

The Twinkling of an Eye

TODAY @ ST. JOHN'S

*September 5, 2010
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome friends! We hope that you find our church hospitable, the worship meaningful and the fellowship enjoyable. Your presence is a blessing to us all.

8:15 & 11:00AM ~ Holy Communion
9:30AM ~ Contemporary Service with "Praise4Him" Team, Holy Communion,
10:30AM ~ Drama Group Ministry (rm. 1)

*Coming in
September*

Sept. 7 – Head to Heart Confirmation Kickoff
Tuesday at 6:30 pm (FH)

Sept. 12 – All Church Picnic – Noon
8:15, 9:30 & 11 am - Worship
9:30 am - Sunday School Registration
Parents, C; Children, CH
10:45 am – Outdoor Activities

Sept. 18 – Congregational Potluck Dinner
Small Group Launch
Saturday at 5:30 pm / Bring food to share

Sept. 26 – Tanzanian Worship Guests at all
3 services

Alpha Course Intro. -
"Is There More to Life than This?"
10:45 am, room 1

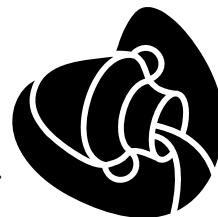


News articles for the October Hear Ye are due by **Sept 12**. Send items to hearye@stjohnssweetair.org.



Clean Water and Freedom from Parasites!

The DR Mission Team has an opportunity to sponsor a clean water project for the village of Esperanza where Pastor Mercedes has her church. For \$8600 we can supply purified water to 2000 people indefinitely. So for \$4.30, one person can drink clean water and be free of parasites and other water-borne diseases for years to come. Hear more about this at the DR presentation on Sept. 19 at all services or contact Linda Walsh at lindawalsh@comcast.net for more info.



Kick-Off Sunday, September 12

Sunday School Launch & Church Picnic - Everyone is welcome!!

Worship at: 8:15AM, 9:30AM and 11AM. With Special Sunday School Kick-Off gathering for parents (of children age 3 thru 6th grade) begins at 9:30AM in the Chapel. Children's activities happen at that same time in the old Chapel Hall. **And**

***Outdoor Activities 10:30AM to 11:45AM (all ages): parent-child kick ball game, parachute games for kids, a water balloon toss and a three legged race for everyone - even some games for our little kids!! Anyone interested in helping to organize these games can contact Lea Ann Mainster.

PICNIC starts at 12 Noon!! **Bring** a dish to share, lawn chairs or blankets. Hamburgers, hotdogs, barbecued chicken and beverages are provided. Come join the fun!!

Country Fair Day—Oct. 9th

Everyone's Help Is Needed!

There is much to do in the days and weeks leading up to a successful fair.

If you would like to know how you can help with this worthwhile event, please contact Andy Essel, 410-229-9870 (H), 410-868-9438 (Mobile), or ILResQU@comcast.net (Email).

This Week

Monday, September 6

Labor Day—Office Closed
6:00PM Garden Group

Tuesday, September 7

2:00PM Bible Study (P)
6:30PM H2H Kick Off (FH)
7:00PM Property Committee (P)
7:45PM Handbells (room 1)

Wednesday, September 8

6:30PM Puppets (YC)
7:00PM Boy Scouts (CH)
7:00PM Praise4Him Team (WC)

Thursday, September 9

7:00AM Men's Breakfast Bible (FH)
7:00PM ALPHA (room 1)
7:30PM AA Meeting (CH)

Friday, September 10

9:00AM Prayer Group (P)
Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, September 11

Confirmation Retreat

C ~ Chapel *N ~ Nursery*
CH ~ Chapel Hall *P ~ Parlor*
CR ~ Choir Room *WC ~ Worship Center*
FH ~ Fellowship Hall *YC ~ Youth Center*



Congratulations to Robert & Suzie Mulqueen on the birth of their son, Mack Robert, on August 18, 2010.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Reading ~ Exodus 32: 7-14
Psalm ~ Psalm 51: 1-10
2nd Reading ~ 1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Gospel ~ Luke 15: 1-10

FAITH & HOPE BUILDING CAMPAIGN

as of July 31, 2010

Pledge Cards Returned	94
Pledge Commitments	81
Pledged Amount	\$409,982
Pledges Received to date	\$ 38,815

Please mail your pledge to St. John's office or place in the offering plate.

A bouquet is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birthday of David Carpenter, by his father, Monte Carpenter.



Lutheran Church of Tanzania Visitors

Guests in Your Home, September 25?

Three members of the Mara Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania will visit us in worship on September 26th. They are:

- ♦ **Dr. Mukome Anthony Nyamhagata**, age 32, a physician, married with one daughter;
- ♦ **Miss Silesi Malli**, a lawyer, age 42, single, one child;
- ♦ **Mr. Andrew Joseph Ogallo**, age 34, married, two children. He is the Treasurer of the Mara Diocese of the ELCT.



We need to provide housing for these guests on Saturday, September 25. If you would like to welcome such an international guest, a fellow Lutheran Christian into your home for the night, please contact Pastor David at asplin@stjohnssweetair.org.

Church Council Seeks Nominees

During these last few weeks of summer, the Nominating Committee of the Church Council is actively seeking folks who might be interested in serving a 3-year term on Church Council. Elections will occur at the November congregational meeting. If you have suggestions or are interested to be a nominee, please contact committee chair, Chris Odell, 410-472-3689. Thanks for your prayers!

BRIDGE SERVICE ASSISTANTS, 9:30AM

Greeters/Ushers Today:

Sue Arsenault



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

Worshippers	Last Week 279 (8/29)	Two Weeks Ago 281 (8/22)	
Current Gifts to God	7/31/10	7/31/10	
<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Two Weeks Ago</u>	<u>YTD Receipts</u>	<u>YTD Expenses</u>
No report	\$7,146	\$306,806	\$338,072

***Every Gift Counts!** Thank you for your financial gifts to both "Current" ministry and our "Expansion Fund" mission goals.*



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
SWEET AIR
GROWING DISCIPLES

NEXT SUNDAY ~ September 12, 2010
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:15AM ~ Service of the Word
9:30AM ~ Contemporary Service
with "Praise4Him" Team, Communion
9:30AM ~ Sunday School Registration
11:00AM ~ Holy Communion
12:00PM ~ Church Picnic



Hospitality Hosts:

Sept. 5 Volunteers needed
Sept. 12 Hospitality Team
Sept. 19 Hunger Team

Coffee Hour Thanks

Thanks to all of the small groups who have brought goodies for us to enjoy from September through June and during the summer months.

A big note of **thanks** to Liza DeBolt for coordinating the coffee hour schedule during the past year. Liza will be turning over this ministry to Gail Blauvelt beginning in September. New coffee hour schedules will be in the mail to small groups soon.

WELCOME ALL
TELL THE STORY
GROW AS DISCIPLES

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those with illness:

Carolyn Bonsignore
Kaye Brandy
Chris Burdette
Bibiana Chestnut
Helen Fisher
Bev Garner
Dorleen Hall
Elaine Herr
Edward Jockel
Gene Kolb
Virginia Mason
Earl Miller
Myrtle Miller
Stephanie Phelps
Shirley Rappold
Evan Connor Smith
Ricky Snyder
Holly Upperco
Elizabeth June Weeks
Charlotte Weir
Joy Yoder
Those with destructive
addictions



Those Bereaved:

Family of Myrtles Miller,
mother of Charlie Miller

Special Needs:

Those unemployed
Our country and our leaders
Peace in the Middle East
Victims of the Gulf Coast oil
spill

Deployed soldiers & families:

Nicholas Bachert
Dominic Bridges
Rob Cockey
Carl Meise
Doug Muhly
Nathan Palisca
Josh Pyle
Fred Smith
Brad Thurlow
Nicholas Tokos
Partners in Care Congregations
for the MD National Guard

Current Ministries:

Empowerment of the Holy
Spirit in:
† McClean Small Group
† Media Team
† Memorial Committee

Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran
Church
Mr. Henry Bernardo
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson
Pr. Tyrone Smith

Prayers of thanksgiving:

Dary Schmidt
Kurt & Stacey Schneidereith,
Madison Whalen, Brooke
Scott & Michelle Schober,
Scotty, Danny

Life Line Screenings at St. John's

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure or a family history of cardiovascular disease?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the



services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain, and offers other, similar tests that check for related vascular disease.

Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com to pre-register. The screenings are at St. John's on October 27, 2010.

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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Oasis
high school ministries

Oasis High School Ministries

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, Oasis, the new high school youth group, will meet from 7-8:30 in the youth center. Oasis will include time to hang out with friends and talks about topics that actually matter. Looking at colleges? Mark your calendars now for our college tour, October 13-15!

**Head TO
HEART**

The Annual Confirmation Kickoff is this Tuesday, Sept 7, 6:30-8:30pm for all confirmation students and their parents and guardians, dinner is included. There will be a time to meet with the leaders, ask questions, break into the small groups, and kickoff this year of confirmation ministry. Dinner starts at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Jeremy Morelock

UNLOCK FAMILY STRENGTH WITH 4 KEYS

Activity~ Sculpture Prayer



Art can be a form of prayer. Creativity can be an expression of beliefs, feelings, thanksgiving, confession, and adoration. Invite your family to create a prayer sculpture. Use clay, play dough, aluminum foil, or any other resources that are available. Ask God to bless the prayers behind each one of these creations.

2011 New Orleans Mission Team Benefit

Basket/Gift Card Bingo

Location: Long Green Fire Hall

Date: Saturday October 16th, 2010

Time: Doors Open: 5:00 pm Bingo Starts: 6:00pm

Ticket Price: \$12.00 in advance /\$15.00 at the door

TICKETS ARE LIMITED!!!!

Refreshments will be available for purchase

Contact: Teresa @ 410-592-2966

Tickets will be available in the fellowship hall (or outside patio-weather permitting) on the following Sundays 9/5, 9/19, 10/3. We are also asking for families, companies, etc. to sponsor / fill the baskets.

ST. JOHN'S STAFF TEAM

Rev. David R. Asplin, Senior Pastor
Rev. John P. Seltzer, Associate Pastor
Rev. H. J. S. Otto, Minister of Pastoral Care
Rev. Partee Boliek, Pastor Emeritus
Mr. Michael Chambers, Director of Music & Organist, Traditional Worship
Mrs. Lea Ann Mainster, Contemporary Worship Leader
Mr. Jeremy Morelock, Dir. of Youth & Family Ministry
Mrs. Trisha Wetzelsberger, Dir. Of Children's Ministry
Ms. Samantha Southern, Nursery Caregiver
Ms. Karen Diehl, Nursery Caregiver
Mr. Leo Lanahan, Custodian
Mrs. Phyllis Floyd, Office Manager
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