



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.

To the St. John's Congregation: Thank you so much for the most appropriate t-shirt and matching tote bag. They are much appreciated and will definitely get much use. Operation Quilt Giveaway is scheduled to start up again this December! — Linda Barlow

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".

PICNIC PLANNING MEETING— September 6th

Volunteers needed for the October 4th Fall Picnic! There will be a short meeting on September 6th, after church, to help plan this event. We will need lots of helpers to make it happen: set up, chef for the grill (hamburgers & hotdogs), decorate tables, plan games, etc. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Barbara Hadley or Vickie Thompson if you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas. Thank you!

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY PLANNING MEETING

Following the service on September 13th, we will hold a meeting to discuss plans for our youth and family ministry for the coming year. All parents and Children's Church volunteers are invited to come share their ideas and learn about the new policies we have adopted to strengthen our ministry.

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Do you know someone who is looking for emotional support while he/she is coping with a crisis? Perhaps your friend has just received an unexpected diagnosis and is in turmoil about it. Or, perhaps your friend is a care giver for someone and feels guilty about wanting his/her own life back. What can you do to help your friend? You can tell your friend about Stephen Ministry. If you don't know what to say, grab a pew brochure or ask anyone who is wearing a Stephen Ministry badge, to explain how this lay Christian care giving program can help. A Stephen Minister uses active listening skills to guide a care receiver through his/her problems. Since we began this program in 2006, 85 people have received, or are receiving comfort and strength from their Stephen Minister. It's confidential, non-judgmental and we truly want to help. Call Ellen French, Pastor CJ, or Peggy Angel today— 302-734-7078.

BAKESALE

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

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.

CARD MINISTRY

We're starting a Card Ministry to share love and encouragement with those facing times of need. If you—or someone you know—would appreciate a thoughtful note of support and a reminder that others are praying for them, please let us know so we can send a card. If you have any questions, please see Jandy.

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.

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 30 th Usher– Jeff Reader– John Assisting Minister— Steve Lay Deacon— Rich Stephen Minister– Don	September 6 th Usher– Barry Reader– Chuck Assisting Minister— Roger Lay Deacon— TBD Stephen Minister– Diane C.	September 13 th Usher– Lia Reader– Jack Assisting Minister— Jandy Lay Deacon— Vickie Stephen Minister– TBD
Happening at St. John's 8/30-9/5 Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:45am Congregational Survey Meeting Monday Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place Thursday 10:00am Circuit Meeting 4-4:30 Meals for the Homeless Friday Saturday		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