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.

FILM SCREENING AND LUNCH
Our friends at St. Andrews will be hosting a lunch and screening of the documentary *No Place to Grow Old* on Sunday, November 15th. Please email office@salcdover.org to register for the lunch, which will begin at 12:00pm. The film will be shown following the meal, at 1:30pm. Please contact Lonna Price at the above email address if you have any questions.

BAKE SALE
Our next bake sale will be on November 15th and the theme will be "Pie, pie, and more pie"!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
We serve light snacks at children's church. Please let us know if your child has any allergies or dietary restrictions.

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 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 will be collecting 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

ALTAR FLOWERS
We thank Richard and Linda Barlow for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's worship service.
Dedication:

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Linda's father, Howard, and sister, Paula.

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
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
This week, we will celebrate Veteran's Day! Our hats are off to all the brave men and women who put their lives on hold, just to defend our country. They did this so that you and I could live in a free world. Indeed, many people take for granted all that we can do here, such as our freedom of religion. Sometimes though, personal pain and suffering keep us physically, emotionally or spiritually in a prison of our own doing. We feel alone even in a group! What can you do? Who can you truly express, without feeling judged, how you are feeling? Why not call Helen, or the church office, to ask for a Stephen Minister so he/she can help you to break free of your struggle? Just as Veterans helped keep us free from outward danger, so too, do Stephen Ministers want to help you from letting negative outward forces confine you. Contact Peggy Angel, Ellen French, or Pastor CJ (302-734-7078).

LADIES ADVENT NATIVI-TEA
Please join us on December 6th 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

November 8th	November 15th	November 22nd
Usher– Ken	Usher– Charles S.	Usher– Richard B.
Reader– Linda P.	Reader– Jack	Reader– Linda B.
Assisting Minister– Vickie	Assisting Minister– Ken	Assisting Minister– Rich P.
Lay Deacon– Rich P.	Lay Deacon– Jandy	Lay Deacon– Vickie
Stephen Minister– Ellen	Stephen Minister– Peggy	Stephen Minister– Judy

Happening at St. John's 11/8-11/14

Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:30am Bible Study
Monday
Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place
1:00pm Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place
Thursday 10:00am W.I.N.G.S.
5:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision
Friday
Saturday 12-2pm Restore Hope in Jesus Children's Class

Upcoming Birthdays

11/8 Tricia Massey
11/9 Alex Rivera
11/11 Pam Strausbaugh
11/12 Rich Peko
11/13 Dr. Don Abrutyn
11/14 Everette McGuire
11/18 Linda Barlow
11/22 Locklyn Terray
11/22 Stephen Siok

Upcoming Anniversaries

11/10 Jack and Laurel Baird

Prayer Requests

We lift the following people up in prayer…

Georgette Fox, 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

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!

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