



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.

FALL PICNIC

Our annual Fall Family Picnic is this Sunday, October 4th, following the worship service. There will be music, games, and a lot of delicious food. We hope you will join us! Help with cleanup/setup are greatly appreciated!

REMINDER

Pastor CJ and church staff/volunteers will never contact you to ask for money or gift cards. Unfortunately, this is a common scam used by dishonest people to target churches and other nonprofits. If you receive a call, text message, or email with one of these requests, please delete and block that person, then report it to the church office so we can warn our other members. Thank you.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Crisis – An emotionally charged time of instability during which a crucial change occurs. The Chinese word for crisis is a combination of two characters: one for “danger”, the other for “opportunity.” This drives home the fact that every crisis, though it involves impending danger, also offers opportunities for personal or spiritual growth. Stephen Ministers are trained to walk with you through the dangers of your crisis and to help you find the opportunities God has in store for you. We have all recently been through a major crisis. If you or someone you know needs someone to talk to, please call Ellen French, Peggy Angel, or Pastor CJ at 302-734-7078 for more details. We are here for you and we care.

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.

INTERFAITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER

Our next collection of snacks for the Interfaith Women's shelter will be from 11-11:30am on Thursday, October 15th. The shelter residents are also requesting umbrellas. Some of the women and children walk to and from the bus stop for work and school so umbrellas would be very helpful to them.

BAKE SALE

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

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Don Coffman for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

In Loving Memory of my Spouse Una L. Coffman. Love Forever.

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!



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.

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

October 4 th Usher- Rich B. Reader- Linda B. Assisting Minister- Rich P. Lay Deacon- Jandy Stephen Minister- Mallory	October 11 th Usher- Ken Reader- Linda P. Assisting Minister- Vickie Lay Deacon- Rich P. Stephen Minister- Linda P.	October 18 th Usher- Jeff Reader- Laurel Assisting Minister- Steve Lay Deacon- Vickie Stephen Minister- Rich P.
Happening at St. John's 10/4-10/10 Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children's Church 11:00am Fall Picnic Monday 6:00pm Youth Group 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 Stephen Ministry Supervision Friday Saturday 12:00pm Restore Hope in Jesus Children's Class		Prayer Requests We lift the following people up in prayer... The family and friends of Gloria Saatman, Barbara Lavacek, 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 Bornreger, 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 10/3 Lia Lehenbauer 10/4 Barry Bliem 10/6 Ayla Kelleher 10/11 Tony Pietracetella 10/11 Jandy Stevens 10/20 David Ransdell Upcoming Anniversaries 10/4 Frank and Diane Coppola 10/8 Jeff and Kate Weiss 10/10 Butch and Judy Jarman 10/12 Lloyd and Vi Schniederwent	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