



# 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.

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## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

We kindly ask that you do not attend church services or events if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness. All our services are livestreamed on our [website](#) and [YouTube channel](#), so you can still worship with us virtually from the comfort of your home. Thank you for helping us keep our church family healthy and safe.

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't forget to turn your clocks back.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-4:30pm. The theme is "Grateful for Thanksgiving" and I am thankful for St. John's giving members!—Sharon

## BAKE SALE

Our next bake sale will be on November 15<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be "Pie, pie, and more pie"!—Lia and Vera

## INTERFAITH 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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                                                                                                                                             |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roasted or baked turkey</li><li>• Glazed ham</li><li>• Baked chicken</li><li>• Turkey gravy</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Baked macaroni and cheese</li><li>• Candied yams</li><li>• Mashed potatoes</li><li>• Stuffing or dressing</li><li>• Collard greens</li><li>• Green beans</li><li>• Cabbage</li><li>• Corn</li><li>• Sweet potato casserole</li><li>• Rice or rice pilaf</li><li>• Dinner rolls or cornbread</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sweet potato pie</li><li>• Apple pie</li><li>• Pumpkin pie</li><li>• Peach cobbler</li><li>• Pound cake</li><li>• Assorted cookies or brownies</li><li>• Banana pudding</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bottled water</li><li>• Apple juice</li><li>• Cranberry juice</li><li>• Iced tea</li><li>• Lemonade</li></ul> |

## 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.

## ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Thanks to our generous donors and the work of Orphan Grain Train volunteers, the total raised in this year's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser was \$2,917! All proceeds will help the OGT Mid-Atlantic branch continue to deliver much needed resources and share Christ's love with people all over the world!

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.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be? Would you change your job or where you live? Some things in life though, we don't have any control over, or could we do anything about no matter how hard we wished it not to be- our heritage for one, our health for another. However, some things can be changed- our viewpoints for instance. If you would like to change how you look at things, why not call for a Stephen Minister who can pray for and with you to help you. It could give you another reason to give thanks this year! For more information, contact Peggy Angel or Ellen French at 302-734-7078.

## LADIES ADVENT NATIVI-TEA

Please join us on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, for our annual NativiTea. Our theme this year is "A Thrill of Hope." It's a wonderful time of fellowship as we enjoy Advent themed festivities and gather together to prepare our hearts for this Advent season. The sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Please see Barbara Hadley or Vickie Thompson if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

## 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.

## 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

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| November 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Usher– Lia<br>Reader– Chuck H.<br>Assisting Minister– Jandy<br>Lay Deacon– Vickie<br>Stephen Minister– Diane C. | November 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Usher– Ken<br>Reader– Linda P.<br>Assisting Minister– Vickie<br>Lay Deacon– Rich P.<br>Stephen Minister– Ellen | November 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Usher– Charles S.<br>Reader– Jack<br>Assisting Minister– Ken<br>Lay Deacon– Jandy<br>Stephen Minister– Peggy |
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| <p align="center"><b>Happening at St. John's 11/1-11/7</b></p> <p>Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion<br/> Children's Church<br/> 10:30am Bible Study</p> <p>Monday 6:00pm Youth Group</p> <p>Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place<br/> 1:00pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday 7:00am Gathering Lambs Parent Breakfast<br/> 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place<br/> 6:00pm Evening Bible Study</p> <p>Thursday 10:00pm Circuit 1 SED Meeting<br/> 4-4:30pm Meals for the Homeless</p> <p>Friday<br/> Saturday</p>                                                                                                                                  | <p align="center"><b>Upcoming Birthdays</b></p> <p>10/31 Helen Morella<br/> 11/1 Joseph Stevens<br/> 11/8 Tricia Massey<br/> 11/9 Alex Rivera<br/> 11/11 Pam Strausbaugh<br/> 11/12 Rich Peko<br/> 11/13 Dr. Don Abrutyn<br/> 11/14 Everette McGuire<br/> 11/18 Linda Barlow</p> <p align="center"><b>Upcoming Anniversaries</b></p> <p>11/10 Jack and Laurel Baird</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p align="center"><b>Prayer Requests</b></p> <p><b>We lift the following people up in prayer...</b></p> <p>Bridget Pedone, 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</p> | <p><b>Options for Church Offerings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Vanco Mobile App</li> <li>❖ Checks can be mailed or dropped off</li> <li>❖ Online donations can be made at <a href="http://sjldover.com">sjldover.com</a></li> <li>❖ Offering plate at services</li> </ul> <p align="center"><b>Thank you for supporting the ministry of<br/> St. John's Lutheran Church.</b></p> <p>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!</p> <p align="center"><b>302-734-7078 or <a href="mailto:rgettings@sjldover.com">rgettings@sjldover.com</a></b></p> |