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an ELCA congregation



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SUMMER DAYS!

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

Ministers: People of Saint Nicholas

2011 MINISTRY ORGANIZATION

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Contact: Open

Council Liaison:

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



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Ministries: Benevolence, Community Service, Work Camp



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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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The Core Planning Group and Saint Nicholas July 2011

By now most of you have heard about the Core Planning Group (CPG) that has been meeting regularly at church. However, the precise function of the group may remain a bit unclear. The main purpose and function of the CPG is to support the various ministries at Saint Nicholas and those who lead the ministries. What is painfully obvious is that we have several ministry areas but only a few people who alone are both leading and doing the lion share of the work. Now this is not all that surprising in that this is how the average congregation works. Unfortunately, this is what causes so many congregations to remain average.

The CPG is all too aware of busy schedules, heavy responsibilities and demands on everyone's time. We are also aware that the key to any volunteer organization is volunteers. Herein lies the problem. Volunteers are asked to take on a task but all too often not given any guidelines on how to perform that task. They are rarely offered a time line of how long they are requested to hold that position, and they are rarely offered any assistance with finding helpers. This is one of the major areas the CPG is working on to change! Should you volunteer or are asked to prayerfully consider serving in a ministry area, you will be given general guidelines of what is needed in that area. You will be asked to set a time line of how long you might serve, and you will be assisted in finding others to help you with that ministry.

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The Core Planning Group is not a policy setting committee. It is made up of volunteers from many areas of the congregation, and is dedicated to strengthening the "ownership" of the congregation through the involvement -- at whatever level -- of as many members as possible.

The Holy Spirit calls us all to serve. It does not call for us to serve forever doing the same job but to be disciples to each other, helping, teaching, and passing along responsibilities in service to the whole family of God in this place: Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Ray



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

Contact: Open

A LOOK AT OUR STEWARDSHIP

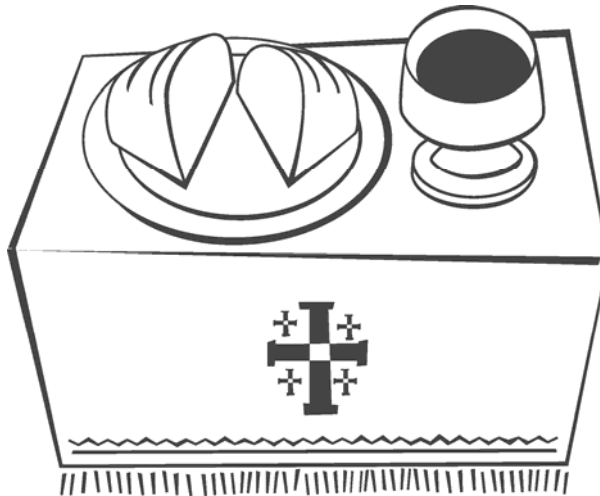
Attendance					
	May 29	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
7:45 AM	19	23	23	26	20
9:00 AM	42	77	132	62	80
11:15 AM	39	25	32	24	33
Total	100	125	187	112	133

Finance		
	May	Year to Date
Operating Income	\$22,448	\$112,855
Building Fund Receipt	\$10,352	\$42,877
Building Fund Transfer	+898	+13,373
Mortgage	11,250	56,250
Total Income	\$33,698	\$169,105
Less Operating Expenses	35,781	190,275
Difference	-\$2,083	-\$21,170
Total Restricted Receipts	\$469	\$4,393
Additional Bldg Fund Recpts	\$0	\$0

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

ALTAR CARE TEAM: A new team member is needed to assist with altar care at the 9 am service on the first Sunday of each month. Altar care involves working with another team member to set up the altar before the 9 am service, clean up after the service, and set up the altar for the 11:15 am service. If you like hands-on, behind the scenes work that helps our worship service run smoothly, this is the job for you!

SUMMER COMMUNION BREAD PROVIDERS: During the summer we give our bread bakers a break and ask other members of the congregation to bring King's Hawaiian bread for communion. There are still a few Sundays available for communion bread providers. Please consider providing two loaves of bread this summer. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



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Ministry Teams

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

Contact: Open



IN NEED
OF PRAYER

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.

Ron & Jeanne Olinger

Vivian Smetana

Tommy Oves

Patricia Yost

Abigail Leach & Family

Austin Smith

Chip Poole

Deiso Family

Betty Alexander

Trude Smith

Hyland and Sheffer Families

Ruth Cagle

Jim Rupert

Jacob Brand

Meredith Dalzell

Norman Whittington

Pat Skinner

Greg Phillips

Jacob Phelps

Marsha Kirby

Helen Hudson

Sally Brown

Susan Cagle

Mark Knepp

Olive Woods

Doris Ivey

Joann Singleton

Louis Baptista

Elaine Charney

Beth Horn

Glenda Monaco

A Special Thank You From Betty Alexander

Dear friends at Saint Nicholas, my son Ron and I want to thank everyone for your prayers, your calls and your support during the period of my daughter-in-law's serious illness. Linda went to be with the Lord on May 27. We miss her terribly, but know that she is now free from pain. We thank you so much for caring for her and for our family.

Contact Kay Aronhalt at 301-855-1656 or karonhalt@comcast.net for prayer team requests. Contact Anna Kitzmiller, Office Administrator, for additions to the Sunday spoken prayers.

LOVE OTHERS

July and August Birthdays

Nielsen, Austin	07/03	Williams, Wayne	07/30
Griese, Collin	07/04	Bentz, Gail	07/31
Moser, Ryan	07/05	Opheim, Venia	07/31
Savage, Jenny	07/05	Rush, Audry	07/31
Liefer, Julina	07/06	Bauerdorf, Charlie	08/02
Schmidt, Gary	07/10	Hyland, Colleen	08/02
Ciccone, Anthony	07/11	Smetana, Jamison	08/02
Owens, Laura	07/11	Havanki, Samantha	08/04
Newman, Paul	07/12	Schwartz, Keeley	08/04
Schwartz, Alyson	07/13	Milke, Eula	08/06
Frick, Taylor	07/14	Crane, Russell	08/07
Smith, Jamie	07/15	Leary, Shaylyn	08/07
Belote, Kayla	07/18	Smith, Susan	08/07
Franzak, Sophia	07/21	Belote, Sarah	08/08
Newman, Nikki	07/21	Schwartz, Tim	08/08
Rush, Kortnie	07/21	Savage, Victoria	08/10
Schmidt, Janet	07/21	Demme, Nicole	08/11
Lenz, Michael	07/23	Younkers, Alex	08/11
Meyer, Phyllis	07/23	Stump, Mike	08/16
Bergin, Lhea	07/24	Downs, Barbara	08/20
DeVere, David	07/24	Gelatka, Bill	08/20
Trickle, Eric	07/25	Regner, John	08/20
Callis, Beatrice	07/26	Fowler, Joshua	08/21
Dalzell, Lucinda	07/26	Savage, Dylan	08/21
Greco, Lucy	07/26	Williams, Vicki	08/21
Cooper III, Harris	07/27	Ross, Candace	08/22
Nieves, Carolyn	07/27	Ross, Cherise	08/23
Forschen, Blaine	07/28	White, Barbara	08/24
Campbell, Joel	07/29	Wolf, Gustave	08/28
Dickinson, JoAnne	07/29	Calautti, Joshua	08/31
Sharar, Susan	07/30		

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YADA-YADA BOOK CLUB

By Barbara Harris

The Yada Yada book club will be meeting Tuesday, July 12, to discuss Madeleine L'Engle's book, "A Wrinkle in Time." For the location of the meeting contact Barbara Harris bramharris@chesapeake.net or 410-286-3257.

LUNCH BUNCH

By Kay Aronhalt

In June, the Lunch Bunch enjoyed a fine Italian meal at the new Olive Garden in California, MD, and gave it great reviews. For July, we plan to re-visit the Calypso Restaurant in Deale; and in August, we'll return to Jerry's Seafood in Prince Frederick. Please join us for one or both if you are free on the second Thursday of either month! Let Kay Aronhalt know that you are coming, and our tables will be waiting! 301-855-1656 or karonhalt@comcast.net.

SOFTBALL TEAM

By Tom Blatt

RECENT RESULTS

June 5	vs Trinity UMC	L 9 - 10	W 10 - 5
June 12	vs Emmanuel Baptist	L 0 - 15	L 8 - 13
June 18	vs Friendship Baptist	L 4 - 11	L 6 - 15
June 25	vs First Baptist 'A'	Rescheduled to July 23	

Current Record: 6 - 8

UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, July 9	4:30 pm	at Dunkirk # 3	vs Bayside Baptist
Saturday, July 1	7:00 pm	at Dunkirk # 1	vs Grace Brethren
Saturday, July 23	7:00 pm	at Cove Point # 1	vs First Baptist 'A'
Sunday, July 24	2:00 pm	at Hallowing Point # 1	vs Crossroad Christian
Saturday, July 30	7:00 pm	at Hallowing Point # 4	vs Calvert Community Church
Friday, Aug 5	6:30 pm	at Hallowing Point	Post-Season, Double-Elimination
Saturday, Aug 6	9:00 am	at Hallowing Point	Tournament



Who's in the Pew?

By Lucie Dalzell

Our featured members this month are the Dalzell Family

The Dalzell family consists of Dad (Jeff), Mom (Lucie), Brietta (age five years), and Meredith (age one year). They have been members of Saint Nicholas since 2006. Jeff grew up in Naples, FL (before it was the high-end retirement mecca it is today). Lucie was raised Lutheran in Brick, NJ. They met when they both came to work for the US Census Bureau in Suitland in the late 1990s. They were married in 2003 and built a townhome in Chesapeake Beach. Before getting married and having children, Lucie did a bit of spiritual searching, ranging from the ultra-liberal (Unitarian) to the ultra-conservative (Grace Brethren). When she first came to SNLC, she knew she had found the right church home for her family.



The Dalzell's membership at SNLC and their spiritual life in general has been strengthened this past year with Meredith's birth. Meredith was born on June 14, 2010, two days after her sister's fourth birthday. After a very uneventful pregnancy and labor and delivery, Lucie and Meredith were transferred to the recovery room at Anne Arundel Medical Center. Shortly after arriving there, the nurse noticed Meredith was making an odd clucking sound and took her up to the NICU. A while later, a nurse practitioner returned saying Meredith had been having seizures and needed to be transferred to Children's National Medical Center in the District. So that night, Meredith was transferred via ambulance to Children's, Jeff went to take

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Who's in the Pew?

care of Brietta, and Lucie and her Dad (who had just driven down from NJ) drove to Children's where they spent the night in armchairs in the waiting room. Last summer didn't mean fun in the sun to the Dalzell's as much as it meant long drives back and forth from Children's. The doctors speculated what the problem might be amid inconclusive MRIs. At one point, when Meredith was about a week old, one of the doctors said, "In the long run, I think she's going to be alright, but you have a really long year ahead of you." At this point, it appears he was correct...her prognosis is excellent, but it was a really long year.

During those especially difficult summer months last year, the Dalzells were greatly blessed by so many prayers and kindnesses of family, friends and friends of friends. Meredith was prayed for in churches ranging from India to Puerto Rico. The Dalzells are especially grateful to all those at SNLC who reached out to them at this time providing supportive phone calls, kinds notes and homemade meals.

After three brain surgeries, two stressful drives to the ER, and one helicopter ride courtesy of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Meredith is doing quite well. The remnants of what turned out to be have been a stroke are dissolving and she has a shunt for her hydrocephalus. At this point, she remains on the prayer list only because for a while she'll be at increased risk for shunt failure (which happened once, hence the helicopter ride). She is the happiest baby in the world and applauds when her mom walks into the room.

Lucie remained home until this past April. She was fortunate the Census Bureau allowed her to return in a part-time capacity and in a position of less responsibility. (Did I mention that this past year the family also finished building their house and moved to Sunderland?)

The Dalzell's recently celebrated the end of this eventful year with a very large birthday party. They are now hoping that this next year is very, very boring.

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BLOOD DRIVE

A SALUTE TO OUR BLOOD DONORS AND COORDINATOR, JEANNE OLINGER!

On Saturday, June 11, Saint Nicholas sponsored our latest blood collection by the American Red Cross, over the past decade. Our participation in this life-giving program began in April, 2001, shortly after we had moved into the first phase of our church home. Saint Nicholas members Tom and Kathy Sharback, noting the few blood donation opportunities in the county, decided to organize one at Saint Nicholas. Because of the relatively complicated process of coordinating such an event, there were few churches that could accomplish the task. But tackle they did, and Tom and Kathy began our history of participation in this national program to bolster the nation's supply of life-giving blood.

Following the Sharbacks' move to Florida several years later, current member Jeanne Olinger offered to serve as blood drive coordinator. Under Jeanne's supervision and with a nod of thanks to our donating members and nearby residents of the community who also donate here, Saint Nicholas has grown to be currently No. 9 of the 997 churches in the Greater Washington DC and Potomac River Region for the most blood donations since 2005. Not only are we in the top ten percent, we are in the top ONE percent of ALL religious organizations and churches in the greater Washington DC/Baltimore/Potomac River and Greater Chesapeake Bay region.

Another Saint Nicholas member who proudly supports Jeanne in her efforts, Gus Wolf, notes that fewer than ONE percent of adult citizens donate blood. That one percent has to donate sufficient blood for 100% of Americans (adults, service personnel, and children) who need blood at some point in their lives. As yet, even after 70 years of trying, scientists have not been able to produce a synthetic substitute for human blood. A donated pint of human blood is truly the "gift of life."

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A BIG thank you to all who have donated or currently donate whole blood. If you have not yet done so, consider being a blood donor, and watch for our next collection date at Saint Nicholas (August 13). There is no better way to celebrate the gift of your salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ than by donating your blood for others in need. Try it; "it's only a pinch" and see how good it feels!

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES AT SNLC SATURDAYS 7:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

2011

August 13
October 8
December 12

2012

February 11
April 14
June 9





TEACH AND LEARN



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Education, VBS

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Council Liaison - Kay Aronhalt - karonhalt@comcast.net

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 St. Nicholas, as our little chefs carry out God's Recipe. We will take a bite out of the Bible everyday from 9 am to 12 pm, 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 301-812-0721 or fredis2adog@comcast.net.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school is on summer hiatus. We are looking for new teachers for next year. It is a great opportunity to learn as you prepare for class and to spend time with God's children. We provide all of the materials you need and try to have two or more teachers for every class in order to give teachers the ability to take time off. Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to be an important part of a child's growth in their faith. If so, let Pastor or Vicki Williams know.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the wonderful young people who affirmed their faith on June 12: Cecilia Coley, Rachel Dangin, Jordan Frick, Collin Griese, Alissa Hogenson, Austin Owens, Kirsten Niosi, RJ Ross and John Williams. Saint Nicholas is blessed to have you as full members of our congregation and to work beside you as disciples of Christ!

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ADULT EDUCATION

Keep your eyes and ears open in August for announcements on the classes that we will be offering next fall!



If you would like to help teach Sunday school in 2011-2012, please contact Vicki Williams 301-812-0721 or fredis2adog@comcast.net.



SERVE THE WORLD



Ministry Teams

Benevolence, Community Service,
Work Camp

Contact - Kathy Dangin - kdangin@live.com

Council Liaison - Sherie Cooper - smdcooper@comcast.net

SPAGHETTI JARS FOR VBS

If you use spaghetti sauce from a jar, would you please rinse and save your jar for Vacation Bible School. Please put them in the container in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

The Social Concerns Ministry Team is challenging EVERY family to make a contribution of a nonperishable food items to the Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry during the month of July. Donations are great during Thanksgiving and Christmas but tend to wane during the summer months. Please place your donation in the basket in the narthex. Thank You!





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North Wing Décor, Policy, Staff, Web

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FIFTH SUNDAY

The fifth Sunday of a month comes about once a quarter. During a brainstorming session about how to have us interact between service attendees, it was recommended that we do more interaction between service members. We are acting on that recommendation and we're looking at merging all the services down to one on the fifth Sunday of the month. On July 31 (the fifth Sunday), we will have one service at 9 am that we can all come and be a part of. The hope is that we will linger afterwards and get to know some other wonderful congregation members that we don't necessarily already know. Come and enjoy their company!

See you Sunday!

David



ADMINISTRATION

JUNE 2011 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.

The Church Council of Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church met on June 8, 2011. The following are highlights of the session.

- The treasurer reported improvement in our fiscal position since all insurance payments have been made for the year.
- Motion to return to the use of the LBW, WOV, and/or other Lutheran books of worship for the summer months, allowing for savings in paper for bulletins.
- Bruce Schmale has agreed to make a wooden cover for the sound mixer in the back of the nave to protect the control panel.
- Council members will begin wearing name tags, at the suggestion of the Core Planning Group, hoping to encourage name tag use by all as a means of assimilating new families and members into the congregation.
- Sid Kolbe shared that Dunkirk Supply of Lusby, his employer, has offered to donate all materials needed for the Eagle Scout project being designed and constructed by Ben Cooper.

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.

ADMINISTRATION

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

Appointed by Council



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