

KINDA-REGULAR ST. MARY'S YOUTH NEWSLETTER

What you want to know, whether you know it or not.

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Fall Lock-In set for Sept. 16-17

Fall Lock-In: Fun! Fun!

You may already know that we begin and end the Youth Group year with a Lock-in.

This year is no different! The Fall Lock-in is a time to have fun while getting to know God and one another better.

The Lock-in begins Friday night at 6pm with dinner and ends 8am Saturday morning with groovy music and breakfast. In between we will play games, plan some of the events for the year, have great discussions, and take a mystery bus ride (bring about \$10 if you can). There is music, worship, lots of free time, and even some sleep...

This year's Fall Lock-in begins Friday, Sept 16 at 6pm and ends Saturday, Sept 17 at 8am. In order to attend you must sign up by calling or talking to Jenn (703-527-6800) no later than Sunday, Sept 11.

Events to plan on NOW

Although there is much uncertainty in life, we all know there are certain events that we can count on: Easter, Christmas, reading this newsletter...

Youth Group is like that. There are certain events you can be sure to count on. These events ("Events you can count on" for short) happen at youth group, because they are fun and because fun people (I.e. you) like to do them. Hint...hint...

A big advantage of these "Events you can Count on" is that you can ***put them on your calendar NOW***, before school, jobs, and all that fun stuff begin and you start hyperventilating because you are way, way too busy. So, ***flip open this newsletter and write these events down somewhere now. And count on them.***

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Parents Meetings!

- Exploratory Meeting for Parents to explore how we might help one another this year: **August 30** at 7pm
- Parents of all youth (6-12) are asked to attend a meeting of Parents of Youth on **Sunday, September 11** from 7:30 to 9:00pm.

THE INNER WORKINGS OF JR AND SR HIGH

Junior High (6-8 grades)

Junior High Forum will meet in the Vestry from 10:15 to 11am each Sunday of the academic year.

Junior High Youth group will meet most Sunday nights from 6-7:30pm (with dinner). We will also have some fun trips, movie nights, and outreach events. See Events You Can Count On for details!

Senior High (9-12 grades)

Senior High Forum will meet in the Youth Loft from 10:15 to 11am each Sunday of the academic year.

Senior High will meet following the 11:15am Service for Brunch on Sundays. Senior High Youth Group will meet most Sundays from 7-8:30pm for dinner, fun, and Compline.

See Events You Can Count On for details!

St. Mary's Kinda-Regular Youth Newsletter

The Kinda-Regular is published semi-randomly, except during really slow or busy times.

Subscriptions are free to all those who attend at least one youth group event a semester. Others may subscribe by sending \$100 in cash to the editor's home address in a plain brown envelope.

Many thanks to The Rev. John Ohmer for the newsletters he produced in the mid-90s.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR ADULT SPONSORS!

Meet Elizabeth Dawson! She is full of grace and is tons of fun. Elizabeth joins us to work closely with Jenn to plan and coordinate Youth Group, especially Senior High. And she is super excited to have fun hanging out with our young people this year. Elizabeth grew up in Virginia and was very active in her church's youth group—she especially loved camp and weekend retreats at ShrineMont. Elizabeth graduated from the University of Virginia and recently received a Masters degree in Counseling from the George Washington University. She just began a job at H.H. Poole Middle School in Stafford County where she is the 6th Grade Counselor. She loves dogs and loves to watch UVA Football. Go Cavaliers! Her favorite colors are pink and yellow. And, if she could go anywhere in the world she'd go back to France where she studied abroad. We are so glad to have Elizabeth as a part of our youth group leadership team this year—and think you will be, too!

YOUTH COUNCIL FORMING THIS FALL

Always wanted to have a say in Youth Group? Wished we played Sardines 20 hours straight? Hope that sometime this year we will go see Foam Henge in Natural Bridge, VA? Dying to play Ultimate Frisbee? Always wanted to go camping on that little patch of grass outside the St. Mary's nursery? Think that we should spend every youth group in silent meditation listening to Enya? Well...it's about time you shared your ideas with us and it's about time we gave you a place to do just that!

This year we will be forming a Youth

Council. Since it's the inaugural year (at least, after a short hiatus...), this council will be made up of volunteers (in other words, if you want to be on it and come to planning meetings and retreats, just talk to Jenn and it will happen!). We will plan youth groups, trips, fundraising events, and you will not only plan them, you will help to lead them! Make this youth group your own!

*Want to be on the Youth Leadership Council?
Volunteer today to plan and lead youth group
events! Talk to Jenn today!*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Ellie Berlyn	September 3
Jamie Berlyn	September 3
Charlie Peterson	September 5
Joe McOwen Jr.	September 8
Matthew Feeley	September 8
David Dulaney	September 14
Lindsay Irving	September 21

Andrew Emmons	September 21
Charlotte Platner	September 25
Margaret McCracken	September 26
Vinicius McCulloch	September 28
Ian Sawyer	September 28
Margaret Platner	September 30



Happy Birthday!

If you aren't on this list and your birthday is in September. Please let us know!

EVENTS YOU CAN COUNT ON

READ THIS: You will have a chance to plan Youth Group events at the Lock-In and especially if you would like to be a part of the Youth Council, but, there are already events that are planned. Once the year gets going, life gets busy, we all get busy and we all get scheduled and overscheduled (sound familiar?), so if you want to make these events, be sure to write them down somewhere now, tell your parents about them now, so that the day will be free for this event!

Events Already Scheduled.....

TUES. AUGUST 30:	7:00pm	EXPLORATORY MEETING FOR PARENTS ON HOW WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER.
THURS, SEPT 8:	7-8:00pm	SENIOR HIGH CAFFEINE AND CONVERSATION AT STARBUCKS (LEE-HARRISON)
SUNDAY, SEPT 11:	10:15am	FIRST YOUTH FORUMS OF THE YEAR!
	7:30pm	MEETING OF PARENTS OF ALL YOUTH.
		DEADLINE FOR CALLING JENN ABOUT THE LOCK-IN!
FRIDAY, SEPT. 16th to	6:00pm to	THE FALL LOCK-IN!!!!
SATURDAY, SEPT. 17th	8:00am	
SUNDAY, SEPT 18:	~ 12:30pm	SENIOR HIGH BRUNCH FOLLOWING THE 11:15 SERVICE
	6-7:30pm	FIRST JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP AND DINNER
	7-8:30pm	FIRST SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP WITH DINNER AND COMPLINE
FRIDAY, SEPT 23:		DEADLINE FOR 8th GRADE WEEKEND REGISTRATION
FRIDAY, SEPT 30 to SUNDAY, OCT 2		EIGHTH GRADE WEEKEND AT SHRINEMONT!
SUNDAY, OCT 2	2pm	BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE
	5pm	PARISH EVENSONG FOLLOWED BY YOUTH GROUP DINNER!
SUNDAY, OCT 9	PM	PROVOCATIVE MOVIE NIGHT
THURS, OCT 13	7-8pm	CAFFEINE AND CONVERSATION AT LEE-HARRISON STARBUCKS
SUNDAY, OCT 16	ALL DAY	PARISH PICNIC AT THE SHAFRAN FARM
SAT, OCT 22		OUTREACH PROJECT AS PART OF NATIONAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
FRIDAY, NOV 11 to SUNDAY, NOV 13		JUNIOR HIGH WEEKEND AT SHRINEMONT!!!
SUNDAY, NOV 27	6pm	PARISH POTLUCK AND ADVENT WREATH MAKING
SUNDAY, DEC 18	5pm	ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS—FOLLOWED BY ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY, FEB 5		SUPERBOWL PARTY (beginning one hour before the game)
TUESDAY, FEB 28	PM	SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER
SUNDAY, APRIL 16		EASTER SUNDAY

COMING UP IN THE NEXT VOLUME OF KINDA-REGULAR

More Events You Can Count On

Question and Answer Section with a Special Guest

More birthdays

More opportunities for fun!

Is there something missing from this newsletter? What else would you include or take out? Any news you want to make sure we know about?

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THAT'S ODD...

- Skunks can shoot their spray only about two yards, but you can smell it up to two and a half miles away.
- Night butterflies have ears on their wings so they can avoid bats.
- Hans Langseth had the longest beard at a record length of 17 1/2 feet long. When he died, his beard was given to the Smithsonian Institute.
- Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in a basketball game in 1962, when he played for the Philadelphia Warriors.
- The longest bout of hiccups lasted 69 years.
- The longest conga line included 119,986 people.
- If all the blood vessels in your body were laid end to end, they would reach about 60,000 miles.
- The normal pulse for humans is 70 heartbeats per minute. Elephants have a slower pulse of 27 and for a canary it is 1000!
- It takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile.
- There is no word that rhymes with orange.
- There is not word that rhymes with purple.
- The number of actively spoken languages in the world today is about 6,000.
- Thomas Crapper developed the flush toilet. In 1884, he simulated the materials a toilet would normally handle to created "a super-flush which had completely cleared away 10 apples, 1 flat sponge, 3 air vessels, Plumbers Smudge coated over a pan, 4 pieces of paper adhering closely to the soiled surface, and 2 oranges." A fantastic feat of flushing!
- In comparison, the largest modern building building, the Pentagon in DC, would make a brick wall that went around the world two inches high.

Fun facts found on www.funology.com