



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.

SPECIAL REQUEST

A member of our church family is scheduled to have surgery next week, so we would like to help them during their recovery by providing meals. If you would like to contribute to this effort, there is information and a signup sheet in the narthex. Please contact Robyn in the church office if you have any questions or if you need the family's address. Thank you!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

OGT donations sorting will take place at 10:00am on Tuesday, July 14th, 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

It's hard asking for help. I'm not sure why this is., but it's definitely a human flaw, in my opinion. It's also one that I'm guilty of, which is why I always reach out to ask people how they really are feeling (and if they tell me they are feeling fine-well, just ask any Stephen Minister about that word!). Stephen Ministers really care! If you are struggling with a problem, we want to remind you that you don't have to struggle alone. We are trained to help you to cope, and we don't want you to be alone. When you have trouble believing that no one cares, believe me when I tell you that Stephen Ministers do. Call Peggy Angel, Ellen French, or Pastor CJ at 302-734-7078 today.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

Dedication:

The flowers are given in loving celebration of my wife, Ellen, for her 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.

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!

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Happy Summer everyone! First, a big thank you for July's food contributions! The residents at the men's shelter are always excited to see us pull up with your delicious meals. Diane Snyder has graciously agreed to fill in for me and collect the meals on August 6th, as I will be out of town that day. Our theme will be "Dog Days of Summer". God Bless!— Sharon

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

July 12 th Usher— Rich B. Reader— Chuck H. Assisting Minister— Barb Lay Deacon— Rich P. Stephen Minister— Linda P.	July 19 th Usher— Charles S. Reader— Linda P. Assisting Minister— Rich P. Lay Deacon— Vickie Stephen Minister— Peggy	July 26 th Usher— Jeff Reader— Jack Assisting Minister— Steve Lay Deacon— Jandy Stephen Minister— Rich P.
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Happening at St. John's 7/12-7/18

Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday 4:30pm Spiritual Care Team Meeting
Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place
Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place
6:00pm Sabbatical Committee Meeting
Thursday 11-11:30am Collection for the Women's Shelter
7:00pm MLB Meeting
Friday
Saturday

Prayer Requests

We lift the following people up in prayer...

The family and friends of Ronny Hays, Melissa Wheeler, Family and friends of Arnold Aravena, Courtney Hurst, The family of Laney Rowe Dunkley, The family and friends of Marianne Letavish, Darcy Harding, 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

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

7/10 Roger Hazzard
7/14 Ellen French
7/15 Mark Kelleher
7/19 Chuck Hadley
7/21 Jane Richter
7/21 Kate Weiss
7/26 Wesley Mason

Upcoming Anniversaries

7/11 Greg and Tricia Massey
7/21 Dennis and Marie Legg
7/25 Dr. Don and Gesine Abrutyn

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

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