



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 recently had surgery, 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 phone number or address. Thank you!

BAKESALE

Our next bake sale will be this Sunday, July 19th, and it will be Red, White, and Blue themed.—Vera

WAGON NEEDED

Our church is blessed to receive donations of food, clothing, household items, and other essentials for our neighbors in need. To help our volunteers sort and move these items safely and efficiently, we are seeking the donation of a large-capacity utility wagon or cart. A sturdy wagon would make it easier to transport boxes and bags to and from the basement with fewer trips and less lifting. If you have a new or used heavy-duty wagon or utility cart to donate, please contact the church office—thank you for helping support our ministry.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

OGT donations sorting will take place at 10:00am on Tuesday, July 21st, 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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Sometimes there are tensions between what we can see or feel and what God promises. We pray to God for a particular solution to a problem, but then don't get the answer that we expect to get. Sometimes, it seems that our Lord isn't listening to us at all. At the same time, people may tell us that life is great for us and that the future looks wonderful for us. However, even while we are smiling, we are sad inside. Each of us knows what our own reality is, even if we don't wish others to know. However, one safe person to confide in is a Stephen Minister. You can share your innermost fears with a Stephen Minister. A Stephen Minister keeps what you say confidential, so what you tell him/her will not be repeated. Because a Stephen Minister is also non judgmental, you can be open with your care giver and know that you are accepted. This relationship is God appointed and your Stephen Minister is God's representative in your life. (Surprise-God was listening the whole time!). Through prayer, God will guide the two of you to get to the heart of your tensions to resolve them in the way that is best suited for you so you can cope. Call Ellen French, Pastor CJ or Peggy Angel at 302-734-7078 today.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Diane Coppola for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

The flowers are given in honor of the birthdays of my husband, Frank Coppola;
my sister, Denise DeVary; and my late mother, Lois Coffman, whom I miss dearly.

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 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.	August 2 nd Usher— Barry Reader— Diane S. Assisting Minister— Roger Lay Deacon— Dennis Stephen Minister— Judy
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Happening at St. John's 7/19-7/25

Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:30am Bakesale— Red, White, and Blue!
Monday
Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place
Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place
6:00pm Sundaes on Wednesday Event
Thursday
Friday
Saturday 12:00pm Restore Hope in Jesus Children's Event

Prayer Requests

We lift the following people up in prayer...

Christine Flemming, 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, Tom Rutley, Lloyd Schneiderwent, Clifford Ramminger, Wil Ramminger, Teresa Boyd, Flow Burrows, John French, Mary Nicodemus, Garry Saroukos, 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

7/19 Chuck Hadley
7/21 Jane Richter
7/21 Kate Weiss
7/26 Wesley Mason
7/28 Jamie Fairbanks
7/30 Vickie Thompson

Upcoming Anniversaries

7/21 Dennis and Marie Legg
7/25 Dr. Don and Gesine Abrutyn
7/31 Rick and Connie Mohnk

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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