

## PENTECOST CELEBRATION

MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM

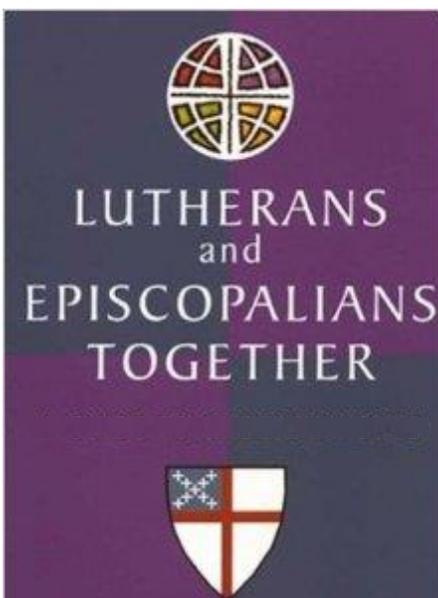
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

10:30 AM

JOINT SERVICE WITH  
HOLY COMFORTER  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

11:45 AM

FESTIVE LUNCHEON



# GLAD TIDINGS

## PARTNERING FOR PENTECOST

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last month I began talking about partnering in ministry. I was thinking partnering with other churches to build a Habitat for Humanity home. I was thinking partnering with our neighbors to help those who are hungry through the CARES food pantry. I was thinking partnering with each other as we walk this faith journey, supporting one another from the cradle to the grave.

And then we had a visitor come to worship with us one a Sunday morning. He felt so welcomed and felt so at home in our liturgy that he ran home to tell his Pastor David Eisenhuth at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter in Govans, exactly half a mile south of Nativity. It seems that the congregation there can no longer financially care for their aging building. They voted to market their building for sale. They are discerning what they might be called to do next. Do they find a smaller building? Do they PARTNER with another congregation?

I have since met with Pastor Eisenhuth, and our vestry invited their Church Council for dessert and conversation on Easter Monday. We do not know what the future holds, but we know that the Holy Spirit is present at every turn of the journey. And so with Bishop Sutton's blessing, we have invited our brothers and sisters from Holy Comforter to join us for worship on the Feast of Pentecost, May 24 at 10:30am. Their choir will join ours, and Pastor Eisenhuth will preach. I will celebrate the liturgy that will combine the best of both of our traditions. Afterwards we will provide hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We do not know where the Holy Spirit is leading us, but we must be faithful and open to the possibilities for partnering together in ministry. Please keep this in your prayers, and let a vestry member or me know if you have any questions.

Faithfully in Christ,

*Stewart*

## Buy a Window for Nativity!

Over the past two years, you surely have noticed that we have made some great improvements to our church campus. We have painted the outside of the church building. We have moved pews to create a side chapel for our midweek services where the choir now sits. We have recently been working to renovate the Upper Room with new tables created from old pews in memory of Jack Windsor. Last week new comfy chairs were delivered for this room. We also were able to purchase new chairs for the library, making that room more flexible for larger gatherings. All of these improvements and more have been made possible with surplus funds from our operating budget or gifts given as memorials.

One project remains that we cannot fund without your help. Twenty-five windows on the south side of our parish hall building desperately need attention. You will notice in these pictures that the paint and wood have been damaged over time. These are the original windows dating back to 1923. Rather than scrape the lead paint and re-glaze the windows, we feel that we can make attain great energy savings by replacing them. (We are not replacing the second floor stained glass windows in Hart Hall at this time.)

The cost for the project is just over \$40,000. In addition, the protective glass covering our beloved round "Nativity" stained glass window over the altar is clouded and needs to be replaced for about \$6,000. The vestry, officers and clergy have already pledged over \$20,000 toward this \$46,000 goal.

Now we need your help to quickly raise this money so that the windows can be replaced while school is out this summer. Enclosed you will find a card to let us know what you might be able to contribute. We hope and pray you will partner with us to continue to care for our beloved campus so that all may be welcome here.

Faithfully,  
*Your Clergy, Vestry and Officers*





Save the date for our **Home Blessing** at 729 McCabe Avenue! On **Saturday, May 30th at noon** we will gather in prayer and write messages to the homeowner, Dyshawn Adams, on the unfinished walls of her home. Bring a lunch and enjoy the neighborhood park with new and old friends!

### Remington Reading Camp

August 17- 21; 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM for struggling readers going into grades 2 thru 4. Breakfast and lunch is served, plus 2 snacks. Planning meetings are underway and already several of last year's volunteers for teaching, aiding, meal servers, etc. are signing on again for the week or for a morning or afternoon. More helpers are needed.

The mornings are filled with the 6 small group reading skills areas of sight words, phonics, strategies, comprehension, writing and leisure reading. Afternoons are games, playground, swimming and a trip to the B&O Train Museum.

The Supply List will be posted by June. Presently we need Step Reading Books for Levels 1 thru 4. These are found at Barnes and Nobles or any good book store. Deacons are running 5 Camps this summer: Calvert County, Southern Anne Arundel County, Glen Burnie, St Luke's Carey Street and Remington. Contact Deacon Linda if you want to sign on. 443-564-6225



Episcopal  
Relief & Development

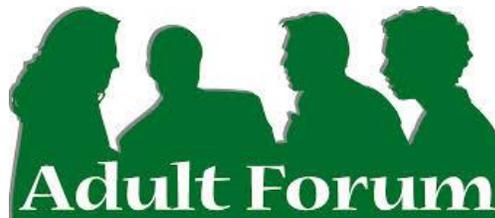
Healing a hurting world



Dear Nativity Family;

Thank you for your contribution to 75 years of MISSION around the WORLD and here at HOME through disaster relief. In just a few short weeks we raised over \$750. Thank you!

*Tony and Linda Hollis ++*



### May Forum Schedule

Join us for in depth conversation each Sunday at 9:15 am in Hart Hall. If you are willing to bring Danishes, bagels or muffins to go with our coffee, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

April 26 **Immigration Perspectives:** Divided Families – Responding with Faith presented by LaVonne Neff.

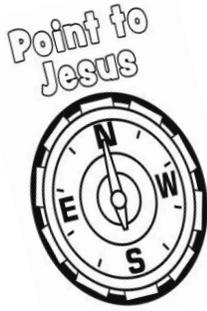
May 3 A Double Header! Flora Sheard shares her meditation on **Forgiveness** and Doug Campbell and Stewart Lucas share the **Sights and Sounds of Dubai and Thailand.**

May 10 **Roman Catholic Women Priests** Marellen Mayers & Patricia Jones share their story of the Living Water Inclusive Catholic Community that worships monthly at Nativity.

May 17 **Foreign Assistance and Global Health.** Sam Dowding will share a retrospective on his 35 plus years in international development, and explore some impacts on global health from foreign humanitarian and developmental aid.

May 24 **PENTECOST** No Forum - Preparing for Luncheon

May 31 The Reverend Dr. Angela Shepherd, Canon for Mission with the Diocese of Maryland discusses her work with race relations through the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission.**



# Jesus is the Highest Power: Camping Out in the Bible



**Vacation Bible School at Nativity  
July 13-19, 2015**

**5:00pm Dinner and Fellowship**

**6:00pm-8:00pm Stories, Songs, Crafts and Games**

**Cost: \$20 Registration Fee \$40 for the week**

**Children ages 3 - 11 (up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**Contact: Amanda Eversley NativityChurchVBS@gmail.com  
Registration forms are on our website and in the church foyer.**

2 0 1 5	Strawberry Festival	
	benefitting First English Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten	
	Saturday, May 2 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
<b>FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY</b>		
3807 N. Charles Street (on 39th Street near Charles Street) First English Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten: 410-235-5887		
strawberry shortcake * bake sale * coffee kids' crafts * pizza * kids' games firetruck * 50/50 raffle		
Activity Tickets \$10 or \$15 a Family		



**89<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
PARISH FAIR  
SATURDAY,  
JUNE 6, 2015  
8:00 am-2:00pm  
Rain or Shine!**

**EVERYBODY IS INVITED!!**

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OLD FASHIONED RUMMAGE SALE

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BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DRINKS

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BOOKS SALE  
BAKE SALE

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GAMES,  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY,  
CEDARCROFT**  
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