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. If you already registered for lunch, that begins at 12:00pm. The film will be shown following the meal, at 1:30pm.

BAKE SALE
We will be having a bake sale this Sunday, November 15th and the theme is "Pie, pie, and more pie"! All proceeds benefit the Building Improvement Fund. As always, thank you to our incredibly talented bakers!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Have questions about the 2027 budget proposal? There will be a meeting following this Sunday's service to answer your questions before the Voters Meeting scheduled for November 22nd. So, grab a slice of pie and join us!

INTERFAITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER
We are collecting socks (in all sizes) for the women's shelter for the entire month of November. A tote is in the Narthex. So far, we have 48 pairs— thank you so very much! You have made many feet happy and many hearts full! On Thursday, November 19th from 11-11:30am, we will be collecting snacks and paper plates for the shelter in the church parking lot.—Diane

THANKSGIVING EVE
We invite you to join us on Wednesday, November 25th, at 6:15 pm for a Thanksgiving Eve Service. Our theme for the evening is gratitude for the gifts our Lord has so graciously given us and for the blessing that is our church family. It will be a peaceful time to pause, give thanks, and prepare our hearts for the holiday. Following the service will gather for our annual Pie Social, a sweet time of fellowship. We would be truly delighted to have you with us!

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE
Say "THANKS" – It's polite to say thank you when you receive a gift. God has given us the greatest gift of all – eternal life and unconditional love in Jesus Christ. How can you say thanks for that? One way is to share the love you have received with others who may feel unloved and alone in their troubles. Stephen Ministers say thanks to God by caring for others. If you would like a Stephen Minister, contact Peggy Angel, Ellen French, or Pastor CJ at (302) 734-7078 today.

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, confirm the price, and confirm that the flowers will be delivered to the church. Thank you.

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!

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
It's almost time! Our monthly quilt drawings will resume 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 15th	November 22nd	November 26th
Usher– Charles S.	Usher– Richard B.	Usher– Jeff
Reader– Jack	Reader– Linda B.	Reader– Laurel
Assisting Minister– Ken	Assisting Minister– Rich P.	Assisting Minister– Barb
Lay Deacon– Jandy	Lay Deacon– Vickie	Lay Deacon– Rich P.
Stephen Minister– Judy	Stephen Minister– Judy	Stephen Minister– Vickie

Happening at St. John's 11/15-11/21

Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:30am Bake sale
2027 Budget Q&A Meeting
Monday
Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place
1:00pm Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place
Thursday 11-11:30am Collection for the Women's Shelter
7:00pm MLB Meeting
Friday
Saturday

Upcoming Birthdays

11/13 Dr. Don Abrutyn
11/14 Everette McGuire
11/18 Linda Barlow
11/22 Locklyn Terray
11/22 Stephen Siok
11/26 Bob Wolf
11/28 Ric Fairbanks
11/29 Nathaniel Stevens

Upcoming Anniversaries

11/29 Nathaniel and Jandy Stevens

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, 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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