



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.

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!

RESTORING HOPE IN JESUS: A CHILDREN'S EVENT

Next Saturday, May 9th, from 12:00-1:30pm 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.

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Easter was last month. We experienced 40 days of reflection about the meaning of Easter—the impact of what God did for us, suffering and dying for our sins. There was Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and finally, Easter and the celebration of Jesus' victory over Satan and death. As we look around us at church though, we still can see a lot of suffering people. Some are grieving losses of family or friends, some are grieving health or financial losses, and some are hurting emotionally. What can we do to remember the joy of Easter? Stephen Ministers are said to be Easter people in a Good Friday world. We want to remind you how God is always in your life in your darkest hour. The dark clouds may be hovering over your life, but the Son (intentionally misspelled) is behind those clouds. A Stephen Minister will empathize, affirm and listen—we have over 50 hours of support training. Call Peggy, Ellen or Pastor CJ (302-734-7078) to find out how a Stephen Minister can help you.

BAKESALE

Our 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

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Roger and Nancy Hazzard for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

Flowers are given in honor of our children's birthdays this month.

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!

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>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>	<p>May 17th Usher– Jeff Reader– Linda P. Assisting Minister– Barb Lay Deacon— Rich P. Stephen Minister– Diane C.</p>
<p>May 24th Usher– Richard B. Reader– Linda B. Assisting Minister– Roger Lay Deacon— Vickie Stephen Minister– Peggy</p>	<p>May 31st Usher– Barry Reader– Chuck H. Assisting Minister— Vickie Lay Deacon— Jandy Stephen Minister– Judy</p>	<p>If you are interested in becoming a service helper please let us know!</p>

<p>Happening at St. John’s 5/3 – 5/9</p> <p>Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children’s Church 10:30am Bible Study Monday 6:00pm Youth Group 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 Thursday 10:00am Circuit Meeting 4-4:30pm Meals for the Homeless Collection Friday Saturday 12-1:30pm Restoring Hope in Jesus Children’s Event</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 5/10 Ron Morella 5/12 Gene Lohrmann 5/23 Declan Mason 5/23 Derek Sbriglia 5/26 Steve Richter 6/1 Connie Mohnk 6/1 Judy Jarman</p> <p>Upcoming Anniversaries 5/15 Ed and Debbie Mason 5/19 Bruce and Melissa Macolley 5/23 Steven and Elena 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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