



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.

BAKESALE— SUNDAY!

Our next bake sale to benefit the Building Improvement Fund will be this Sunday, September 20th and the theme is "Muffins". Come and taste what our talented bakers will come up with this time.— Vera

LWML— LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Together, our mites totaled \$584.02—what a joyful blessing and beautiful testament to your generosity! A check has been sent to the LWML Chesapeake District office, where these gifts will help fund mission grants serving God's children in need around the world. Thank you for sharing your blessings so faithfully and for answering our Christian call to love and serve others. Through your generosity, we honor God and help His love shine brightly in the lives of those who need it most.

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Thank you for your generous meal contributions this past month. The shelter's residents always remark "All this?!" upon seeing the delivery. Our next meal collection will be on October 1st and the theme will be "Harvest Feast". Meal contributions can be dropped off in the church parking that day between 4-4:30pm.—Sharon

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Have you or someone you know recently had to adjust to any of these situations: a new job, a new baby, a new boss, a new house, a separation, a grown child moving back home, a seriously ill parent, a death or perhaps a best friend who has moved? Perhaps you are going through a stressful time but you have no one you feel confident to talk to about it. Stephen Ministers are trained listeners who can help you through your struggle. Call Peggy Angel, Ellen French, or Pastor CJ at (302) 734-7078 to find out how a Stephen Minister can help you.

FALL PICNIC

We will be holding our annual Fall Family Picnic on Sunday, October 4th following the worship service. There will be music, games, and a lot of delicious food. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. We hope you will join us!

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.

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!

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

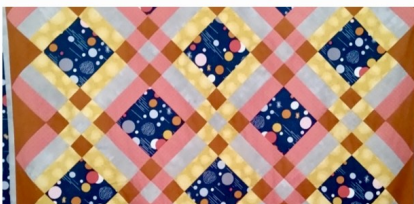
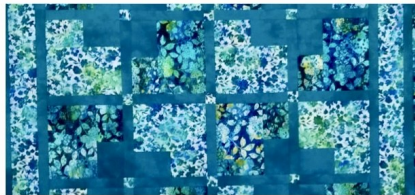
Please see Jandy if you have any questions. Thank you!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

OGT donations sorting will be taking a break, but we will let you know when meetings resume. 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.

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!



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.

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.

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.

SERVICE HELPERS

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— Rich P. Stephen Minister– Judy	October 4 th Usher– Reader– Assisting Minister— Lay Deacon— Stephen Minister–
Happening at St. John's 9/20-9/26 Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am Bakesale 10:45am Adult Voice Choir Practice Monday Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place Thursday 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 9/21 George Price 9/27 Vera Lehenbauer 9/28 Tim Preuss 9/29 Ryker Terray 10/1 Dennis Legg 10/4 Barry Bliem 10/6 Ayla Kelleher Upcoming Anniversaries 9/22 Ken and Ellen French 10/4 Frank and Diane Coppola 10/8 Jeff and Kate Weiss	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