



St. John's Weekly News

August 16, 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Morella Brunch last Sunday. Not only did we have lots of delicious food, but there were also lots of helping hands to set up, decorate, serve, and cleanup afterwards. We definitely appreciate all your help in making this a very special day for Ron and Helen.— Barbara

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.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

OGT donations sorting will take place at 10:00am on Tuesday, September 1st, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY MEETING

Earlier this month, an email was sent out containing a letter and survey from church leadership. The survey and upcoming small-group discussions will help us understand what matters most to you and help us learn from your experiences at St. John's. By participating in a discussion, you can help shape our plans for the future. We look forward to listening, working together, and continuing to strengthen our ministry. Our first meeting is at 6:00pm on Wednesday, August 19th. Copies of the letter and survey are in the Narthex.

INTERFAITH WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER

We are collecting snacks, paper plates, and laundry detergent for the 19 residents currently staying at the shelter. Our collection will take place in the church parking lot between 11-11:30am on Thursday, August 20th. Thank you for all of your help— your generosity is greatly appreciated by all.— Diane

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus says "You are the salt of the earth". Just as salt preserves food, so too, do Stephen Ministers use Jesus' Christian Caring Tools (the bible, prayer, forgiveness and emulating Jesus) to remind our care receivers that they too, deserve God's love no matter what they've done or when they can't forgive themselves. We are caring, we are confidential and we "get it". After all, as our motto says "Christ helping people through people". With the backing of God, we can and will be there for you until God cures you. If you have a concern, or if you are going through a life crisis, let a Stephen Minister help you. Call Peggy Angel, Pastor CJ, or Ellen French today (302-734-7078).

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Leroy and Mary Bookhultz for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

These flowers are given in honor of Mary's birthday and our wedding anniversary.
They are also offered with a prayer for peace to return to every country.

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 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	August 30 th Usher— Jeff Reader— Angie Assisting Minister— Steve Lay Deacon— TBD Stephen Minister— Don
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Happening at St. John's 8/16-8/22

Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45am Bake Sale

Monday

Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place

Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place
3:30pm Gathering Lambs Team Meeting
6:00pm Congregational Survey Meeting

Thursday 11-11:30am Women's Shelter Collection
7:00pm MLB Meeting

Friday

Saturday *

*Please note the church will be occupied on August 22nd, as our friends at St. Andrew's will be holding a council retreat at St. John's. Thank you!

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 Reiningering, Donna Mason, Katie Bornltreger, 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

8/16 Emmalyne Smyser
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