



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

linking lives in the love of Christ

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Office Hours

Monday to Thursday

8am to 4pm

Friday

9am to Noon

Announcements for next week are due by Wednesday at 9 am.

Need to pass on a message to Rob, Mike W., Mike B., Karen, Tim, our wardens, Vestry, or others in leadership? Leave a note in their mailbox outside of Williams Hall.

Please join us online and stay connected!
We're on Facebook @ St. John's Episcopal Church & we're also on Twitter @ LinkingLives.

Sunday Mornings at St. John's

8am	Worship	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9am	Christian Formation for All Ages	
10am	Worship	Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music and kids@church
11:15am	Fellowship	With coffee, juice and donut holes

Joyful Noise nursery care for infants and toddlers is available from 9 to 11:30.



Pancake Supper Time!!!

Mark your calendars and save your appetite for our Annual "Fat Tuesday" Pancake Supper here at St. John's. Join us in Williams Hall on Tuesday night, Feb. 21st. Tickets will soon be on sale in Williams Hall following Sunday 10am services. You can also buy tickets at the door on February 21. See you there! Proceeds go to supporting our youth ministry.

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 22 • At Noon and 7pm

Join us for worship to mark the start of the season of Lent, with a penitential eucharist and the opportunity for the imposition of ashes.



Wednesdays at Noon

February 29 through April 4

During Lent, we're going to rearrange the furniture a little, and explore worship styles that will be a little different than regular weekly patterns. Even if you don't normally attend Wednesday noon worship, why not plan to join our clergy during Lent for an "extra" time of worship and prayer.

"Experiments in Worship"

Sunday Afternoons at 5pm - February 26 through April 1

Each Sunday afternoon in Lent, we will be hosting an experiment in worship ... we'll vary the forms, music and leadership of our worship each week as we gather around the church altar for prayer. On Sundays, February 26 and March 18, worship will be followed by a community dinner and a time of Lent formation ... see details below! On the other Sundays, March 4, 11, 25 & April 1, those who wish will go out somewhere for dinner together to reflect on our experience and to enjoy one another's company. Interested in helping to shape these experiments in worship? Please contact Rob Skirving as soon as possible!

Christian Formation for Lent

Rather than hosting an extra weekly formation during Lent, we will instead be offering two, all ages experiences that will help us to integrate our worship planning & our formation as disciples of Jesus. On Sundays, February 26 and March 18 we'll begin with worship at 5pm, continue with a simple dinner (food will be provided, donations to cover costs will be accepted) and then move into a time focused on the events of Holy Week with bible study, worship planning and discussion. Come for one, come for both ... join us in this new venture. A sign up sheet will be posted outside Williams Hall for the purpose of planning for food.

Meanwhile, home groups and bible studies will continue during Lent, and Marnie Bash will provide a variety of Lent devotional resources for your use at home.

Lent is near!!! Contributors needed for our next blog project: **"Reframing Lent" or "Lent Madness."**

All the information is on the announcement board. Please sign up for more than one day...if you are willing. All ages are welcomed and encouraged to contribute. Thank You!

February 12, 2012

Christian Formation News

Sunday Morning Christian Formation
Each Sunday from 9-9:45am.

Littlest Angels / Joyful Noise - Nursery care, story and play for infants & toddlers

Worship Center - For 4 year olds through 1st graders...rooted in principles of "Godly Play".

EpiscoKids - For 2nd through 5th graders...faith formation using a variety of styles and activities.

Sunday Bible Study - For 6th Grade and above in the "Loft".

Feasting On The Word - A bible study for adults in the activity room. Coffee available!

On Tuesdays

The Bible: An Introduction This Week: The Cross of Christ 7:30pm in the Activity Room

On Wednesdays

Men's Bible Study

9-10am in the McNab Room

Women's Bible Study

10:30am in the McNab Room

On Thursdays

Women Journeying Together 1:00pm in the Activity Room



Devotionals

Copies of

Our Daily Bread

for December—February and

**Forward Movement's Day by Day*

for February—April are available in the Narthex and Williams Hall.

Worship Bags with books, paper and crayons for children 3-6 years or 7-10 years are available at the back of the church; most weeks they will also include a children's bulletin appropriate to the lessons for the day. Please return the bags to the posts at the end of service. Thank you

Linking Lives

One way we care for each other is to be there for each other when facing illness, hospitalization, or longer-term treatment. Because of privacy policies in place, we no longer have easy access to inpatient information.

If you know of a St. John's member who is hospitalized, receiving short term or long term care, or is homebound or ill and would like visit or prayer, please call the church office (631-2260) with their name & location

Birthdays

- Feb 14 Shirley Gingery
Greg Tait
David Hayward
- 15 Phyllis Millard
- 16 David Hazen
Keira Shaffner
- 17 Karen Martin
Jacinth Black
Joshua Jackson

Anniversaries

- Feb 15 Marianne &
Lawrence Girardin

SAMS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS— on SATURDAY and WEEKDAYS

Help to eliminate hunger in Midland County by volunteering to pack and distribute food at SAMS Pantry. SAMS operates two hours per day, five days a week Monday through Friday. There will also be a Saturday morning session from January through March.

Volunteers are especially needed for the Saturday session, so if you've always wanted to help out at SAMS but work all week, here's your chance!!! Interested????

Contact Beth Chateaufneuf at 687-6108 or Pat Roush 631-4149

Mission Trips to the Dominican Republic

Members of the three dioceses of Michigan, Western Michigan & Eastern Michigan will be working together with the people of San Simón Church in San Marcos, DR to build a church and school over a three to four year period, while also building relationships and sharing our respective experiences of Christian life and faith.

A leadership team visited San Simón in January, and three or four work teams will travel to the DR in July, 2012. For those interested in being part of one of the July work teams, application forms are available in our church office and on our diocesan website:

<http://eastmich.org/mission-opportunities/>

For more information about the Dominican Development Group, who will be coordinating our project, visit them on the web at

<http://dominicandevdevelopmentgroup.org/>



Parish Prayers

Please pray for the following this week

Ian Alsgaard, Doneene B., Bill Barnett, Bonnie Bash, Keith Beamer, Ron Bow, Betty Bryant, Bill Cleland, Brynna Cleland, Diana Cleland, Bob Cook, Gemma Downham, Olga Fagan, Odette H. Foster-Yanka, Gordon C. Gladden, Marian DeGuisse, Karen Englert, Rosemary & Tom Fahey, Joe Franko, Anne & Leroy Hampton, Melissa Heider, Shelley Hendershot, Bob Herington, George Higgs, Julie Hyatt, Mary Juengel & Family, Tessa Kent, Margaret Klumb, Carolyn Kruse, Adele Kubitz, Sandy Letley, Sevanah Maracle & family, Jared Martin, Bob Mesler, Joan Miller, Nicole Miller, Tony Miller, Bill Newhouse, Sarah Pipkin, Mary Alice Ralph, Jeanne Reischer & family, Kendall Rose, Dorothy Shaw, Russell Spanglar, Ron Streeter, Chene Swarhout, David Sylvester, Steven & Susan Thrush, Ethel Thomas, Don Utberg, Loring Van Slyck, Karen Williams, Lisa Winterbottom, Irene, John, Margaret, Shelley & Rich, and the Infante family.

We try to keep our prayer list up to date, so please let us know if there's someone whose name should be included. Also, please remember to contact us again when it's time for that person to come off the list!

Pray for women and men serving in this nation's military

especially those far from home and in places of great danger.

Pray also for their families who wait for them to come safely home.

Pray for our members and their families, especially: Keith & Karin

Beamer, Jack Beamish, Mike & Liz Belmares, Don & Jeanne Black, Drummond & Jacinth Black, John Black.

Pray for Bishop Todd Ousley and for the Diocese of Eastern

Michigan . . . this week we pray for St. Andrews, Gaylord.

In our international Anglican prayer cycle, pray for the Church of Central Africa and the Most Rev. Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia.

This Week

Sunday, 2/12

- 11:30am Living Waters
- 7:00pm Sunday Night Life
- 7:30pm NW Home Group

Monday, 2/13

- Noon AA
- 6:00pm Bell Choir
- 7:00pm Vestry

Tuesday, 2/14

- 10am Samaritan Fund
Ecumenical Women's
Bible Study
- 7:30pm The Bible: An
Introduction

Wednesday, 2/15

- 9:00am Men's Bible Study
- 10:30am Women's Bible Study
- Noon Holy Eucharist
- 6:30pm Young Adult Small
Group

Thursday 2/16

- 1:00pm Women Journeying
Together
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 2/17

- Noon AA

Next Week

Sunday, 2/19

- 7:00pm Sunday Night Life

Monday, 2/20

- Noon AA
- 6:00pm Bell Choir
- 7:00pm Monday Home Group

Tuesday, 2/21

- 10am Samaritan Fund
Ecumenical Women's
Bible Study
- 5pm Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
- 7:30pm The Bible: An
Introduction

Wednesday, 2/22

- 9:00am Men's Bible Study
- 10:30am Women's Bible Study
- Noon Ash Wednesday
Worship
- 7pm Ash Wednesday
Worship

Thursday 2/23

- 10:00am Love Knots
- 1:00pm Women Journeying
Together
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 2/24

- Noon AA

SAMS (Share A Meal Service) Food Pantry serves clients, Monday through Friday by appointment. Referrals may be made through the St. John's office. Donations of **personal care items** (including travel sizes), are appreciated in addition to any non-perishable food items.

Deadline for the next EPISTLE is February 20.

Please email articles to the office to karen@sjec-midland.org or deliver them to the church office. Thanks