



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.

Project Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them". More than 1,000 pillowcase dresses have been made by local volunteers over the past four years. The 255 dresses displayed on the pews today are part of this ongoing effort. This project has been made possible by the generosity of the St. John's congregation, along with the support of my neighbors and family members who have donated fabric, funds, and many hours of their time. Work on these dresses continues during the W.I.N.G.S. workshops that take place at St. John's on the second Thursday of each month and at my neighborhood clubhouse, where 12 to 24 people regularly participate! Most of the straps and pocket squares on the dresses are made from quilt scraps donated by Linda Barlow, bringing together two generous endeavors in one meaningful project. With the help of Orphan Grain Train, these dresses will be delivered to a community in need, where young girls will be able to choose a special dress for themselves from the collection. —Bonnie

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

OGT donations sorting resumes this Tuesday, June 2nd. Sorting takes place in the church basement and begins at 10:00am. We welcome your help and appreciate any time you can spare. To learn more about the wonderful work OGT is doing around the world and ways you can help, please visit <https://www.ogt.org/branches/mid-atlantic/>. They are always in need of clothing and hygiene/medical supplies if you have any to donate. Please contact the church office or Roger Hazzard if you have any questions.

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our next collection of meals for the residents at the Dover Interfaith men's shelter will be on Thursday, June 4th from 4-4:30am in the church parking lot. The theme is "Father's Day Special"! All contributions are greatly appreciated.

SUNDAES ON WEDNESDAY— JUNE FELLOWSHIP EVENT

We hope you will join us on Wednesday, June 10th for an ice cream social and live music concert! The theme for this month is "John's Favs"— our music director, John, will be performing all of his favorite songs. We hope to see you there!

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

With spring comes many new things: flowers are blooming, trees are budding, people are out mowing the grass, and we see our neighborhoods that were quiet in winter, coming alive again. However, some people may feel as though they are still caught in winter- dull, cold, uncertain of what the weather is due to their emotional state of being. They don't even notice that the season has changed to spring. Those people live moment by moment, struggling just to survive. Life sometimes deals us a hand that we wish that we didn't have to play. If you are feeling as if you are "stuck in a mud hole", call Peggy, Ellen, or Pastor CJ (302-734-7078) . We can arrange for a Stephen Minister for you, who, with God's help, will pull you out of the mud. God is the Master Gardener and our Cure Giver. He helps the flowers to grow and He can help you, too.

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.

INTERFAITH WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of yummy snacks, laundry detergent, and other goodies to the women's shelter. We also supplied them with the ingredients for baked ziti. They were so thankful for all donations! It is all very much appreciated. — Diane

ADULT CHOIR

Rehearsals for adult choir will resume on June 7th.

BAKESALE

Our next bake sale will be on June 21st and the theme is "Strawberries". Everybody loves juicy, fresh strawberries!— Vera

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching and we are very excited to share this time of fun and learning with our young members and guests! VBS will take place 5:30-7pm on July 6th - 9th. Our theme for this year is "On the Case". Each night we will enjoy dinner together, then explore different parables through music, scripture, games, and crafts. We hope you will join us! If you have any questions please reach out to the church office or see a member of our Children's Church team.

SERVICE HELPERS

<p>May 31st Usher– Barry Reader– Chuck H. Assisting Minister— Vickie Lay Deacon— Jandy Stephen Minister– Judy</p>	<p>June 7th Usher– Rich B. Reader– Jack Assisting Minister— Rich P. Lay Deacon— Dennis Stephen Minister– Helen</p>	<p>June 14th Usher– Charles S. Reader– Diane S. Assisting Minister— Barb Lay Deacon—Rich P. Stephen Minister– Ellen</p>
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Happening at St. John's 5/31-6/6

Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion
 10:30am Bible Study
 Monday 6:00pm Youth Group
 Tuesday 10:00am OGT Sorting
 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
 Friday
 Saturday

Prayer Requests

We lift the following people up in prayer...

The family of Laney Rowe Dunkley, 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

Options for Church Offerings:

- ⇒ 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

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!

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Upcoming Birthdays

6/1 Connie Mohnk
 6/1 Judy Jarman
 6/7 Viola Schneiderwent
 6/9 Lyle Johannsen
 6/13 Guy Sbriglia
 6/18 Gesine Abrutyn
 6/19 Carol Hays

Upcoming Anniversaries

6/4 Allan and Peggy Angel
 6/16 Roger and Nancy Hazzard