



St. John's Weekly News

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Mission Statement:

Understanding that God's church does not have a mission, but rather that God's mission has a church. The people of St. John's Lutheran Church join God in God's mission by equipping for life, encouraging in discipleship, and engaging in service.

CLASSES CONTINUE THIS WEEK

9/10 1pm Ladies Bible Study- Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community

9/11 6-7pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study- The book of 1 John

7-8pm Following Jesus Workshop: Living as a Disciple (In this group you will learn about and implement the habits and practices of the Christian faith)

9/12 11am Sunday Bible Study- an in-depth look at weekly worship service readings

10/20 11am 6 week New Member Class commences

CHURCH PICNIC— UPDATE

Our church picnic has been rescheduled to 12-2pm on October 5th. Come and enjoy some good food and fellowship. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Also, if you live nearby, we are looking for a few volunteers to help set up tables and chairs outside that morning before church. If you can help set up, have any yard games or can bring a cooler filled with ice, please contact Barbara Hadley (302-697-3384).

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

There are dates in history that are frozen in time in our memory banks-where you remember where you were when an event happened 9/11 is one of them. I had trained as a new Stephen Leader for our church in NJ- Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ridgewood is 20 miles outside of NYC. We had congregants who either worked near there, or knew people who did. Some of us knew people who lost their lives there that day. We kept our church open so the newly trained Stephen Ministers and Elders could meet with affected families, and people in neighboring towns could come and pray or talk to us. God helped us to meet those needs and we were thanked over and over again for our simple, kind gesture. God never abandons hurting people or causes bad things to happen. He does provide one way to receive his comfort-with the help of a Stephen Minister. What about you? If you are suffering through your own 911 moment, don't suffer alone. Call me, Helen Morella, Peggy Angel, or Pastor CJ at (302)734-7078. Remember that Stephen Ministers are a physical presence that God is there for you. We will support, encourage and use our 50 plus hours of training to walk beside you non-judgmentally, as well as confidentially. Call today!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

OGT is participating in Boscov's annual Friends Helping Friends campaign. This campaign is a money saver for shoppers on Tuesday, October 22 - both in store and online! Yes online, too! For a donation of \$5.00 you will receive a shopping pass which will entitle you to up to 25% off many items in store or online! Your donation of \$5.00 goes directly to Orphan Grain Train. In the past you have been very generous and OGT has been blessed. To get a shopping pass see Roger Hazzard.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Vera and Lia Lehenbauer for donating altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving to God and to celebrate the many September birthdays in our family.

If you would like to sign up to donate altar flowers for an upcoming service, please use the chart in the narthex or contact the church office. Jen-Mor Florist charges \$50 for two vases. Please call them at 302-697-3273 to place your order directly with them. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Solomon provided this admonition: “Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds, for riches do not last forever; and does a crown endure to all generations?” (Proverbs 27:23-24). Today, we might paraphrase his words, “Be diligent to know the state of your finances, and be careful about the status of your possessions. For riches do not endure forever.”

BAKESALE

The theme for our next bakesale, on September 22nd, will be “Breads and Muffins”. All proceeds will benefit our Elevator Fund. We hope you will continue to support this this monthly event.

FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

Following the service on September 22nd, Pastor Gordon Simmons will give a presentation on the “Footsteps of Paul Tour” he went on earlier this year. We hope you will join us to learn all about the amazing sights and stories Pastor Gordon experienced on his trip.

WOMENS FALL RETREAT— UPDATE!

The women’s retreat originally planned for September 28th has been postponed to February 22nd. There will be more information about the event available in January.

SOUP AND SALAD LUNCH

Save the date— There will be a soup and salad lunch at the church on October 10th. More information to come.

PRAYER REQUESTS— We lift the following people up in prayer...

Carmen Baccari. Jessica Turner, Evelyn Fox, Christopher Zuccarelli, Flo Burrows, Pam Strausbaugh, Linda Taylor, Monica Parrott Swaney, Angelina Smith, Melissa Keddie, Deborah Labrensz, The family and friends of James Crouse, David Konz, Emmalyne Smyser, Debbie Whitcomb, Kathryn Borntreger, Dave Truesdale, Louise Wishart, Carol Donlon, Suzanne Podberesky, Lise Gloede, Bill Ebert, Angie Lorenzo, Rachelle Allgor, Juanita Tate, Dottie Kringel, Paul Carroccio, Peggy Perovich, Monica Impollonia, Julie Starowicz, Vashti Issac, Tom Devine, Landon Turner, Karl Schlatter, Elise Letavish

Happening at St. John’s	Readings for Next Sunday
Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children’s Church 10:30am Bible Study/Bell Choir Rehearsal	Old Testament– Isaiah 50:4–10
Monday 6:00pm Confirmation Class	Psalm– Psalm 116:1–9
Tuesday 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study	Epistle– James 3:1–12
Wednesday 6:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study	r
Thursday 10:00am W.I.N.G.S. Meeting 6:00pm SM Supervision	Gospel– Mark 9:14–29
Friday	
Saturday	

<p>If you have prayer requests or news to share with the congregation, please call or e-mail the church office by noon on Wednesday for your submission to be included in that Friday’s newsletter. Thank you! 302-734-7078 or secretary@sildover.com</p>	<p>Upcoming Birthday 9/13 Trudy Harvey 9/14 Shirley Judd 9/17 Nancy Hazzard 9/21 George Price 9/27 Vera Lehenbauer 9/29 Ryker Terray</p> <p>Upcoming Anniversaries 9/7 Eric and Elizabeth Stephens 9/22 Ken and Ellen French</p>	<p>Options for Church Offerings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Vanco Mobile App ⇒ Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off ⇒ Online donations can be made at sildover.com ⇒ Offering plate at services <p>Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. John’s Lutheran Church</p>
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