



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.

HAPPY EASTER

SEDER MEAL

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Seder Meal. It was a memorable evening and we appreciate all the "helping hands" that made it possible. — Barbara

LWML NEWS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our mite collection last Sunday. A check for \$490.10 has been sent to the LWML Chesapeake District office where it will be used to help fund mission grants across the country. You can visit <https://www.lwmlchesapeake.org/> to learn more.

BAKE SALE

Our Bake Sale last Sunday was great with many delicious chocolate and other treats available. We added \$490.00 to the Elevator Fund. Thank you to all our bakers who offered us so many wonderful desserts. Our next Bake Sale will be on May 18th and the theme will be "Mother's favorite cake". Hope to see you there.
—Vera

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our next collection of meals for the residents of Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing will be on Thursday, May 1st. Your contributions can be dropped off in the church parking lot between 1-1:30pm. The theme for this collection is Cinco de Mayo!

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Sunday is Easter! Now we can shout Hallelujah-the word that we "put away" during Lent. Hallelujah indeed! Shout it out, sing it out! Let your Easter joy pour out and become contagious. The Stephen Ministry team rejoices with the congregation in celebrating the greatest gift that God bestowed on us- Jesus Christ conquering sin. Because Jesus died for us, by the gift of grace alone are we allowed to live forever with Him. What a great God we have! If though, because of some difficulty in your life that you don't feel like rejoicing, we understand. A Stephen Minister would like to reach out to you and encourage you to contact us. It's probably one of the hardest phone calls that you'll ever have to make. However, we can't help you until you take this important first step. Call Pastor CJ, Peggy, or Helen today (302-734-7078). Let us help you to find you some Easter joy today.

SAVE THE DATE

"Let Your Light Shine" Vacation Bible School will take place 5:30pm-7:00pm July 14th-17th. All children and adults are welcome! More information to come.

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.

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 10:30am. Please see Roger Hazzard if you have any questions. To learn more about the wonderful work OGT does, please visit ogt.org.

SERVICE HELPERS

April 20 th 8:00am Usher– Richard B. Reader– Linda B. Assisting Minister– Roger Lay Deacon– Jack Stephen Minister– Emmalyne	April 20 th 10:30am Usher– Jeff Reader– Tricia Assisting Minister– Richard P. Lay Deacon– Richard P. Stephen Minister– Barry	April 27 th Usher– Lia Reader– Jack Assisting Minister– Steve Lay Deacon– Dennis Stephen Minister– Laurel
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PRAYER REQUESTS– We lift the following people up in prayer...

Brenda Williams, Nick Murphy, Monica Parrott Swaney, Darrell Bertch, 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 align="center">Happening at St. John’s 4/20-4/26</p> Sunday 8:00am Easter Service with Holy Communion 10:30am Easter Service with Holy Communion and Children’s Church Monday Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place 10:30am OGT Donations Sorting Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	<p align="center">Readings for Next Sunday</p> The First Reading– Acts 5:12–20 Psalm– Psalm 148 Epistle– Revelation 1:4–18 Gospel– John 20:19–31
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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@sjldover.com	<p align="center">Upcoming Birthday</p> 4/25 Emma Massey 4/25 Ken French 4/26 Adelina Kelleher 4/26 Colin Fairbanks 4/27 Kim Rivera 5/10 Ron Morella <p align="center">Upcoming Anniversaries</p> 4/26 Jim and Trudy Harvey	<p>Options for Church Offerings:</p> ⇒ 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
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