



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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY

This week we celebrate Stephen Ministry Sunday! We are especially recognizing the current team who served this past year: Peggy Angel, Don Coffman, Ellen French, Judy Jarman, Vickie Hoover, Mallory Maynes, Linda Peko, Rich Peko and Helen Morella (whom we miss dearly). We are also honoring the following people who have served as past Stephen Ministers and now are our Emeritus or Emerita: Laurel Baird, Barry Bliem, Emmalyne Smyser, Barb Impollonia, Ron Morella, Jeanett O'Neill, Jane Richter, and Jandy Stevens. Please join us downstairs after the service for cake and coffee.

PICNIC PLANNING MEETING— THIS SUNDAY

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!

CLASSES RESUME

Women's Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, September 8th. Wednesday evening Bible Study resumes on September 9th and Sunday Bible Study resumes on October 11th. Please see Pastor CJ if you have any questions.

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

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

INTERFAITH WOMEN'S SHELTER

Thank you to everyone who generously donated food and other items to the Women's shelter last month. The crochet classes are popular! The residents of the shelter typically do not stay for more than 90 days. When they leave, we allow them to keep the crochet hooks they used in class, so they can continue to develop their skills. We are therefore in need of more crochet hooks, sizes G, H, and I. Thanks so much!— Diane

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Diane Coppola for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

These flowers are lovingly dedicated in honor of my dad, Don Coffman, and my nephew, Parker Hudson, as they celebrate their birthdays. I thank God for them every day.

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 8th, 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

September 6 th Usher– Barry Reader– Chuck Assisting Minister— Roger Lay Deacon— Vickie Stephen Minister– Diane C.	September 13 th Usher– Lia Reader– Jack Assisting Minister— Jandy Lay Deacon— TBD Stephen Minister– Ellen	September 20 th Usher– Rich B. Reader– Linda P. Assisting Minister— Steve Lay Deacon— TBD Stephen Minister– Linda P.
Happening at St. John's 9/6-9/12 Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children's Church 10:45am SM Sunday Coffee and Cake Fall Picnic Planning Meeting Monday Labor Day– office closed (please note there will be no Youth Group meeting) Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place 1:00pm Women's Bible Study Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place 6:00pm Evening Bible Study Thursday 10:00am W.I.N.G.S. 5:30pm SM Supervision Friday Saturday 12:00pm Restore Hope In Jesus Children's Class		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 Borntrager, 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 9/5 AC Coggins 9/8 Jason Kelleher 9/8 Karen Chidester 9/13 Trudy Harvey 9/14 Shirley Judd 9/7 Nancy Hazzard Upcoming Anniversaries 9/7 Matthew and Melissa McGuire 9/7 Eric and Elizabeth Stephens 9/11 Andrew and Mallory Maynes 9/12 Emily Susko and Ben Wasserman	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