



St. John's Weekly News

March 30, 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.

EASTER LILIES

We are now taking orders for Easter Lilies. Each plant is \$12.50 and comes with gold foil and a white bow. You can place your order and submit your dedication by contacting the church office or visiting <https://sjldover.com/lilies>. Orders and payment are due by April 14th. Thank you!

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our next meal collection will be on Thursday, April 3rd. Sharon Allgor will be in the church parking lot that day from 4-4:30pm to collect your contributions. The theme for this month is Easter.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Help needed to sort clothing and other items that have been donated to OGT. The sorting takes place in the church basement on Tuesdays at 10:00am. 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

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!

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

As we enter into Holy Week in the coming month, we reflect upon the magnitude of what Jesus did for us. His dying on the cross changed our future for eternity. Of course, it's hard to focus on eternity when we face so many daily challenges in our lives. So many of us cope with money, health, emotional and spiritual concerns. Certainly, each of us carries his/her own cross. Maybe to another, the cross that one carries looks light. Until we walk in another's shoes, though, we'll never know for sure what trial another is facing. Think though, about the cross that Jesus carried—the cross with all of our sins on it. How was Jesus able to carry such a heavy cross? It's beyond our comprehension just how much God loves us that He sent His only Son to die for us. Let that be our focus during this Holy Week. God loves you and me. How blessed we are! If you are troubled by your burden though, call Peggy, Ellen, or Pastor CJ (302-734-7078 to find out how a Stephen Minister can help ease your burden.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Lorrie Gloede for donating altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

Flowers are given in loving memory of Horst Gloede.

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

<p>March 30th: Usher-Charles S. Reader- Diane Assisting Minister- Roger Lay Deacon- Vickie Stephen Minister- Emmalyne</p>	<p>April 2nd 7:15pm: Usher- Ron Reader- Tricia Assisting Minister- NA Lay Deacon- Vickie Stephen Minister- Don</p>	<p>April 6th: Usher- Richard B. Reader- Linda B. Assisting Minister- Richard P. Lay Deacon- Richard P. Stephen Minister- Barry</p>
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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...

Emma Massey, The family and friends of John Strausbaugh, 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

<p style="text-align: center;">Happening at St. John’s</p> <p>Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Study Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place 10:00am OGT Donations Sorting 1:00pm Women’s Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday 12:15pm Lent Midweek Service 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:15pm Holden Evening Prayer Service</p> <p>Thursday 10:00am Circuit Meeting 4:00-4:30pm Meals for the Homeless</p> <p>Friday Saturday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Readings for Next Sunday</p> <p>Old Testament- Isaiah 43:16-21</p> <p>Psalm- Psalm 126</p> <p>Epistle- Philippians 3:8-14</p> <p>Gospel- Luke 20:9-20</p>
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<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@sjldover.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Birthday</p> <p>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 4/25 Emma Massey 4/25 Ken 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 sjldover.com ⇒ Offering plate at services <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. John’s Lutheran Church</p>
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