



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.

RESTORING HOPE IN JESUS CHRIST— CHILDREN'S EVENT HAPPENING TOMORROW!

This Saturday, April 25th, from 12:00-2:30pm there will be a children's event hosted at the church, led by our Lay Deacon, Jandy! We invite you join us for this time of fellowship, music, and praise. Lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

INTERFAITH WOMEN'S SHELTER

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing generosity for all the donations of snacks, crochet hooks, and the numerous other contributions to the Women's and Children's shelter. They are so grateful for all of them. Every little thing is appreciated. Thanks so much— Diane Snyder

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

We are a result-oriented society. What I mean by that is that we want quick fixes to our problems. We ask our friends, "What would you do if you were me?". We want solutions and as fast as possible or we're not interested. Of course, when one is in pain, it's understandable why we want a quick solution. We don't want to be in pain any longer than is necessary. That being said though, quick fixes aren't always the answer. You've heard it said "in God's time; not ours". That saying lets us know who's really in control. We may not like it any more than any other child- when we are told by our Father "in my time" or "my ways are not your ways". Stephen Ministers receive training on how not to be results oriented. We don't offer quick fixes to your problems. However, we can help you understand the importance of working through the process of healing. Call Peggy, Ellen, or Pastor at 302-734-7078 to find out more.

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our next collection of meals for the residents at Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter will be on Thursday, May 7th. Your contributions can be dropped off that day between 4-4:30pm in the church parking lot. The theme is May Day/First Picnic of the Year!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Our next mite collection for LWML will be on Sunday, May 10th. To learn more about how your mites are helping people all over the world, please visit lwml.org.

BAKESALE

Our April bake sale added another \$410 for the Nursery Fund. Thank you to all our sweet bakers. The next bake sale will be on May 17th and the theme is "Mother's favorite cake". We hope to see you there and that you enjoy our sweet treats.— Vera

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Ellen French for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's worship service.

Dedication:

The flowers are given by Ellen in joyful celebration of Ken's 85th 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

If you have clothing or hygiene/medical supplies you would like to donate to Orphan Grain Train, please contact the church office or Roger Hazzard. Thank you!

PENTECOST BRUNCH

We invite you to join us on Sunday, May 24th 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 the church office.

SAVE THE DATES— UPDATE

Sundaes on Wednesday: Ice Cream Social and Live Music Concert— 6:00pm June 10th, July 22nd, and August 26th. We hope you can join us!

Vacation Bible School July 6th-9th— More information to come!

SERVICE HELPERS

<p>April 26th Usher– Charles S. Reader– Diane S. Assisting Minister– Vickie Lay Deacon— Dennis Stephen Minister– Mallory</p>	<p>May 3rd Usher– Barry Reader– Jack Assisting Minister– Rich P. Lay Deacon— Jandy Stephen Minister– Linda P.</p>	<p>May 10th Usher– TBD Reader– Angie Assisting Minister– Steve Lay Deacon— Vickie Stephen Minister– Rich P.</p>
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<p>Happening at St. John’s 4/26-5/2</p> <p>Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children’s Church 10:30am Bible Study Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Monday Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place 1:00pm Women’s Bible Study Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place 6:00pm Evening Bible Study</p> <p>Thursday Friday Saturday</p>	<p>Prayer Requests We lift the following people up in prayer...</p> <p>The family of Laney Rowe Dunkley, Beth Armiger, The family and friends of Marianne Letavish, Darcy Harding, Arnold Aravena, Jack Cunningham, Georgette Fox, Tom Rutley, Lloyd Schneiderwent, Clifford Ramminger, Wil Ramminger, Teresa Boyd, Flow Burrows, 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! 302-734-7078 or rgettings@sjldover.com</p>	<p>Upcoming Birthdays 4/25 Emma Massey 4/25 Ken French 4/26 Adelina Kelleher 4/26 Colin Fairbanks 4/27 Kim Rivera 5/10 Ron Morella 5/12 Gene Lohrmann</p> <p>Upcoming Anniversaries 4/26 Jim and Trudy Harvey 5/15 Ed and Debbie Mason</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>Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. John’s Lutheran Church</p>
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