the April 10 edition of the Weekly and/or listen for the announcement at the April 10 services about the team's opening day games. We hope to see a large throng of fans supporting the team this summer. Come out to the ballpark and cheer for the Saint Nicholas softball team this year!!



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## SECOND THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

By Kay Aronhalt

This month we are looking forward to our first visit to the Calypso Restaurant in Deale (Tracy's Landing) on April 14. **Directions:** From Huntingtown, take Rt. 2/4 North; at the traffic light at All Saints Episcopal Church turn right to continue on Rt. 2. Travel to Md. Rt. 256 east (Deale Road). The restaurant is located at 421 Deale Road, (Tracy's Landing). Please join us at 12:30 p.m. on the fourteenth. Let me know that you can and our table will be waiting! [Karonhalt@comcast.net](mailto:Karonhalt@comcast.net) or 301-855-1656



# TEACH AND LEARN



Ministry Teams  
Confirmation, Discipleship  
Education, VBS

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Make your reservations now for Shake It Up Café! We will be cooking up a lot of fun from July 18 through July 22 here at Saint Nicholas as our Little Chefs carry out God's Recipe. We will take a bite out of the Bible everyday from 9 to 12 while enjoying heaping portions of stories, music, crafts, games and snacks. If you have a hankering to join us, please let Lizzie or Vicki Williams know. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Bring your baskets and hop over to the North Wing on Sunday, April 17 at 10:15 to help us search for those elusive eggs. Afterwards, we'll let the eggs help us to tell the Easter story.



## TEACH AND LEARN

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sunday School classes:** Meet from 10:15am - 11:00am. All children's classes meet on the lower floor of the North Wing. There will be no classes on April 17 or 24 as we celebrate Easter.

**Adult Offerings:** Grab some coffee and join one of these classes. There's no commitment, experience or study required. Just enjoy the time that we have together.

**The Sunday Exchange:** Whether you have been to church yet or not, the lessons of the day provide a stimulating discussion for everyone. This very informal group, led by Glenn and Ann Wolfgang, meets in the small fellowship hall.

**Troublesome Bible Passages:** Jean Wolf leads this interesting class on passages which are difficult to understand and put into practice. The topics include: Why did God choose Abel and not Cain? How does God's time relate to our time? Are our lives predetermined? What is the sin that can never be forgiven? How much faith is enough? Join this intriguing discussion in the classroom off the small fellowship hall.

**Lenten Soup and Study:** Every Wednesday evening during Lent, Pastor Ray will enlighten and challenge us as we explore the Apostles Creed. You may think that you know it, but he will have you rethinking what you think you know. Come to class and you will understand what I mean. Soup is served at 6:30 and study begins at 7 with the devotional ending at 7:45. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for soup providers.

### CONFIRMATION

April 3: 12:30 – 2:30 Confirmation. Pizza will be provided. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be working on their banners. Parents, please bring an ironing board, iron, and scissors.

May 1: 12:30 – 2:30 Confirmation Family Day. Baked Potato Bar.



# SERVE THE WORLD



## Ministry Teams

Benevolence, Community Service,  
Work Camp

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Council Liaison - Sherie Cooper - smdcooper@comcast.net

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## CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

Mark your calendars for Christmas in April. This year it will take place on April 23. This is an opportunity for members to repair and spruce up the home of one of our less fortunate neighbors. Please look for announcements in the Weekly and during the services. Sign-up sheets will be on the table in the narthex. For more information, contact Keith Williams (301 812-0721 or fredis2adog@aol.com).

## PROJECT ECHO

This month Saint Nicholas will provide a meal for residents of Project Echo on April 24 . See the bulletin board to sign up or call Sherrie Thompson (410) 586-1593 (thompson1593@verizon.net) or Jean Smetana (410) 535-2485 (jrshistory@yahoo.com).

## CCCFP

Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting pasta products for the Food Pantry. Bring in spaghetti, dried noodles, macaroni and cheese, pasta salad in a box, or any other pasta product. Place it in the basket in the narthex. Thanks!

## SERVE THE WORLD

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### RELAY FOR LIFE

The Relay for Life is an overnight fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. It is also a time for honoring those who have won the struggle, encouraging those who currently are struggling, and memorializing those whose struggle has ended. The Relay will take place on June 17 at Halloween Point Park. Please contact Erika Demme or Kathy Dangin if you are interested in being a part of a team from Saint Nicholas.

### SAFE NIGHTS

Thanks to all who participated in Safe Nights in any way. There were so many involved! This is a testament to Saint Nicholas. The guests were very grateful for all of the hospitality. Thanks especially to those who did "double duty", helping out on two or more nights. Barbara Harris, Gus Wolf, Lauren Wawrowski, Vicki Williams, Joan McCuiston, Charlie Bauerdorf, and Bruce and Pam Schmale sacrificed a lot of time and sleep to make sure that our program was successful. We thank all who were involved, and as always, we thank God for blessing us so that we could serve others!





CALVERT CHURCHES COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY  
PO Box 1334 Huntingtown, Maryland 20639-1334  
(located at 100 Jibsail Drive, Suite 101 Prince Frederick)  
Our member churches: All Saints Episcopal, Emmanuel Baptist,  
Calvert Grace Brethren, Saint Nicholas Lutheran; Emmanuel UMC,  
Huntingtown UMC, Mt Harmony/Lower Marlboro UMC, Smithville UMC  
And Trinity United Methodist Churches

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## WINTER NEWSLETTER

### Overview:

Your generosity has allowed the CCCFP to serve an average of 421 families and 706 individuals monthly since last October. We average nearly ten tons of food per month to our clients. At Christmas 2010 we had requests from 500 families—our largest holiday need ever. We met that need with your generous giving during the Thanksgiving / Christmas season. We still have a tremendous need every week in Calvert County -- thank-you for your support!

### Supplies:

You may wonder where CCCFP gets their food; we get food from several sources as follows:

- ✦ Food donated by all member churches, scout troops, and community groups
- ✦ US Government commodities (about 10 tons quarterly) from a USDA Federal Grant
- ✦ An annual \$1,000 grocery gift from the Church Of Latter Day Saints Bishops Pantry in Upper Marlboro (we continue this relationship)
- ✦ Weekly pick-ups from the Southern Maryland Food Bank (Hughesville) where we buy meats and basic staples at 0.18 per pound; and monthly meat supplies from End Hunger in Calvert.org
- ✦ Two Maryland Food Bank "mobile pantry" food gifts for 6 tons of canned goods
- ✦ A grant from Help Association (Thrift Store) in Owings. for \$5,000, which along with your generous monetary donations helped defray the cost of our holiday give outs

When we must buy food, we buy from Food Lion Corporate at wholesale pricing. Our purchased food runs about \$6,000 per month. We also coordinate free food "days" when generous partners in the state or local community donate free food to 350 needy families (not only our clients) in Calvert County with two 6,000 pound deliveries.

### Volunteers:

Thank you to the many volunteers who manage the paperwork, sort and bag groceries, make deliveries, pick up nearly expired baked goods at Giant, Safeway, Nick's and Food Lion, those who segregate food and stock the shelves, pick up bulk orders and service clients. (We have over 35 part-time volunteers who are extremely committed to the Lord's work.) If anyone from your congregation would like to help, please give us a call M-W 9AM to noon. I urge the clergy and decision makers in our member churches to schedule a tour of our operation and see firsthand the value of this ministry.



# ADMINISTRATION

## Ministry Teams

Audit, Church Archives, Communication, Facilities, Finance,  
Newsletter, Nominating, North Wing Task Force,  
North Wing Décor, Policy, Staff, Web

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Our Call Committee has announced that they have decided to request new candidates for our pastoral position. Consider for a moment putting yourself in their shoes. I can only imagine what a difficult decision this must have been for them. They must all feel the pressure of the congregation on them as we all anxiously await our next Pastor. They must feel the anticipation and excitement of the congregation as we look forward to the end of the call process. Yet, in the end, they decided to delay that announcement and start over. Instead of being dejected in that decision, it seems to me that our congregation has enthusiastically supported our call committee and recognizes the importance that this decision not be taken lightly. It is far more important that the committee make a determination that is proper than to make a hasty decision that may prove problematic in the future. I am proud of them for making this difficult decision and equally proud of our congregation for supporting them in this decision. South of the Border stickers for everyone (please see Andre)!



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## ADMINISTRATION

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# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by Kay Aronhalt

**Executive committee:** David Hickin, President; Sean Demme, Vice President; Kay Aronhalt, Secretary; Amare Merz, Treasurer.

**At large:** Alyson Griese, Sherie Cooper, Edith Crane, Christine Hogan, Colleen Hyland, Sid Kolbe, Karen Phelps.

### February Council Highlights

The Church Council of Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church met on March 16. The following are highlights of the session:

- The treasurer noted that we have needed to transfer funds from our reserve account to meet our mortgage commitment for the past two months. It is hoped that our members will be able to continue to support the building fund to help with this shortfall.
- A discussion on our recent Safe Nights ministry indicated that it was a successful week and gratifying to all who helped.
- The new office copier, authorized for leasing at the February meeting, is now on site and in service.
- We have committed to placement of an ad in the upcoming *Calvert Recorder* newcomers insert as a means of informing new residents about Saint Nicholas.
- Lenten boxes for children's coin collections are available in the narthex.

**Note:** The full minutes of the most recent council meetings are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex after approval by the council. Stop by and read them in entirety if you are interested, and please do not hesitate to ask any council member for more information if you have questions or wish to give input.

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### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Members of Thrivent Financial may have Thrivent Choice Dollars that they can designate to a charity of their choice. Saint Nicholas is now set up to receive those donations should you choose to designate them to us. If you have any questions, please see our treasurer, Amare Merz.

## ADMINISTRATION

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### 2011 COMMITTEES

#### CALL

Kathy Dangin, Chair (9:00 service)  
Ben Cooper (Youth Rep.)  
Angela Knepp (7:45 service)  
Sarah Kolbe (11:15 service)  
Keith Williams (11:15 service)  
Glenn Wolfgang (7:45/9:00 service)

#### FINANCE

Amare Merz, Chair (9:00 service)  
Tom Blatt, Financial Secretary  
Ed Aronhalt (9:00 service)  
Colleen Hyland (11:15 service)  
Deneane Proctor (9:00 service)

#### NORTH WING TASK FORCE

Sherie Cooper, Chair  
Diane Graham (7:45 service)  
Open (7:45 service)  
Donna Calautti (9:00 service)  
Norm Griese (9:00 service)  
Colleen Hyland (11:15 service)  
Steve Walsh (11:15 service)  
Amare Merz (SN Treasurer)

#### FACILITIES / PROPERTY

Harris Cooper, Chair  
Jim Felbinger, Custodian  
Tim Schwartz, NW Construction Manager  
Sean Demme (11:15 service)  
Stephen Groff (11:15 service)  
Susan Groff (11:15 service)  
Dennis Leary (9:00 service)  
Kurt Nielson (11:15 service)  
Bruce Schmale (7:45 service)  
Keith Williams (11:15 service)

#### NOMINATING

Ann Wolfgang (7:45 service)  
Paul Butz (9:00 service)  
Sherry Owens (11:15 service)

#### AUDIT

To be decided by Council





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Sunday Worship - 7:45am, 9:00am, 11:15am  
Sunday School 10:15AM

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