



# 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.

## EASTER LILIES

We are taking orders for Easter lilies. Please use the online form at [sjldover.com/lilies](http://sjldover.com/lilies) or contact the church office. Lilies are \$12.50 each and payment is due by March 27<sup>th</sup>. Your flowers will be available for you to take home at the Easter services.

## MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our next meal collection for the residents of Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing will be on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this month is St. Patrick's Day! Your contributions can be dropped off in the church parking lot that day between 4-4:30pm. We appreciate everyone's help—the shelter is currently at capacity with 35 residents!

## BAKE SALE

Our next bake sale will be March 15<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be St. Patrick's Day (**think green**). Let's see what our bakers will bring. See you there!— Vera

## STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

We are a week into Lent. As Christians, we're asked 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. Stephen Ministers are representatives of Jesus. Call Helen, Peggy or Ellen (302-734-7078) if you would like a confidential, Christian friend to remind you of God's love. You don't have to be alone— Jesus cares about you and so do we who are in Stephen Ministry.

## OGT SORTING

Help needed to sort and organize items donated to Orphan Grain Train. Sorting takes place each Tuesday from 10am-12pm in the church basement. We welcome your help! Please see Roger Hazzard if you have any questions.

## SEDER MEAL

We will be hosting a Seder Meal on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. 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 for more information. We hope you can join us!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Rick Murphy for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

Flowers are given in loving memory of Karen Murphy.

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.

**FLOWERS**

Altar flowers for the first week of Lent were given by Julie Sammons in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving for her many blessings.

**LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Lenten Midweek Services— 12:15pm & 7:15pm, Soup Suppers begin at 6:00pm each Wednesday through March 25<sup>th</sup>.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday— 12:15pm & 7:15pm (Communion at both services), Stripping of the Altar at 7:15pm

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday— 12:15pm Service with Holy Communion, Tenebrae at 7:15pm

April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil with Holy Communion— 7:15pm

April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday— 8:00am & 10:30am (Communion at both services)

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

Wyoming Methodist Church is collecting soft plastics which will be used to make park benches. Examples of soft plastics are produce bags, bread bags, plastic mailer envelopes, bubble wrap, clean and dry baggies, and drycleaning bags— not plastic bottles or other hard plastics. Please reach out to Linda Barlow if you have any questions

**SERVICE HELPERS**

<p>March 1<sup>st</sup> Usher— Rich B. Reader— Jack Assisting Minister— Rich P. Lay Deacon— Dennis Stephen Minister— Diane C.</p>	<p>March 8<sup>th</sup> Usher— Barry Reader— Linda B. Assisting Minister— Steve Lay Deacon— Rich P. Stephen Minister— Don</p>	<p>March 15<sup>th</sup> Usher— Lia Reader— Chuck H. Assisting Minister— Barb Lay Deacon— Vickie Stephen Minister— Mallory</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Happening at St. John’s 3/1-3/7</b></p> <p>Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children’s Church 10:30am Bible Study Adult Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Monday 6:00pm Youth Group</p> <p>Tuesday 10:00am OGT Sorting 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place 1:00pm Women’s Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday 12:15pm Lent Midweek Service 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place 6:00pm Soup Supper— WINGS &amp; Social Concerns 7:15pm Holden Evening Prayer Service</p> <p>Thursday 10:00am Circuit Meeting SED 4-4:30pm Meals for the Homeless Collection</p> <p>Friday Saturday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer Requests</b> <b>We lift the following people up in prayer...</b></p> <p>Georgette Fox, Tom Rutley, Lloyd Schneiderwent, Clifford Ramminger, Wil Ramminger, Marianne Letavish, Teresa Boyd, Helen Morella, The family and friends of Ole Myhre Jr., Don Coffman, The family and friends of Don Tucholski, Chris Siok and family, Flow Burrows, The family and friends of Larry Anderson Jr., John French, Mary Nicodemus, Garry Saroukos, Mark Gemmill, Skylar Marisi, Emmalyne Smyser, Melissa McGuire, Rick Mohnk, John Reininger, Donna Mason, Katie Borntreger, Susan Rogers</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! <b>302-734-7078</b> or <a href="mailto:rgettings@sjldover.com">rgettings@sjldover.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Birthdays</b> 3/6 Melissa Macolley 3/24 David Harwood 3/27 Lorrie Gloede 3/31 Rich Barlow 3/31 John Terray 4/4 Christina Kelleher</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Anniversaries</b> 3/6 Ron and Carol Hays</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Options for Church Offerings:</b></p> <p>⇒ Vanco Mobile App ⇒ Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off ⇒ Online donations can be made at <a href="http://sjldover.com">sjldover.com</a> ⇒ Offering plate at services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. John’s Lutheran Church</p>
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