



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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Are you still trying to think of the "perfect gift" for Christmas? Stephen Ministry would like to help you give that perfect gift to your loved one who lives far away. Do you have a friend or relative who is going through a crisis of some kind? Do you wish you could be there to help him/her through this difficult time in life? Does that person live too far away for you to help? Is distance or perhaps money keeping you from "being there" for that person? Well, guess what? You can help your loved one after all. Because we are a Stephen Ministry congregation, we are part of a network that offers help to those we love and care. Being a Stephen Ministry congregation means that as long as you are a member of St. John's, anyone you know who lives in the Continental U.S. who has a need, can receive help. To find out how this network works, contact Helen Morella, Peggy Angel or Pastor CJ (302)734-7078. It'll be the best gift ever!

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING

On November 24th we will be holding our annual congregational meeting to vote on the budget for the upcoming year and elect new board members. Information regarding the meeting was included in the e-mail sent on Friday, November 8th. If you did not receive it and would like a copy, please contact the church office. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING EVE

Please "Save the Date" for our annual pie social on November 27th following the Thanksgiving Eve service. We are thankful for all the pie bakers and the many varieties of pies that they bring for us to enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you after the service for some delicious pie and fellowship. The service begins at 6:15pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Saturday, November 30th at 9:00am we will be doing a church clean up and decorating the Sanctuary for Advent! If you have gloves, rakes, and an extra trash bag for yard waste, please bring them. There will be snacks available for all our helpers. Thank you in advance!

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Greetings everyone,
Thank you all for your Thanksgiving blessing donations to the mem's homeless shelter. As always, the recipients were exceedingly appreciative!! On December 5th, our meal theme will be "Christmas Dinner." Since I will be out of town, Charles Snyder has agreed to pick up and deliver our contributions. Thank You Charles and Diane. God is good all of the time!— Sharon Allgor

ANNUAL NATIVI-TEA

Please "Save the Date" for our annual NativiTea on Saturday, December 7th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Our theme this year is "O Come, O Come "Emmanuel". It is a beautiful time of fellowship to prepare our hearts for the Advent Season. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome!

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Gesine Abrutyn for giving flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

Flowers are given in joyful celebration of Dr. Don's 90th birthday!

BAKE SALE AND COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

I am pleased to inform you that our bake sale this month was excellent and we added \$540.00 to the Elevator Fund. Thank you to all our members who donated delicious pies and all who enjoyed the sweets offered. Our next bake sale will be on December 8th and the theme will be "Cookies".— Vera Lehenbauer

QUILTS

We are so excited to announce that there will be another monthly drawing for quilts made and donated by the very generous and talented Linda Barlow! Stay tuned for more information and photos of the beautiful selection of quilts.

WEEKLY SERVICE AT DOVER PLACE

Each week we hold a worship service at Dover Place at 10am. If you would like to attend or help with the service, please see Pastor CJ. Dover Place is located at 1203 Walker Rd. Dover, DE 19904.

ADVENT SCHEDULE

We hope you will join us on December 4th, 11th, and 18th for our annual Soup Suppers and Holden Evening Prayer Services. Soup suppers begin at 6:00pm and the services begins at 7:15pm. Everyone is welcome!

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

The family and friends of Peggy Perovich, Lise Gloede, Jim Hidu, Linda Taylor, The family and friends of Jessica Turner, Nathaniel Stevens, Diane Coppola, Connie Mohnk, Vickie Hoover, Carmen Baccari, Evelyn Fox, Christopher Zuccarelli, Flo Burrows, Monica Parrott Swaney, Juanita Tate

Happening at St. John's		Readings for Next Sunday
Sunday 9:15am	Worship Service with Holy Communion Children's Church	Old Testament— Isaiah 51:4–6 Psalm— Psalm 93 Epistle— Jude 20–25 Gospel— Mark 13:24–37
10:30am	Bell Choir Rehearsal Bible Study/New Member Class	
3:30pm	Circuit Forum	
Monday 4:30pm	Spiritual Care Team Meeting	
6:00pm	Confirmation Class	
Tuesday 10:00am	Devotions at Dover Place	
1:00pm	Ladies Bible Study	
Wednesday 6:00pm	Wednesday Evening Bible Study	
7:00pm	Discipleship Workshop	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
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@sjldover.com	Upcoming Birthday 11/18 Linda Barlow 11/22 Locklyn Terray 11/22 Steve Siok 11/26 Bob Wolf 11/28 Ronny Hays 11/28 Ric Fairbanks 11/29 Nathaniel Stevens 12/1 Debbie Price 12/2 Sharon Allgor 12/3 Vickie Hoover Upcoming Anniversaries 12/29 Richard and Linda Barlow	Options for Church Offerings: ⇒ Vanco Mobile App ⇒ Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off ⇒ Online donations can be made at sjldover.com ⇒ Offering plate at services Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church