



St. John's Weekly Newsletter

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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.

ROLL CALL OF THE SAINTS

Names to be remembered on All Saints' Day can be submitted online at sjldover.com/saints or by emailing/calling Robyn in the church office. Please include the phonetic spelling of names if necessary. Thank you.

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

Since October is Fire Prevention month, it is only appropriate that we use the fireman as part of the message this week. We all know that firemen put out fires. Think of Pastor CJ as the fireman. When a crisis occurs, he rushes to the side of the person in need of care. As much as Pastor CJ would like to stay with the person in need, he cannot because he has another fire (crisis) where his help is needed. That's why the Stephen Ministry program is important for the congregation. Stephen Ministers are the people who come in after the fire is put out to help victims' sort through the debris of their lives to begin to rebuild. Stephen Ministers are there to give care as long as the rebuilding process takes—be it one month, two months, six months or a year or more. Have you had any fires lately? Do you need to rebuild? Call Ellen French, Peggy Angel, or Pastor CJ at (302)734-7078 today!

INTERFAITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER

We will be collecting snacks for the women's shelter on Thursday, October 15th from 11:00-11:30am in the church parking lot. Shelter residents have also requested umbrellas, toilet paper, and laundry pods. Shelter staff and residents have repeatedly expressed their appreciation for all of your contributions and support!

On Sunday, October 18th, there will be a women's shelter committee meeting after the worship service in the church office. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see Diane Snyder if you have any questions.

TRUNK OR TREAT

We are doing a trunk or treat for the women and children of the Interfaith shelter. I am looking for three other people who would like to join us with decorating our trunks and handing out some goodies to shelter residents. This fun event is sure to bring some joy into their lives! We will meet at the shelter parking lot at 1:00pm on Sunday, October 25th. Please contact me if you are interested. —Diane

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Jeff and Kate Weiss for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

Flowers are given in joyful celebration of our grandson's 5th 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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's church picnic. We appreciate Don Coffman volunteering to grill the hamburgers and hotdogs and we appreciate the many side dishes and delicious desserts that were provided. Also, thank you to those who were able to help with the setup and with the cleanup. We were grateful for the many helping hands! It was an enjoyable Sunday afternoon of good food and fellowship.

YEARBOOK

St. John's is working on releasing another yearbook! If you would like to submit a photo of you or your family for the directory portion, please send it to Robyn in the church office. If you do not want to send in a new photo, we can reuse the same image from the last edition of our yearbook. We also welcome photos you have taken at various church events held in the past couple of years. More information to come!

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 will resume. To learn more about the wonderful work OGT is doing 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.

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!

RESTORE HOPE IN JESUS

Did you know that our Lay Deacon, Jandy, hosts a children's event from 12-2pm on the second and last Saturday of every month? All families are welcome to join us for this joyful time of worship, learning, and growing in faith, as we discover the amazing hope we have in Jesus! Please see Jandy if you have any questions.

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who saves their receipts and turns them in to us. We also thank the Abrutyn's for managing this fundraiser for us. If you shop at Redner's and have not participated in this program before, here are some notes about it:

- Customers must use their Redner's Rewards (1% Save-A-Tape card) for purchases. This is noted on the bottom of the receipts as "1% Save-A-tape".
- Receipts for fuel purchases at Redner's Quick Shoppes are not accepted.
- Your receipt must be whole and unaltered, with no part removed nor marked with a highlighter marker.
- All receipts must be dated within three years prior to submission.

Funds received through this program help support our youth program and educational initiatives. If you have any questions, please contact the office. Thank you for your support!"

FRIENDSGIVING

Our friends at Faith Lutheran Church in Bear, DE are hosting a Friendsgiving event for girls ages 9-18. They invite girls (and a parent) to join them for crafts, snacks, and Bible study on November 7th from 2-4pm. They ask that you RSVP by October 25th. Please call 302-834-1214 if you have any questions or would like to attend.

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 have never won one before, this time around may be your chance!



SERVICE HELPERS

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.	October 25 th Usher– Barry Reader– John Assisting Minister– Roger Lay Deacon– Jandy Stephen Minister– Don
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Happening at St. John's 10/11-10/17 Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Study Monday 6:00pm Ministry Coordinators 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. Meeting 11-11:30am Interfaith Women's Collection 7:00pm MLB Meeting Friday Saturday	Upcoming Birthdays 10/11 Tony Pietracetella 10/11 Jandy Stevens 10/20 David Ransdell 10/21 Mindy Ransdell 10/22 Jeff Weiss 10/25 Charlie Snyder 10/26 Eric Stephens 10/26 Lloyd Schniederwent Upcoming Anniversaries 10/10 Butch and Judy Jarman 10/12 Lloyd and Viola Schniederwent
Prayer Requests We lift the following people up in prayer... Carolyn Patterson, 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, Courtney Hurst, Tom Rutley, Lloyd Schneiderwent, Clifford Rammingner, Wil Rammingner, Teresa Boyd, Flow Burrows, John French, Mary Nicodemus, Garry Saroukos, Skylar Marisi, Emmalyne Smyser, Rick Mohnk, John Reininger, Donna Mason, Katie Bornltreger, Susan Rogers	Options for Church Offerings: ❖ Vanco Mobile App ❖ Checks can be mailed 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. 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