



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.

Dear Friends at St. John's,

Ron and I were overwhelmed by the farewell feast- it was more than a luncheon-that you hosted in our honor! The amount of food, the cards, and your words of love are all memories we will take with us to Bradenton. Thank you to everyone who made or brought food, you fed us for a week!

As members for almost 23 years, we will never forget the love, the support, and friends we have made here through the years. Since you have been our family for a long time, we intend to stay in touch and hope you will do the same.

Love Always, Helen and Ron

SUNDAES ON WEDNESDAY

Our final music concert and ice cream social of the summer will be this Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00pm. We hope you will join us!

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Summer is almost gone. We are approaching the time of year, esp. after a long hot summer, when we look forward to the fall and cooler weather. If you have children, it's likely that school, after-curricular activities and sports will be consuming your life again. What does fall mean to you? Do you have a child who is ready to start school for the first time? Can it be that the child who seemed to start first grade yesterday is going off to college for the first time? Perhaps you are one of the many who are juggling work, school (for your children or for yourself), and babysitters? If any of those situations apply to you and you don't know how to handle them, why not call for a Stephen Minister? You can vent your frustrations about loneliness (empty nest syndrome) or stress to this confidential, empathetic, Christian friend who will be there for you for as long as you need him/her to be. If you would like a Stephen Minister call Ellen French, Pastor CJ (302)734-7078 or Peggy Angel today.

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.

LWML— LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

The LWML Mite Collection will be held on September 13th. We are happy to announce that all the Mission Grants for 2024-2026 were paid in full. The new Mission Grants for 2026-2028 will be decided at the Chesapeake District LWML Convention next month. We are very grateful to our St. John's congregation for helping share the Good News of Jesus to others with our Mites. Thank You!— Barb

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Laurel Baird for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

Flowers are given in loving memory of Doug Cohen.

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.

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our next collection of meals for the residents at the Interfaith Men's Shelter will be on Thursday, September 3rd from 4-4:30pm in the church parking lot. The theme is "Labor Day Feast".

BAKESALE

Our bake sale last week added another \$363 to the Building Improvement Fund. My sincere thank you to all our wonderful bakers (You are the reason for our success). Our next bake sale will be on September 20th. And the theme is "Muffins". Come and taste what our talented bakers will provide this time.— Vera

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 23 rd Usher— Charles S. Reader— Diane S. Assisting Minister— Rich P. Lay Deacon— Jandy Stephen Minister— Mallory	August 30 th Usher— Jeff Reader— TBD Assisting Minister— Steve Lay Deacon— TBD Stephen Minister— Don	September 6 th Usher— Barry Reader— Chuck Assisting Minister— Roger Lay Deacon— TBD Stephen Minister— Diane C.
Happening at St. John's 8/23-8/29 Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children's Church 10:45am Congregational Survey Meeting Monday Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place 6:00pm Congregational Survey Meeting Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place 6:00pm Sundaes on Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 12:00pm Restore Hope in Jesus Children's Event		Prayer Requests We lift the following people up in prayer... Jason Walther, The family of Daniel Pacheco, Melissa and Everett McGuire, Christine Flemming, The family and friends of Ronny Hays, Melissa Wheeler, The family and friends of Arnold Aravena, Courtney Hurst, 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, 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! 302-734-7078 or rgettings@sjldover.com	Upcoming Birthdays 8/25 Jim Harvey 8/28 Pastor CJ 8/29 Laura Richter 8/30 John Goriup 9/2 Marie Legg 9/3 Don Coffman 9/5 AC Coggins Upcoming Anniversaries 9/7 Matthew and Melissa McGuire 9/7 Eric and Elizabeth Stephens	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