



March 17, 2019

8:08 am

Communion Team
*Linda Walsh, Kris Walton,
Chris Fullem, Celaine
Montague*

Reader
Celaine Montague

Ushers/Greeters
*Jean & Ken Ross, Karen
Donoho, Jane Felter*

Media
Mike Bitner, Tim Rader

Assisting Minister
Michael Jochen

9:38 am

Communion Team
*John & Kim Hinegardner,
Riley McWilliams*

Reader
Riley McWilliams

Ushers/Greeters
Chris & Kim Vohrer

Music
*Pastor Sarah & Mychael
Wright*

Media
Jay Cuccia, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team
*Dolores Klass, Gail
Southern*

Reader
Dolores Klass

Ushers/Greeters
*John & Kathy Bruck,
Douglas & Lisa Clark,
Bob Shaff, BJ Cook*

Media
Jay Cuccia, Jason Jones
Assisting Minister
Michael Jochen

welcome all
tell the story
grow as disciples

St. John's Lutheran Church Sweet Air
we are so excited you chose to
worship with us this morning!

WELCOME ALL! Find a yellow card to place in the offering plate to share a prayer or a question or an update! We invite visitors to visit the Welcome Center in the lobby to pick up a sweet treat!

Join The Story?

There is a bookmark in the pew Bible for you to take home. Since September, our readings in worship journey through the Bible. St. John's has focused on a story each week, not just in worship, but also in children's ministry, youth ministry, and adult groups. There are seven main acts of the Bible:

- 1. Creation 2. Fall 3. Promise 4. Israel 5. Jesus 6. The Church 7. Restoration

TODAY's Coffee Hour 9-11 am hosted by Church Council

Church Council meets each second Monday of the month at 7 pm. A term on Church Council is 3 years. The council consists of 12 elected members (4 elected each year), the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, and pastors. The treasurer and the financial secretary are appointed each year by the Council and are non-voting members.

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| Cheryl Bitner | Adam Drescher II | Jim Ritchie, Pres. |
| Dave Bycoffe, VP | Gretchen LeKites | Ross Smith |
| Douglas Clark | Bryon Lundell | Sally Snell |
| Gwenn Crupi | Rick Matthai | Linda Walsh, Sec. |

Packets with information about the proposed entrance expansion are available at the Welcome Center. Question and Answer in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour 9-11a.

TODAY: Children's Ministry 9:30 am

Check in station downstairs and then gather in the New Children's Theater. The last Sunday of every month will be SPLASH into worship center and celebrating Baptism. Splash Nursery open downstairs 9:30 am—12:15 pm.

TODAY: Bible @ Boordy and Matthew 20

Today in worship, we will be hearing the parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16). Our communion wine today is from Boordy Vineyards. Join Pastor Sarah at 1pm at Boordy Vineyards to dive deeper into the Scripture and explore a vineyard in our own backyard! Must be 21 or older. We will engage in a conversational Bible study (with optional wine tasting and glasses for purchase), followed by an optional vineyard tour connecting our community with the biblical parables.

TODAY: Do you get the LOOP by e-mail?

If you would like to receive the LOOP (an e-mail update once a week) please fill out a yellow pew card and place it in the offering plate.

WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

Did you know...

we have devices for the hearing impaired in the back of the church?

A Rosebud

Is given to the Glory of God and in honor of our 57th Anniversary given by David Habicht

Amazing Grace

3rd Tuesday
10:30 am– 3 pm
meet at St. John's

If you were wondering...

The altar flower vases are at the brass shop for restoration and will be back by Easter.

Do you have our Instant Church Directory?

Download the free app on your phone! Look under "Instant Church Directory" or visit our Welcome Center.

Text an EZ offering

donation of any amount to
410 698-6178
one-time or recurring donation.

NEW: Special Invitation Youth & Adults to Easter Baptism

Do you know someone who would like to be baptized but would be anxious in front of the whole church? The early church welcomed adults in baptism at an "Easter Vigil." Sat., April 20th 7pm quiet, more private celebration of prayers, Baptism and new life in our historic chapel. Contact a pastor, office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Our Lent Liturgy for Traditional Worship

will be Setting 10 ELW.
This is a liturgy based on hymns.

Do you play an instrument?

Try a 9:38 Worship Team!
Rehearsal Wednesday evening.
sarah@stjohnssweetair.org .

LENT "Kingdom of Hope in a Rocky World"

Wednesday 1 pm Worship in Chapel each week.

INVITATION: Pick up a Small Prayer River Stone and put it in a place you will see it for a daily reminder. Bring the stone back during Holy Week, especially on Good Friday @ Sweet Air Park.

WEEKLY E-VIDEO FOR TELL THE STORY: Where was God when life got rocky?

St. John's is invited 3 pm March 24th to the installation of Rev. Betty Lou Deuchler at Salem Lutheran Church, 3825 Norrisville Rd, Jarrettsville, MD 21084. St. John's helped plant Salem 50 years ago! St. John's Bronze is also playing!

Did you know today's Message will be online? The Sunday message is now a part of our webpage stjohnssweetair.org under "NEWS" ...good news that is!

YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

Breakaway March 29-31, High School Conference

in Ocean City with a thousand other high schoolers from all over the Mid Atlantic. We stay at the Quality Inn right on the beach and head over to the convention center for a bunch of great bands and speakers plus we get to do fun stuff in OCMD all weekend! 15 registered so far. Cost \$150.

Our H2H Spring Retreat May 3-5

at River Valley Ranch in Manchester doing a lot of really fun activities (games, bonfires, archery tag, hang out time) as we start to wrap up the year of Head to Heart (H2H) confirmation material. stjohnssweetair.churchcenter.com

Young Discipleship Calendar

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| March 31 | 9:38 am Rock painting party!
Come join the Seniors & Children's Ministry painting kindness rocks at 9:38 |
| April 6 | 9 am First Communion Workshop (older kids needed for bread, art and skit teaching) |
| April 7 | 9:38 am Rock painting party!
Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday Last Supper Presentation |
| April 14 | 9-11 am Celebrate First Communion.
Kindness Rocks Display in Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour (Palm Sunday) |

MISSION + MINISTRY

Kick Off Planning Country Fair Day

7 pm Monday March 25th (Fellowship Hall) and every 4th Monday, everyone is invited to meet for planning our annual event the 2nd Saturday in October.

You are invited to two Rock Parties

March 31st 9:38 in Fellowship Hall

April 7th 9:38 in Fellowship Hall

100 rocks to be painted at each event. Sponsored by Senior Ministry and Children's Ministry to roll out Easter Kindness Rocks into the world with the Good News of Jesus!

Building an organic garden for God

Saturday, March 30th 9 am– noon. Anyone can join!

Contact office@stjohnssweetair.org for Michael

Hoppes, Laura Heller, or Gail Blauvelt

If you are interested in using the other half of garden, contact us to set up your space. Request 25% of produce donated back to church.

Community Shred Day

Sat. April 13th 9 am – noon. Sponsored by our Finance Team. Please remove 3-ring binders, large “bulldog” clips, old check covers, yarn, string, etc --paper clips are okay.

Wanted: Scraps of Yarn

Yarn of all sizes can be used to make hats for babies and adults. Watch for basket at Welcome Center. Contact Martha Vorher office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Wanted: gently-used khaki pants

Several high schools in our city are in need of khaki pants for school. All sizes/teen/adult; male/female styles. Visit the rack at the Welcome Center. Organized by Stephanie Carroll office@stjohnssweetair.org

Caring Hearts Outreach Workshop April 3rd 7 pm (note time change)

Topic: Empathy. New people welcomed to Parlor.

Caring Hearts Outreach makes connections by phone or visit with shut-ins and those who are recovering from illness. We meet quarterly to share about phone calls and visits. ~ LuAnn Lundell, office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Caring Paws Outreach Spring Invitation

A class (7 Sunday sessions @ 2 pm starting April 7th) can be available this spring if we get 5-7 dogs signed up. Open to all. Deb Winkler of Humane Domain has some of the highest ratings in Maryland. Contact office@stjohnssweetair.org for a form. \$175 fee (St. John's) includes training, embroidered vest and certificate.

Hygiene Items Needed

Currently, Amazing Grace is in dire need of hygiene products such as **body wash, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, diapers, baby wipes, Chapstick (lip balm), toilet paper, toothpaste, and tooth brushes.** Place items in the food pantry box in the Fellowship Hall.

Palm Sunday, April 14...

invitation to ride a history bus!

Our synod's Racial Justice Ministry Team will host a bus ride through Baltimore, to share the history of Lutheran congregations closing instead of serving their communities as the racial makeup of the neighborhood changed. The bus will leave at 3 pm from Zion Lutheran Church (400 E Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21202) and return by 5:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for congregations to reflect on their own participation in white flight and how we respond to continued changes in community demographics.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Men's Bible Study 7:15 am Thursdays

We invite all guys to drop by for a special video this week on Jesus and the Old Testament. Great way to connect the dots for Lent. Coffee is hot and ready for you!

Other Weekly Bible Studies

Adults, drop in 7 pm Tuesday for **Bible Basics and the Holy Land** (Youth Center)

This week: Caesarea/ Mt. Carmel/Cana/Nazareth

9:30 am Sundays in the Parlor
7 pm Mondays in the Parlor
2 pm Tuesdays in the Parlor
7 pm Tuesdays in Youth Center
7:15am Men's Bible Study Thursdays (FH)
8 pm Facebook Live



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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Lift up in prayer:

Jack Arsenault
Pastor Boliek
Anthony Chiralo
Hal & Scott Clem
Norma Culbertson
Ava Daniels
Evan Davis & family
Sharon Delauder
Megan Devine
George Fitzwater
Benton Gatch
Libby Gill
Mark Habicht
Pr. Peter Hansen
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
David Jones
Vicki Kalabokes
Ruth Ann Langlotz
Jennifer Lauer
Fred Meise

The family of Melanie
Jo Morrison
Bill Moulds
Carolyn Rahll
Henry Weaver
Ruth Welkner
Ted Weyforth
Sophie Wittlesberger
Janet Wunderlich

Members of the week:

Tony & Valerie Montone,
Sam
Brad & Ruth Moore
Roger & Sharon Muhler

This week we pray for:

† Pier 456
† 360 Club
† Vacation Bible School

Our mission partners:

- ♦ Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Revs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
- ♦ Dominican Republic
Revs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson
- ♦ New Orleans St. Bernard Project
Rev. Tyrone Smith
- ♦ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
- ♦ Delaware Maryland synod
Bishop Bill Gohl
- ♦ Guatemala Missionaries
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr
- ♦ Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA
Rev. Josh Knipple
- ♦ Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

Special needs:

The families devastated by plane
crashes, car accidents and
Tornadoes
The terrorist attacks in
New Zealand
Violence in our society

Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. Visitation: Please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you.

NOTE: Special Congregational Meeting March 24th 9:15 am

808 and 1108 worship remain. We will begin our 9:15 meeting with prayer and music and end with communion. Our Council will present and recommend final concept drawings and a high-level budget proposal for the entrance expansion project at a special congregational meeting in the Worship Center.

The Entrance goals:

1. ADA designed ramp
2. Expanded lobby
3. ADA restrooms

ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

Prior Week's Attendance (3/3/2019)

8:08...52
9:38...83
11:08...66
Children's Ministry...17
Adult Ministry... (11) TOTAL...218

Members:

Total members: 372 households
New members : 16
New members by baptism: 1

Treasurer's Report:

February Unified Budget Offering: \$41,820
February Expenses: \$47,754
Net (\$8,772)

EZ Giving:

February Donated \$17,408
YTD Donated \$37,385
Last Year Through February \$29,773
Number of EZ Givers (February): 62