



St. John's Weekly News

August 2, 2026

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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

Our next meal collection for the Interfaith Men's shelter will be from 4-4:30pm on Thursday, August 6th. Diane Snyder has graciously agreed to fill in for me, as I will be out of town that day. Our theme will be "Dog Days of Summer". God Bless!— Sharon

POTLUCK BRUNCH— AUGUST 9th

Our brunch to celebrate Ron and Helen Morella's new adventure (their move to Bradenton, Florida) is quickly approaching. 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. We need our final head count soon so please sign up as soon as possible— the sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

OGT donations sorting will take place at 10:00am on Tuesday, August 4th, 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 next bake sale will be on August 16th and the theme is "Apples". Thank you to all our wonderful bakers who so graciously give their time and use their baking skills to help support our church.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Philip Yancy writes in his book, *Where is God When It Hurts*, that people who have Hansen's Disease (also known as Leprosy) suffer from an absence of pain. That is what causes a leper to have open wounds. Since he can't feel fire, he puts his hand into it and thus, gets burnt. He has no warning system to let him know not to do that. When one is hurting, it may seem ideal to not feel pain. Many people who go through a crisis have asked, "When will this pain go away?". However, one has to go through the process of feeling that pain in order to be healed. Because we are human, it helps to talk about one's pain. Each time one talks about the pain, it lessens and eventually subsides. Who can you talk to about your pain? Call for a Stephen Minister who can listen empathetically, confidentially, and without judgment or advice. Call Ellen French, Peggy Angel or Pastor CJ (302)734-7078 today.

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.

SUNDAES ON WEDNESDAY

Our next music concert and ice cream social will be on August 26th. We hope you will join us!

SAVE THE DATE— OCTOBER 4th

We are planning to hold our annual Fall Picnic on Sunday, October 4th, following the worship service. More information to come!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN— FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

OGT is teaming up with Boscov's for their Friends Helping Friends program on October 21st. For a \$5.00 donation, you receive a shopping pass that gives you up to 25% off most items at Boscov's. The pass can be used for in-store or online purchases. Please see Roger Hazzard if you would like one. Your \$5 donation goes directly to Orphan Grain Train!

SERVICE HELPERS

August 2 nd Usher— Barry Reader— Diane S. Assisting Minister— Roger Lay Deacon— Vickie Stephen Minister— Judy	August 9 th Usher— Lia Reader— Tricia Assisting Minister— Vickie Lay Deacon— Rich P. Stephen Minister— Helen	August 16 th Usher— Rich B. Reader— Linda B. Assisting Minister— Barb Lay Deacon— Vickie Stephen Minister— Ellen
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Happening at St. John's 8/2-8/8

Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion
Children's Church
Monday 6:00pm Youth Group
Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place
Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place
Thursday 4-4:30pm Meals for the Homeless Collection
Friday
Saturday 12:00pm Restore Hope in Jesus Children's Event

Prayer Requests

We lift the following people up in prayer...

Melissa and Emmett McGuire, 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 Reining, 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

8/10 Elizabeth Stephens
8/13 Eva Mason
8/13 Terry Starowicz
8/17 Shirlene Crouse
8/20 Mary Bookhultz
8/20 Bonnie Johnston
8/25 Jim Harvey
8/28 Pastor CJ

Upcoming Anniversaries

7/31 Rick and Connie Mohnk
8/16 Billy and Julie Sammons
8/20 Leroy and Mary Bookhultz

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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