



St. John's Weekly News

March 23, 2025

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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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church meets on the first and fourth Sunday of each month, during the worship service following the children's message by Pastor CJ. The next class will be on Sunday, March 23rd.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN— UPDATE

We will not be meeting on Tuesday, March 25th, but we will get together at 10:00am on Tuesday, April 1st to sort clothing and other items that have been donated to OGT. The sorting takes place in the church basement. Please see Roger Hazzard if you have any questions. To learn more about the wonderful work OGT does, please visit ogt.org.

BAKE SALE

Our next Bake Sale will be on April 13th, and the theme will be "All desserts". Hope to see you there—Vera

SEDER MEAL

Save the Date: We will be hosting a Seder Meal on Saturday, April 12th at 4:00 pm. The meal retells the story of the exodus and was the meal Jesus shared with his disciples when he instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, good food, and growing in faith. There is a sign-up Sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor CJ or Barbara Hadley for more information. We hope you can join us!

THE INTERFAITH PATHWAY

Here are some other opportunities if you wish to help at the shelter:

Childcare Support- Supervise and engage children during parenting classes or resident meetings.

Transportation Assistance- Drive residents to appointments, job interviews, or other necessary locations.

If you wish to help with these please call please call the staff at The Interfaith Pathway at 302-380-1059.

Bus Driver- Interfaith Pathway is in need of a driver who can operate a small bus to transport residents.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

We are almost halfway through Lent. As Christians, we're asked during these weeks before Easter to reflect and ponder the selfless act of what Jesus chose to do for us—die on the cross so that we may live with God through eternity. It's mind boggling, isn't it? When you feel lost or forsaken, remember that Jesus felt that way too. Then also remember John 3:16. God loves each and every one of us. As we continue through Lent, remember that no matter what is happening in your life, Jesus understands. He lived as a man so he knows what it is like to be alone, forgotten, and forsaken. As man, he went hungry, got sick, but also knew the value of having friends to support him. Stephen Ministers are representatives of Jesus. Our training is centered around giving care as Jesus did. We want to help you cope with whatever problem that you are facing in your life. Call for a Stephen Minister. We're trained, we're empathetic, and we care. Call Peggy Angel, Pastor CJ, or Ellen French at 302-734-7078 today.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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 and confirm the price. Thank you.

LWML SPRING RALLY

There will be a LWML DELMARVA Zone Spring Rally on Saturday, April 5th at Faith Lutheran Church in Bear, DE. This will include a prayer breakfast at 9am, Prayer Service at 10am with a Zone Rally, and Lunch immediately following. If you need more information, please pick up a flyer in the church narthex or contact Barbara Hadley.

SERVICE HELPERS

March 23 rd : Usher-Lia Reader- Chuck Assisting Minister- TBD Lay Deacon- Jack Stephen Minister- Ellen	March 26 th 7:15pm: Usher- Barry Reader- Laurel Assisting Minister- NA Lay Deacon- Jack Stephen Minister- Peggy	March 30 th : Usher-Charles S. Reader- Diane Assisting Minister- Roger Lay Deacon- Vickie Stephen Minister- Emmalyne
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Upcoming Service Schedule— Lent and Holy Week

Wednesdays March 12th—April 9th: Mid-week Lent Worship 12:15 and 7:15, Soup Suppers at 6pm
 April 17th Maundy Thursday 12:15pm and 7:15pm (Communion at both services), Stripping of the Altar at 7:15pm
 April 18th Good Friday 12:15pm Service with Holy Communion, Tenebrae and 7:15pm
 April 19th Easter Vigil with Holy Communion at 7:15pm
 April 20th Easter Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am (Communion at both services)

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

Art Kringel, Pascual and Chela Pietracatella, Rick Payne, Jay and Louise Wishart, Evelyn Fox, Herb Israel, Carol Donlon, Linda Taylor, Sue Tamburro, Melissa Young, Brian Baird, Mary Wuller

Happening at St. John’s Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children’s Church 10:30am Bible Study Bell Choir Rehearsal Monday Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place 1:00pm Women’s Bible Study Wednesday 12:15pm Lent Midweek Service 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:15pm Holden Evening Prayer Service Thursday Friday Saturday	Readings for Next Sunday Old Testament- Isaiah 12:1-6 Psalm- Psalm 32 Epistle- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Gospel- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
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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	Upcoming Birthday 3/24 David Harwood 3/27 Lorrie Gloede 3/31 John Terray 3/31 Richard Barlow 4/4 Christina Kellerher 4/5 Tom Smith 4/8 Jackson Massey 4/9 Linda Conrad 4/9 Rick Murphy Upcoming Anniversaries 3/25 Ron and Helen Morella	Options for Church Offerings: ⇒ 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 Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. John’s Lutheran Church
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