



St. John's Weekly News

August 9, 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.

POTLUCK BRUNCH— This Sunday!

Our brunch to celebrate Ron and Helen Morella's new adventure (their move to Bradenton, Florida) is this Sunday, following the worship service. We welcome help with setup and cleanup. We hope to see you there!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

OGT donations sorting will take place at 10:00am on Tuesday, August 11th, 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

According to the latest statistics, 1 out of every 2 people, 8 and older struggle from loneliness. Loneliness is a terrible feeling. Some causes of loneliness are moving to a new area, grieving a loss of any kind-be it loss of a loved one, health, finances etc. Any change to your daily routine can upset your life-sometimes it's subtle and takes a while before you're aware of it too. One thing we know for sure is that God never lets us down ("I am with you always"). As I have written before, Stephen Ministers are a physical presence of God's promise. We are always available for you. You don't have to suffer alone. It may be the hardest thing to do, but please, please pick up the phone and call either Ellen French, Peggy Angel, or Pastor CJ today (302)734-7078.

RESTORE HOPE IN JESUS

Did you know that our Lay Deacon, Jandy, hosts a children's event from 12-2pm on the second and last Saturday of every month? All families are welcome to join us for this joyful time of worship, learning, and growing in faith, as we discover the amazing hope we have in Jesus! Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Ron and Helen Morella for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

In thanks and appreciation to our church family for all the love and blessings you have given us through the years. Thank you.
With love, Helen and Ron

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. 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 on October 21st. Please see Roger Hazzard if you would like one. Your \$5 donation goes directly to Orphan Grain Train!

SERVICE HELPERS

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	August 23 rd Usher— Charles S. Reader— Diane S. Assisting Minister— Rich P. Lay Deacon— Jandy Stephen Minister— Mallory
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Happening at St. John's 8/9-8/15

Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45am Farewell Brunch

Monday

Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place

Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place

Thursday 10:00am W.I.N.G.S. Meeting

5:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

Friday

Saturday

Prayer Requests

We lift the following people up in prayer...

Melissa and Everett 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 Bornreger, 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

8/29 Laura Richter

Upcoming Anniversaries

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

Thank you for supporting the ministry of
St. John's Lutheran Church