



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

Thank you for everyone for your generous contributions to our meal collections for the men at the Interfaith shelter. Our next collection will be from 4-4:30pm on Thursday, July 2nd, and the theme is "Independence Day Celebrations"!— Sharon

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.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

OGT donations sorting will take place at 10:00am on Tuesday, July 7th, in the church basement. 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.

BAKESALE

Our bake sale was sweet with strawberries as the theme. We added \$370.21 to the building improvement fund. Thank you to all our bakers for the great job! Our next bake sale will be July 19th and it will be Red, White and Blue- free style. Come and share our sweets offered.— Vera

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

I love re-reading the Psalms! No matter what I'm facing, I can always find a relevant verse! Especially, when I'm feeling low, I turn to the Psalms for comfort. Psalms also remind us that for centuries, people have been turning to God for help when they are troubled. One of my favorite Psalms is Psalm 34:18-20, which reminds us that God is "close to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit"—something I've felt at times-how about you? If you've been in emotional, spiritual or physical pain like me, and need a reminder of God's depth of care, please call for a Stephen Minister! I can tell you from personal experience, that having a Stephen Minister (who is a physical presence), can and will remind you how much God cares. "Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord have never forsaken those who seek you". We are equipped through 50 + hours of training and truly want to help you to cope. Call either Ellen French, Peggy Angel or Pastor CJ through the church office (302-734-7078).

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Carol Hays and family for giving flowers for the last two Sunday services.

Dedication:

Flowers are given in honor of all fathers!

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.

SUNDAES ON WEDNESDAY

Join us at 6:00pm on Wednesday, July 22nd, for an ice cream social and music concert! The theme for the night is Christmas in July!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Do you have usable household items to donate? Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity welcomes your donations. Small items may be delivered to Habitat Restore on the northbound lane of Route 13 across from Redners. The funds raised are used to support Habitat efforts. The Restore also has an outside bin which collects used, old, ripped fabrics and clothing. Habitat is paid for these items, which are made into sustainable, recycled fabric. If you have any questions please call 302-346-0220 or visit <https://centraldelawarehabitat.org>.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY UPDATES

Tuesday Women's Bible Study and Wednesday Evening Bible Study will take a break beginning July 7th. Both classes will resume the second week of September.

SERVICE HELPERS

<p>June 28th Usher– Barry Reader– Linda B. Assisting Minister— Roger Lay Deacon— Jandy Stephen Minister– Don</p>	<p>July 5th Usher– Lia Reader– Angie Assisting Minister— Vickie Lay Deacon— Dennis Stephen Minister– Diane C.</p>	<p>July 12th Usher– Rich B. Reader– Chuck H. Assisting Minister— Barb Lay Deacon— Rich P. Stephen Minister– Linda P.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Happening at St. John's 6/28-7/4</p> <p>Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children's Church 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place 1:00pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place 6:00pm Evening Bible Study</p> <p>Thursday 4-4:30pm Meals for the Homeless Collection</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Saturday Have a safe and happy Independence Day!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Prayer Requests</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We lift the following people up in prayer...</p> <p>Courtney Hurst, The family of Laney Rowe Dunkley, The family and friends of Marianne Letavish, Darcy Harding, Arnold Aravena, Jack Cunningham, Evelyn 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 style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Birthdays</p> <p>6/26 Cathy Kovatch 7/5 Nathaniel Stevens 7/6 Barbara Hadley 7/9 Emily Ransdell 7/9 Jean Wolf 7/10 Roger Hazzard</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Anniversaries</p> <p>6/27 Bob and Jean Wolf 7/3 Lyle and Carol Johannsen 7/11 Greg and Tricia Massey</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Options for Church Offerings:</p> <p>⇒ 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> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church</p>
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