



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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is this week 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.

INTERFAITH WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER

On Thursday, July 16th, we will be collecting items for the women's shelter in the parking lot from 11:00 - 11:30am. The requests this month include: snacks, dish soap, ink pens (how many spare pens are in that junk draw?), and paper plates. There is also a special request for sunscreen for both moms and kids. Thanks so much for all the great goodies, donations, and time everyone gave last month. The shelter residents and staff are so thankful for everything!— Diane

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Independence Day- a day when America was no longer a part of England but rather became a country of its own. Independence was the right choice for our country. However, as humans, we have so much stress from many life challenges that indicates independence isn't always the right choice for us. Rather, it makes more sense to be interdependent on each other. God, in His Almighty wisdom, didn't make us to be alone with our struggles. He wants us to reach out when we need help. Who can you turn to when you need help? You want and need someone who is confidential, non-judgmental, and who is also a good listener. You need a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers receive 50 initial hours of training on such topics and then we follow up with related topics in Continuing Education. Celebrate Independence Day for our great country, but make it Interdependence Day for you! Call Peggy Angel, Pastor CJ, or Ellen French through the church office (302-734-7078) today.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Don Coffman for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

Flowers are given in loving memory of my spouse, Lois Coffman, and all those who have passed.
God Bless America.

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.

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

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! The next Sundaes on Wednesday event will be on August 26th. We hope you will join us!

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for brunch after the worship service on August 9th to celebrate Ron and Helen Morella's new adventure-- they are moving to Bradenton, Florida! We will miss them dearly, and we want you to have an opportunity to visit with them before they leave at the end of the month. A sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex to help us plan for this event. Hope you can "save the date" and join us on August 9th after church. Thank you!

SERVICE HELPERS

<p>July 5th Usher– Lia Reader– Tricia Assisting Minister— Vickie Lay Deacon— Jandy 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>	<p>July 19th Usher– Charles S. Reader– Linda P. Assisting Minister— Rich P. Lay Deacon— Vickie Stephen Minister– Peggy</p>
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<p>Happening at St. John’s 7/5-7/11</p> <p>Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children’s Church Monday 5:30pm Vacation Bible School Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place 5:30pm Vacation Bible School Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place 5:30pm Vacation Bible School Thursday 10:00am W.I. N.G.S. 5:30pm Vacation Bible School Friday Saturday 12:00pm Restore Hope in Jesus Children’s Event</p>	<p>Prayer Requests We lift the following people up in prayer...</p> <p>Family and friends of Arnold Aravena, Courtney Hurst, The family of Laney Rowe Dunkley, The family and friends of Marianne Letavish, Darcy Harding, 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>Upcoming Birthdays 7/5 Nathaniel Stevens 7/6 Barbara Hadley 7/9 Emily Ransdell 7/9 Jean Wolf 7/10 Roger Hazzard 7/14 Ellen French 7/15 Mark Kelleher 7/19 Chuck Hadley</p> <p>Upcoming Anniversaries 7/3 Lyle and Carol Johannsen 7/11 Greg and Tricia Massey 7/21 Dennis and Marie Legg</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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