



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.

In Remembrance

I would ask each of you to join with me in remembering two of God's servants, Frank Newton, who was called to glory on May 30, 2024, and Frank's wife, Mavis, who was called home on October 7, 2017. I lift both up to you today to make you aware that Frank and Mavis remembered St. John's with a significant bequest from their estate. The estate was recently settled, and we have received the bequest. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the other named recipients: Leslie Tucker, The First State Animal Center and SPCA, and especially to Calvary Church. While the strict legal wording of Frank's will created an unforeseen roadblock due to the school's dissolution, the other beneficiaries chose to prioritize Frank's final wishes over legal technicalities by voluntarily directing the assets to St. John's, beautifully fulfilling Frank's desire to support our congregation.— Rick

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

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.

INTERFAITH WOMEN'S SHELTER

This Thursday, September 17th, we will be collecting snacks, paper plates laundry detergent. Why are the snacks helpful? 1. The children pack them in their lunches to take to school 2. The shelter does not serve lunch so the items are left out for the women and children to grab so they have something to eat.

I will be in the church parking lot from 11-11:30am to collect the items.

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 Guy Sbriglia for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

In remembrance of my wife of 63 years, Dorothy Sbriglia

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.

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

We all know what a GPS system is. It's a satellite guidance system so a driver can arrive at a correct destination. We who are involved in Stephen Ministry would like to tell you about our GPS-God Protection System. We aren't guided by a satellite, but rather by God through prayer. He will lead you onto the correct road if you let Him. To find out more about how our GPS system works, call Pastor CJ, Peggy Angel, or Ellen French at 302-734-7078.

CLASSES RESUME

September is an especially busy month here at St. John's; therefore, all Bible Studies will resume in October. Women's Bible Study will begin again on October 6th, Wednesday Evening Bible Study will start on October 7th, and Sunday Bible Study will resume on October 11th. Please see Pastor CJ if you have any questions.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are collecting items to send to children in Liberia. We are in need of the following:

- School Supplies- notebooks, pencils, crayons, children's scissors, etc.
- Backpacks
- Socks - in the colors white or black, all sizes needed

Please see Jandy if you have any questions. 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.

OPERATION QUILT GIVEAWAY

Exciting news— our monthly quilt drawings are scheduled to start up again in December! Linda Barlow has been hard at work creating many beautiful quilts (some are pictured below). If you never won one before, this time around may be your chance! Have you been attending services for a while but have never spoken to our office manager, Robyn? If so, please give her a call or send her an email so we can make sure we have your name and contact information in our directory (our directory is where we get our list of names for the drawings). Robyn's contact information is at the bottom of the newsletter. Good luck to everyone and THANK YOU, Linda, for all your hard work and generosity!



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

OGT donations sorting will take place at 10:00am on Tuesday, September 15th, 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!

HELP WANTED

We are currently in need of more ushers, communion assistants, and Altar Guild members! If you are interested in helping us out or have any questions about what these positions entail, please reach out to the church office.

SERVICE HELPERS

September 13 th Usher– Lia Reader– Jack Assisting Minister— Roger Lay Deacon— Jandy Stephen Minister– Ellen	September 20 th Usher– Rich B. Reader– Linda P. Assisting Minister— Steve Lay Deacon— TBD Stephen Minister– Linda P.	September 27 th Usher– Charles S. Reader– Laurel Assisting Minister— Vickie Lay Deacon— TBD Stephen Minister– TBD
Happening at St. John's 9/13-9/19 Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion LWML Mite Collection 10:45am Youth and Family Ministry Meeting Monday Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place Thursday 11-11:30 Women's Shelter Collection 7:00pm MLB Meeting 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 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 9/13 Trudy Harvey 9/14 Shirley Judd 9/7 Nancy Hazzard 9/21 George Price 9/27 Vera Lehenbauer 9/28 Tim Preuss 9/29 Ryker Terray 10/1 Dennis Legg Upcoming Anniversaries 9/11 Andrew and Mallory Maynes 9/12 Emily Susko and Ben Wasserman 9/22 Ken and Ellen French	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