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## MINISTRIES & CONNECTIONS DIRECTORY

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**WELCOME ALL** As Christ accepts and loves all kinds of people, we seek to accept and reach out to others with hospitality, flexibility and love.

**TELL THE STORY** so that all will experience Jesus and His triumphant, unconditional love in their real lives.

**GROW AS DISCIPLES** As His followers, we move between nurturing ourselves in relationship with God, and going out to love and serve others in the world.

**OUR VISION** God calls us to reach out to others. We go forward with a passion for a variety of ministry and worship experiences and discipleship growth opportunities. Lay ministry is primary. Our goal is that each one will have a transforming and personal experience of Jesus. God will provide all that we need!

## YOUTH and FAMILY MINISTRIES

### • High School Ministry

Oasis High School Ministries (9th-12th grade)

Meeting Times: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30pm

Like a pool of cool water in the middle of a desert, Oasis is a place to come and be refreshed. Life can be difficult especially when you're a teenager. There are a million different pressures, a million different voices telling you who you should be, what you should do, and where you should be. Oasis is a place to escape that; it is a place to meet with friends, support each other, and hear talks about topics that actually matter. We also do retreats, mission trips, service projects, and other fun things.

For more information about Oasis, please contact Jeremy Morelock, 410-592-6565, or [jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org) or check out [www.sweetairyouth.org](http://www.sweetairyouth.org).

### • Head to Heart Ministry (7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation)

Meeting Times: Tuesday nights, 6:30-8:30PM

This dynamic ministry is an interactive and effective way in presenting the gospel to middle school youth. Multi-media, small groups, story telling, and action-oriented fun undergird the solid attraction to this ministry. Tuesday nights start off with food, games, and interactive skits. A personal faith story is shared, followed by Bible verses to hear God's word, and small groups led by adult (and senior high) mentors. Every other Tuesday youth are engaged in a service project, a fun event, or quality time at home spending time with family.

For more information about this ministry, please contact Jeremy Morelock, 410-592-6565, or [jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org), or check out [www.sweetairyouth.org](http://www.sweetairyouth.org).

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM

The Youth and Family Ministry Team serves to edify the Youth and Family Ministry Director with guidance, vision, suggestions, encouragement, and general oversight of this core ministry in the congregation. Contact: [jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org).

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

All confirmed female members of St. John's are members of the Women of the Church. Some of the projects that the women facilitate at St. John's are: the Food Cupboard, Change for Change, the Chrismon tree, blankets for Lutheran World Relief, Tools of Hope & Blankets through Church World Services, the ELCA Women's Thankoffering Service and processing the orders for altar flowers, poinsettias at Christmas and tulips at Easter.  
Contact: Jeanette Smith, 410-692-5072

There are two active "Circles" within the Women's Group. They are: Deborah Circle and Lydia Circle. There are approximately 30 women actively participating in the Circles. Circle meetings are held monthly. Twice a year a combined meeting is held.

- **Deborah Circle**

The Deborah Circle ladies meet on the first Thursday of each month (September ~ June), in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30AM. The ladies bring a bag lunch ~ beverage and dessert are supplied (ladies take turns bringing the dessert). A Bible Study follows a brief business meeting. Meetings are usually over by 1:00PM. The Deborah Circle actively supports The Heifer Project, Augsburg Lutheran Home Christmas in July and a seminary in Estonia. All women are welcome!  
Contact: Jeanette Smith, 410-692-5072

- **Lydia Circle**

The Lydia Circle meets on the third Thursday of each month (September ~ June) at 9:30AM in the Parlor. We engage in Bible study, go out to lunch four times a year and sponsor projects. Our ongoing project is making blankets (either by knitting, crocheting or quilting) to be used at local hospitals for the Linus Project. We also purchase gifts for the Salvation Army's Christmas Angel Tree project and supply clothing and toiletries for a shelter. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us.  
Contact: Irene McNally, 410-557-7112

## ST. JOHN'S Contact Numbers

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## STAFF

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council meets each second Monday of the month at 7:00PM and a second time each quarter for fellowship. Each term on Church Council is 3 years. The council consists of 12 elected members (4 elected each year), the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, the Senior Pastor and the Associate Pastor. The treasurer and the financial secretary are appointed each year by the council and are non-voting members.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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See Website home page, "Discover" for pictures

### • Monday Night Bible Study

A Monday night Bible Study meets in the Parlor each week from 7:00 to 8:30PM. Each different study is usually 8 to 10 weeks long.

Contact: Bill & Lois Collinge, 410-666-3699.

### • Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Everyone is welcome for this bible study that takes place on Tuesdays at 2:00PM in the Parlor. Lunch is optional at 12:00PM at various restaurants in the area. Contact Pastor Otto on 410-372-0630 or just join the group any Tuesday.

### • Men's Breakfast Bible Study

All men are welcome to come . . . every week or any week! The study starts with breakfast each Thursday from 7AM to 8AM in the Fellowship Hall. It is a time to share friendship and faith! No scholars, no lectures, just men seeking to relate faith with living. Everyone is welcome!

Contact: Fred Meise, 410-592-6849, or

Pastor John Seltzer, 410-592-6565

### • Men's Bible Study #2

All men are welcome...1st & 3rd Tuesday at 10 am in the church Parlor. Fellowship, Faith, Friends (new & old).

Contact: Bill Moulds, 410-308-3545

## STAFF SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM

Staff Support team members seek to edify non-ordained staff members of St. John's for the purpose of strengthening the ministries in which they serve and the mission to: Welcome All, Tell the Story, and Grow as Disciples.

Contact: Gerald Peterson, Chair, 410-592-2707

## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

This team serves to lift up an understanding of Stewardship as integral to Christian Discipleship. We seek to call our congregation to grow in Christian giving of time, talent and treasure, and to understand stewardship as responding to God in gratitude for all he provides.

Contact: Dave LeKites, 410-557-8792

## **SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES**

St. John's is committed to fulfilling the mission of St. John's through Small Group ministries. The essential ingredients are prayer, scripture, care for others and service. Groups are alive in great variety, such as Bible studies, the garden group, home fellowship groups, ministry groups such as Handbells and Jubilee Choirs, and life issue groups. Close to 20 groups are usually meeting during the year. See the St. John's website, [www.stjohnssweetair.org](http://www.stjohnssweetair.org), for more information.

Contact: Pastor Seltzer, 410-592-6565.

Some of the options include:

- **Alpha Course**

### **A Practical Presentation of the Christian Faith**

The Alpha course runs through 10 weekly sessions. Each weekly session meets in a home or at church and begins with a shared meal. The evening proceeds with singing, laughter and a video presentation by Rev. Nicky Gumbel, the founder of the Alpha course. After the video, participants break into small groups to discuss that evening's topic. Some topics are: Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? Why should I read the Bible? What about the Holy Spirit? How can I overcome evil? Does God heal today?

Alpha is designed to be a blessing to the Christian as well as the non-Christian, the strong believer as well as the person who still has questions. For more information about dates and times contact Bill and Barbara Clark @ 410-592-8723 or see the website listing under Faith Ministries.

- **The Marriage Course**

The Marriage Course is a series of 7 sessions designed to strengthen marriage relationships. Couples are invited to participate and be encouraged with relationship skills that are suggested. Husbands and wives are given opportunities to reflect together after listening to the video series produced by The Alpha Course ministry.

Contact: Bill and Barbara Clark, 410-592-8723

## **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets here at St. John's each Thursday evening at 7:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. Walk-in guests are always welcome. Contact the church office for any further information.

## **ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild is comprised of men and women who prepare and maintain the altar area for all worship services. Teams are rotated monthly to care for altar appointments, supplies and various worship resources.

Contact: Janet Grove, 410-592-2851

## **BOY SCOUTS**

Boy Scout Troop 818 meets at St. John's each Wednesday evening in the Chapel Hall from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

Contact: Dave Nudelman, 410-666-9040,

Email [davidnudel@verizon.net](mailto:davidnudel@verizon.net)

## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

This group oversees the ministry and care of the St. John's Cemetery. Guidelines for lot purchase and care are available in the church office, or from the current chairperson. Members of St. John's and their minor children are welcome to purchase cemetery lots.

Contact: Ross Smith, 410-692-5072

## **CHAPEL COMMITTEE**

The Chapel Committee maintains the physical care of the Chapel, manages fund contributions, and encourages use of the Chapel to further the mission of St. John's.

Contact: Linda Peper, 410-692-5880

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

- **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School is for grades K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is offered for one week during the summer. It is organized by a team of amazing adults. Working beside the adults is a group of high school helpers who serve as useful aides. Children learn about God through songs, games, stories, crafts and friendships new and old. Contact: Trish Wetzelberger, 410-592-6565

- **“Kids of the Kingdom” Sunday School**

Sunday School at St. John's is based on the Workshop Rotational Model. Beginners, ages 3-5 years, meet in a traditional classroom. While all ages meet 9:30AM-10:45AM, grades 1-6 follow a more “interactive” rotational plan. This approach means that every month students take an inside look at a Bible story through a variety of fun, interactive, “hands-on” workshops, which include: Arts and Crafts, Drama/Storytelling, Video, Science, Games, and Cooking. Age-level groups travel with an adult Shepherd to a new workshop each week. The workshops are led by an adult leader who teaches the same lesson to different age groups during the one month rotation. Kids love this model of Sunday School because their diverse learning styles and needs are being met. Adults love it because they can volunteer to help with Sunday School without committing to the entire year. The great benefit to this ministry is that more adults and teens have opportunity to use their gifts and talents to help children in their faith formation. Most Christians come to faith in Jesus before the age of 12. Therefore, children are a primary group for discovering the reality of God's love in Christ. More opportunity, limited time commitment, and untapped creativity are breeding a thriving Sunday School! If you would like to help, please contact the church office or Trisha Wetzelberger, 410-592-6565.

## **COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING TEAM**

This team helps St. John's Welcome All, Tell the Story and Grow as Disciples by developing vehicles of communication within the

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Prayer Ministry in Worship**

During the weekly distribution of Holy Communion at the 9:30AM service, a prayer team is available to pray with persons for any need.

Contact: Barbara Bushman, 410-420-4046

- **Prayer Chain**

This ministry is served by people who pray for various requests of parishioners. The contact person receives requests by phone and passes the prayer need to the next person on the Prayer Chain until numerous folks are praying on their own as requested.

Contacts: Lois Collinge, 410-666-3699, or

Iona Dorn, 410-592-9725

- **Prayer Group**

Prayer group meets each Friday morning from 9:00AM to 10:00AM in the church Parlor. Prayers are offered for those present as well as needs and people of the congregation and beyond. Contact: Edie Bandy, 410-592-6565.

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

The Property Committee oversees the physical well-being of the property (buildings & grounds). They welcome new members! They meet each first Monday of the month at 7:00PM in room 1. Contact: Joe Connell, 410-817-4016

## **SCHOLARSHIP TEAM:**

The Virginia Romberger Reber Pettijohn Scholarship Fund supplies scholarships to communicant members of an ELCA congregation who is enrolled in an eligible college, university or seminary, has a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better and is seriously planning a career as an ordained minister, associate in ministry or a diaconal minister in the ELCA. Members of St. John's Sweet Air get first preference and applicants must apply every year by July 1. Contact: Judy Lewis, 1-443-491-3192

- **Handbell Choirs**

St. John's has 4 1/2 octaves of handbells and 3 octaves of hand-chimes. More hands are always welcome. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30PM to 9:00PM. Members practice and play from September through June.

Contact: Louisa Rettew, Director, 410-666-1992

- **Praise4Him (Contemporary Worship Team)**

The Praise4Him worship team and band provides an atmosphere of praise and worship at St. John's Contemporary service, which takes place at 9:30AM on Sunday morning. This team offers contemporary-style music, appealing to all ages and walks of life. The casual but spirited atmosphere of the Contemporary service is a great way to experience God's love and fellowship with others. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7PM in the Worship Center. If you are gifted in the area of music, whether it is in playing an instrument or singing, and you would like to be a part of the "Praise4Him" ministry and fellowship,

Contact Lea Ann Mainster, Worship Leader, 410-879-5362.

### **MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE**

This team works to support the pastoral staff by providing conversation opportunities that strengthen the pastors in their serving.

Contact: Karis Colnitis, 410-592-6930

### **OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) OF ST. JOHN'S**

The senior folks in the St. John's community are a treasured blessing of faith and joy! There is an ongoing effort to provide fellowship with trips, dinners, visits, and friendship activities.

Contacts: Betty Ann Wolfe, 410-274-5000

Gail Cairns, 410-592-7432

church that are user friendly, clear in content, aesthetically attractive, and wide in appeal. Its effort is to promote Christ within St. John's and to the wider communities we serve. This includes "inviting publicity" to diverse people, with current information that fosters faith in Christ.

Contact: Church Office, 410-592-6565

### **COUNTRY FAIR DAY**

Country Fair Day is a gigantic craft sale and flea market held each year at St. John's on the second Saturday in October. This event provides an opportunity for St. John's to "Welcome All" and to witness our hospitality and mission. The fair happens from 7AM until 4PM. Dealers/Vendors purchase spaces to market their products. As a team, the church:

- Sells ads for a patron book, which is produced and distributed on Fair day
- Prepares and sells a variety of food (pancake & sausage breakfast, pit beef, hot dogs, crab soup, french fries, barbeque, donuts, coffee, hot chocolate)
- Provides various activities for fun and fellowship (children's games, scarecrow making).
- Offers a Bake table, White Elephant table, Consignment table, Silent Auction

Parking and admission are FREE! St. John's relies on volunteers to accomplish the many activities of the day. Profits are used for benevolence and various church projects.

Current chairperson Tim Rader, 410-879-7868

### **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

The Endowment Committee encourages financial contributions and manages the St. John's Endowment Fund. The purpose of this fund is to continue the enhancement of St. John's in spiritual, charitable, and educational ministries, and in other benevolent missions of the church.

Contact: Fred Derrick, 410-817-9061

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee exercises oversight of St. John's insurance policies, monetary investments, receipts and expenditures. This team develops an annual mission plan (budget) for the Church Council and leads the way for faithful stewardship. Meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00PM.  
Contact: Doug Waire, Sr., 410-592-7049

## **"FAITH STEPPING STONES" FAMILY MINISTRY**

*Faith Stepping Stones* is a ministry for helping faith to grow in children from cradle to graduation. This ministry seeks to build a nightly devotional ritual in each family that re-engineers Christian education with parents and their children. With eight stages of nurture, each Stepping Stone event BLESSES the Child, GIFTS the Family, and CALLS Parents to the Promises of Baptism. The active "Steps" in this ministry for parents and children are:

- Raising a Healthy Baby—Baptism Preparation (infants)
- Raising a Healthy Preschooler (18 months - 4 years)
- Entry to School (5 years - 6 years)
- My Bible (3rd grade +)
- "Livin' Forgiven" Communion Preparation (2nd grade and older)
- Entry to Confirmation (end of 6th grade)
- Confirmation and Commissioning (7th - 8th grades +)

Contact person: Trisha Wetzelsberger, 410-592-6565

## **FUNERAL BUFFET COMMITTEE**

One of the great joys is to provide food for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. This team of men and women offer comfort by serving family and friends in the Fellowship Hall at the time of a funeral or memorial service.  
Contact: Doris Koerner, 410-666-0433

mas gifts, building materials, and clothing combine with helping hands of service from St. John's to Amazing Grace and its surrounding community.

Contact: Frannie Butcher, 410-592-1295

- **New Orleans Mission Team** – This team raises funds and gathers workers to travel to the "Big Easy," usually in January. With the help of local relief/rebuilding agencies, St. John's provides hope and helping hands to help rebuild New Orleans in the wake of hurricane Katrina.

Contact: Fred Derrick, 410-817-9061

## **MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

This team aids and supports the pastors by providing a meaningful and spiritual experience for all who worship. The team members coordinate greeters, ushers, acolytes, readers, lay ministry assistants, communion assistants, altar guild and banner makers. The continued goal is to provide, during worship, an atmosphere that is warm, comforting, inspiring and uplifting.

Contact: Joel Grove, 410-592-2851

## **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

- **Jubilee Singers (Senior Choir)**

The Jubilee Singers consist of anyone from Senior High age through adult. They provide music for one of the worship services each Sunday from the second Sunday in September through the third Sunday in June. They sing at most of our special services such as Thanksgiving Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Christmas Eve. The Jubilee Singers rehearse on most Thursday evenings from 7:30PM to 9:00PM. Currently, there are about 20 people in the Senior Choir.

Contact: Mike Chambers, Director, 410-254-3246

- **Children's Choir**

The Children's Choir is made up of boys and girls who are in grades two through six. Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings, 9AM in the Choir Room. The Children's Choir sings periodically from October through June.

Contact: Gail Southern, Director, 410-357-8631



## KITCHEN/HALL MINISTRY

The Kitchen Ministry fills an important role in community outreach and supporting church activities. It provides meals for various church functions as well as catered meals for community events. The purpose of the Kitchen Ministry is to share the presence of Jesus in the blessings of food and fellowship. With joy and prayer, smiles and service, this team seeks to nourish body and spirit within and beyond the community of St. John's.

New helpers are needed and welcomed!

Contact: Jack Arsenault, 410-592-2605

## MEDIA TEAM

The Media Team is made up of teens and adults who operate the sound and video electronics for worship and other planned activities. Opportunities to serve are weekly at any of the worship services, or as you are available.

Contact: visual, Doug Crowe 410-343-2438

Sound, Michael Bitner 410-527-0381

## MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial Committee manages financial gifts to St. John's in memory of deceased loved ones. Correspondence with donors is important to see that requests are honored.

Contact: Judy Lewis, 1-443-491-3192

## MISSION TEAMS

- **Dominican Republic Team** – This team welcomes new people each year to travel and serve in the eastern end of the DR. With full support of St. John's, a medical clinic, children's ministry, and construction project are included in the services our team provides. This mission trip usually happens for 10 days near the end of June.

Contact: Linda Walsh, 410-592-6403

- **Amazing Grace Mission Partnership** – This team continues to support the ministries of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in east Baltimore. Year-round donations of food, school supplies, Christ-

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

St. John's supports the Upper Chesapeake and Harford County chapters of Habitat for Humanity. All levels of service are needed to raise funds, serve food, and do construction.

Contact: Bob Rigger, 410-592-7933, or

Fred Derrick, 410-817-9061

## HEALTH MINISTRY

- **Health Ministry Team**

The Health Ministry Team consists of the Parish Nurse and several others interested in the overall health of the congregation. For information, contact Edie Bandy, 410-592-6565 or [bandy@stjonssweetair.org](mailto:bandy@stjonssweetair.org)

- **Wellness Ministry**

The Wellness Ministry is made up of dedicated lay people whose goal is to be sure the shut-ins, the lonely and the ill still feel part of the congregation. They make home and hospital visits, phone calls, send cards and give communion when desired. The Wellness Ministry is under the direction of the parish nurse, Edie Bandy, 410-592-6565, or [bandy@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:bandy@stjohnssweetair.org)

- **Casserole Ministry**

The Casserole Ministry provides food to members during stressful life situations. Food is prepared when needed and available for delivery. Contact information: Edie Bandy, 410-592-6565; Email: [bandy@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:bandy@stjohnssweetair.org)

- **Parish Nurse Ministry**

The Parish Nurse Ministry seeks to foster wholeness of health within the congregation. Care is given to the mind, body and spirit of a parishioner. Activities include monthly blood pressure screenings, health related articles in the Hear Ye and Twinkling, health education, home and hospital visits and much more. The Parish Nurse works with a team of health professionals and lay people which help to guide this ministry. This ministry is led by the parish nurse, Edie Bandy. Contact information: office, 410-592-6565; Email: [bandy@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:bandy@stjohnssweetair.org)

## HOLY HANDS PUPPET MINISTRY

With a team of adults and teen, this ministry serves the congregation in special puppet productions, worship skits, and “on the road” ministry to nursing homes and other groups. Their mission is to share the Gospel of Christ. This ministry is in need of a leader and is currently on hold until one is found. If you are interested in leading or participating in this ministry, please contact Edie Bandy, [bandy@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:bandy@stjohnssweetair.org), or Pastor John Seltzer, 410-592-6565.

## HOSPITALITY—INVOLVEMENT—CONNECTION

The “HIC” team was created to “Welcome All,” especially newcomers, with a sense of belonging and friendliness. The team trains and oversees the ministries of greeters, ushers, Welcome Center, Sunday refreshments and fellowship, Newcomer Follow-up & Orientation. Contact persons:

Gail Blauvelt (Newcomers), 410-592-3261  
Bob Shaff (11am Ushers), 410-592-2392  
Phyllis Mann (8:15am Ushers), 410-252-1731  
Doug & Paula Waire (Welcome Center), 410-592-7049  
Joyce Seltzer (Welcome Center), 410-877-3470  
Doris Koerner (8:15 & 11am Greeters), 410-666-0433  
Susan Arsenault (9:30am Usher/Greeter), 410-592-2605  
Mildred Anderson (Follow-Up), 410-592-7526  
Millie Auer (Follow-Up), 410-836-2673  
Liza DeBolt (Teaching), 410-628-0611  
Gail Blauvelt (Refreshments), 410-592-3261  
Pastor John Seltzer (Advisor), 410-592-6565

## HUNGER AWARENESS MINISTRY

### • Change for Change

Donations are received via a “Change for Change” box at the Welcome Center in the church lobby. Local mission projects such as *House of Ruth*, *Helping Up Mission*, *My Sister’s Place*, *Anna’s House*, and *Newborn Holistic Ministries* have benefited from these donations.

Contact: Ellen Platt, 410-628-1333

### • Food Pantry

St. John’s maintains a food cupboard that is stocked by members and friends of the congregation. Donations of non-perishable foods are brought to the church at any time the church is open or on the first Sunday of the month, which is designated for food collection. Monetary gifts are also appreciated for that purpose. Most of the food is taken to Baltimore soup kitchens such as *Bea Gaddy’s Family Center* and *Beans & Bread*. A supply of food is also kept at the church for local emergencies.

Financial donations have been used to support needs at *Sun Charities*, *Second Harvest*, *My Sister’s Place*, and *Rapture Church*. Volunteers are always needed to pack the food and deliver it to the centers.

Contact: Ellen Platt, 410-628-1333

### • Garden Project

The garden project is an outreach of St. John’s which, for the past 20+ years, has provided from two to five tons of produce to Baltimore City soup kitchens annually. This project meets each Monday evening at 6:00PM during the growing season in the garden area behind the church. The produce grown at church is also supplemented with surplus vegetables from local gardeners. Contact: Pastor Boliek, 410-592-3810

### • Other Hunger Awareness Team Ministries include:

Serving Food to the Homeless, “Souper” Bowl of Caring, FairTrade Market Place, Dominican Republic Children’s Food Offering, CROP Walk, Church World Service Blankets (Mother’s Day) and Tools (Father’s Day), ELCA Good Gifts, Amazing Grace/Baltimore Immersion Mission (see current details online at [www.stjohnssweetair.org](http://www.stjohnssweetair.org)).

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TEAM

The IT Team supports the information technology needs of St. John’s staff and mission. We seek to transform St. John’s IT environment from stand-alone PCs to a standardized, secure, networked environment. We welcome interested disciples to help us serve the Lord through technology.

Contact: Tim Rader, 410-879-7868