



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' Sunday 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. Your submissions are due by October 27th. Thank you.

INTERFAITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER

There will be a Fall themed Trunk or Treat event at the Dover Interfaith Women and Children's Shelter this Sunday, October 25th. We will meet at the shelter located at 1156 Walker Rd. in Dover at 1pm, decorate our cars, and at 1:15 have the residents come enjoy the treats. Everyone is welcome to come help hand out goodies.

BAKE SALE

Our last bake sale was very good, with many PUMPKIN breads, muffins, and more. We added \$411.50 to our Building Improvement Fund. I want to thank all the bakers, as well as all the people who bought the goodies—your support of our ministry is greatly appreciated. Our next bake sale will be on November 15th and the theme will be "Pie, pie, and more pie"!—Lia and Vera

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

The fundamental principle of Stephen Ministry is described in Galatians 6:2 which reads: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ". The words "one another" or "each other" are used over 50 times in the New Testament. What this tells us is that God did not create us to be independent—we need others to help us. So, why in a time of need, do we feel as if we should be able to cope alone? It is my contention that society has dictated that we don't share our problems—and if you do share (and put it on social media), then you'd better be prepared for umpteen people giving you umpteen solutions to your problems. Stephen Ministers won't do that. We use our active listening skills so that you can hear back what you are truly feeling and then help you to cope and make a plan for a solution if you feel you need that. Sometimes, there are no solutions, but having a confidential, compassionate, non-judgmental friend helps. Call Pastor CJ, Peggy Angel, or Ellen French at 302-734-7078 to find out how a Stephen Minister can help you.

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Many thanks for the contributions to October's meal collection for the Dover Interfaith Men's Shelter! I am told they now have 40 residents. Our next collection will be on November 5th from 4-4:30pm. The theme is "Grateful for Thanksgiving" and I am thankful for St. John's giving members!—Sharon

ADVENT NATIVI-TEA Save the date—December 6th

We hope you will join us on December 6th for an afternoon of fellowship and Advent themed festivities as we enjoy tea and holiday treats together. Look for a sign-up sheet next week in the narthex. More information to come!

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.

REQUESTS FROM THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER

As Thanksgiving approaches, the shelter is requesting prepared food items* for its Thanksgiving Day meal. If you would like to contribute, I will collect donations at the church on Thanksgiving Day from 11-11:30am. Items may also be left at the church for me to collect that day. Please let me know by November 13th which item(s) you plan to contribute so I can inform the shelter staff. If you would like to volunteer to serve the meal or help with setup, please let me know and I'll give you additional information.

We would also like to thank everyone who donated laundry detergent, paper products, and delicious snacks to the women's shelter. The residents and staff send a heartfelt thank you for all that St. John's does to help support them. As we continue this outreach, we will collect new socks for the women and children throughout the month of November. Please place the socks in the designated tote in the narthex.—Diane

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THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATION MENU			
Please select the cooked dish or dishes you would like to contribute.			
Main Dishes	Traditional Side Dishes	Desserts	Beverages
• Roasted or baked turkey • Glazed ham • Baked chicken • Turkey gravy	• Baked macaroni and cheese • Candied yams • Mashed potatoes • Stuffing or dressing • Collard greens • Green beans • Cabbage • Corn • Sweet potato casserole • Rice or rice pilaf • Dinner rolls or cornbread	• Sweet potato pie • Apple pie • Pumpkin pie • Peach cobbler • Pound cake • Assorted cookies or brownies • Banana pudding	• Bottled water • Apple juice • Cranberry juice • Iced tea • Lemonade

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 take 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.

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 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.	November 8 th Usher– Ken Reader– Linda P. Assisting Minister– Vickie Lay Deacon– Rich P. Stephen Minister– Ellen
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Happening at St. John's 10/25-10/31 Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion Children's Church 10:30am Bible Study 1:00pm Trunk or Treat at the Women's Shelter Monday 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 Friday Saturday 12-2pm Restore Hope in Jesus Children's Class	Upcoming Birthdays 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 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	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