



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 this Sunday, October 18th, and the theme is Pumpkins! Think breads, muffins, pies— your imagination and creativity are the limit. — Lia

HANDBELL CHOIR

The Handbell Choir will have rehearsal this Sunday, October 18th, following the service and will perform at the Reformation Sunday Service on October 25th.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

In a couple weeks, we will see children parading in costumes and masks. Children like to put on costumes and masks to pretend that they are someone else. Adults, either consciously or unconsciously, do the same by wearing smiles on the outside, when they are actually crying on the inside. Think about it-when was the last time that someone asked how you were doing, that you gave a truthful answer? We in Stephen Ministry, want you to know that we would like to try, with God's assistance, to help you to really smile again and not just to fool others into thinking that you are alright, when you really are not. Whatever reason you are wearing your costume and mask, now is the time to take it off- call for a Stephen Minister. It's confidential so no one will know but you that you called. We want to help you to help yourself to feel better. Call Peggy Angel, Ellen French, or Pastor CJ 302-734-7078.

INTERFAITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER

This 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.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS SHOPPING PASS- LAST CALL!

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 Laurel Baird for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doug Cohen.

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.

ADVENT NATIVI-TEA

There will be a meeting to discuss the details of our annual Nativi-tea following the service on Sunday, October 25th. We are very excited for this event and welcome everyone to come share their ideas and help us plan a fun afternoon of tea, treats, and fellowship to celebrate the season of Advent.

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!

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.

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.

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who saves their receipts and turns them in to us. We also thank the Abrutyns 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!"

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 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	November 1 st Usher– Lia Reader– Chuck H. Assisting Minister– Jandy Lay Deacon– Vickie Stephen Minister– Diane C.
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Happening at St. John's 10/18-10/24 Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am Bake Sale- Theme: Pumpkins Bell Choir Rehearsal Bible Study Women's Shelter Committee Meeting Monday 6:00pm Youth Group Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place 1:00pm Women's Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 Gathering Lambs Team Parent Breakfast 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place 6:00pm Evening Bible Study Thursday 7:00pm MLB Meeting Friday Saturday	Upcoming Birthdays 10/20 David Ransdell 10/21 Mindy Ransdell 10/22 Jeff Weiss 10/25 Charlie Snyder 10/26 Eric Stephens 10/26 Lloyd Schniederwent 10/31 Helen Morella 11/1 Joseph Stevens 11/8 Tricia Massey 11/9 Alex Rivera Upcoming Anniversaries 10/26 Ric and Jamie Fairbanks 11/10 Jack and Laurel Baird
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 Borntreger, 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