



# 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.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TOMORROW**

On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am, we will be holding a work day at St. John's. We need volunteers to help us with cleaning out and organizing items inside the church attic and closets. We appreciate any time you can spare to give us a hand.

## **BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE ELEVATOR FUND**

Our next Bake Sale will be this Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be "Mother's favorite cake". We hope you will join us for a time of fellowship while enjoying some delicious cake made by our amazing bakers!

## **INTERFAITH PATHWAY WOMEN'S SHELTER**

This month we are collecting paper products for the women's shelter. Paper products such as cups, bowls, plates, napkins, tissues, and toilet paper can be left in the labeled tote bag in the narthex. Thank you!

## **PENTECOST POTLUCK BRUNCH**

Please join us on June 8<sup>th</sup> for a Pentecost Potluck Brunch after the church service to celebrate the church's birthday. If possible, we suggest bringing an international dish from the country of your choice. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex so we have an idea of how many tables to set up. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hadley. Hope to see you there!

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE**

Some people find it hard to admit that they need help, but in fact realizing that one needs help, is a first step to facing a challenge. However, some people believe that seeking help is often viewed as a sign of weakness. Actually, seeking help is a sign of strength. When one asks for help, one recognizes that he/she needs help-- it's easier not to ask for help (or so society tells us). By asking for help, one leaves a comfort zone. Asking for help is an opportunity to grow both spiritually and emotionally. There is a great benefit in talking to an objective person when it might not be possible or practical to share what you are experiencing with a friend or a family member. Still, it's hard to ask a stranger for help. (It's like asking for directions). After all, most people are more open to giving care than to receiving care. To give care, one is in a position of strength and stability. To receive care, a person acknowledges weakness and vulnerability. That's why most people prefer to "go it alone". However, everyone benefits from a non-judgmental, confidential friend (a Stephen Minister) who listens with an open heart and mind. A Stephen Minister represents God's love for you-- and how much He cares too. Open your heart to receiving God's love and grace. Take the courageous step to seek help and call for a Stephen Minister today. You'll be glad that you did. Call Helen Morella, Peggy Angel, or Pastor CJ (302-734-7078) if you would like a Stephen Minister--a confidential, non-judgmental listener.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

We thank Jeff and Kate Weiss for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service,  
Dedication:

We are grateful for all of our blessings and give the flowers in joyful celebration  
of our granddaughter, Hazel's, 3rd birthday.

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 10:00am, resuming on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see Roger Hazzard if you have any questions. To learn more about the wonderful work OGT does, please visit [ogt.org](http://ogt.org).

## MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our next meal collection will be on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be "Fathers Day". If you have run out of meal ideas, the shelter is also requesting cases of bottled water. Blessings— Sharon

## SAVE THE DATE

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

## SERVICE HELPERS

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| May 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Usher– Jeff<br>Reader– Laurel<br>Assisting Minister– Jandy<br>Lay Deacon– Vickie<br>Stephen Minister– Peggy | May 25 <sup>th</sup><br>Usher– Charles S.<br>Reader– Diane<br>Assisting Minister– Barb<br>Lay Deacon– Jandy<br>Stephen Minister– Emmalyne | June 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Usher– TBD<br>Reader– Tricia<br>Assisting Minister– Vickie<br>Lay Deacon– Vickie<br>Stephen Minister– TBD |
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## PRAYER REQUESTS– We lift the following people up in prayer...

Tony and Mary Ann Parrent, Brian and Tina Hakey and family, The family and friends of Kathy Mayfield and Bob Babcock, Patrick O'Brien, 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

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| <b>Happening at St. John's 5/18-5/24</b><br>Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion<br>10:30am Bake Sale and Coffee Fellowship<br>Handbell Choir Rehearsal<br>Monday 4:30pm Spiritual Care Team Meeting<br>Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place<br>1:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>Wednesday 5:00pm New Member Class<br>6:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study<br>Thursday<br>Friday<br>Saturday |   | <b>Readings for Next Sunday</b><br><br>The First Reading– Acts 16:9–15<br><br>Psalm– Psalm 67<br><br>Epistle– Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27<br><br>Gospel– John 16:23–33  |
| 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!<br><b>302-734-7078</b><br>or<br><a href="mailto:secretary@sjldover.com">secretary@sjldover.com</a>   | <b>Upcoming Birthday</b><br>5/23 Derek Sbriglia<br>5/26 Steve Richter<br>6/1 Connie Mohnk<br>6/1 Judy Jarman<br>6/7 Viola Schneiderwent<br>6/9 Lyle Johannsen<br><br><b>Upcoming Anniversaries</b><br>5/19 Bruce and Melissa Macolley<br>5/23 Steven and Elena Mason<br>6/4 Allen and Peggy Angel | <b>Options for Church Offerings:</b><br>⇒ Vanco Mobile App<br>⇒ Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off<br>⇒ Online donations can be made at <a href="http://sjldover.com">sjldover.com</a><br>⇒ Offering plate at services<br><br>Thank you for supporting the ministry of<br>St. John's Lutheran Church |