



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.

BAKE SALE

With our last bake sale, we added \$321 to our Building Improvement Fund! We had a variety of delicious muffins/cupcakes and a big crowd eager to enjoy them. Thank you to our bakers who dedicated their time to prepare all these delectable goodies. Our next bake sale will be on October 18th and the theme is Pumpkins! Think breads, muffins, pies— your imagination and creativity are the limit.— Lia

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

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. Thank you!—Sharon

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Matthew 11:28 says "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Are you lonely, facing a life struggle that you wish would go away, but it won't? Perhaps you know someone who is going through such a struggle. Be a friend; gently talk to them about Stephen Ministry. It could be the most helpful thing you'll ever do for them. Tell them to call Pastor CJ, Peggy Angel, or Ellen French at 302-734-7078.

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

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!

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Lia and Vera Lehenbauer for making a donation to St. John's in lieu of giving flowers.

Dedication:

To the Glory of God and with thankful hearts in celebration of Vera's birthday

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.

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!



INTERFAITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER

A huge thank you to everyone for there generous donations of snacks, paper products, and crochet hooks. For now, we have enough hooks and are requesting umbrellas. Some of the women and children walk to the bus stop to get to and from work and school so umbrellas would be very helpful to them.

AED IN THE NARTHEX

St. John's is fortunate enough to have an AED with both adult and pediatric size defibrillator pads. The location of this device is in the Narthex next to the front door. Check it out to familiarize yourself with its location.

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!

SERVICE HELPERS (please note the October schedule is tentative)

September 27 th Usher– Charles S. Reader– Laurel Assisting Minister— NA Lay Deacon— Rich P. Stephen Minister– Judy	October 4 th Usher– Rich B. Reader– Linda B. Assisting Minister— Rich P. Lay Deacon— Jandy Stephen Minister– Mallory	October 11 th Usher– Charles S. and Ken Reader– Diane S. Assisting Minister— Barb Lay Deacon— Rich P. Stephen Minister– Linda P.
Happening at St. John's 9/27-10/3 Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children's Church 10:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 4-4:30pm Meals for the Homeless Collection Friday Saturday		Prayer Requests We lift the following people up in prayer... The family and friends of Gloria Paxton, John Larkin, Michael Coglianese, Alice Grunstra, Jason Walther, The family of Daniel Pacheco, Melissa and Everett McGuire, Christine Flemming, The family and friends of Ronny Hays, Melissa Wheeler, 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 9/27 Vera Lehenbauer 9/28 Tim Preuss 9/29 Ryker Terray 10/1 Dennis Legg 10/3 Lia Lehenbauer 10/4 Barry Bliem 10/6 Ayla Kelleher Upcoming Anniversaries 10/4 Frank and Diane Coppola 10/8 Jeff and Kate Weiss 10/10 Butch and Judy Jarman	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