



March 31, 2019

8:08 am

Communion Team

Celaine Montague, Brad Moore

Reader

Celaine Montague

Ushers/Greeters

Cindy Hilbert-Rayme, Bob Rayme, Bob & Johneva Mickey

Media

Jay Cuccia, Tim Rader

Assisting Minister

Marjorie Espenschade

9:38 am

Communion Team

The DeBolt Family

Reader

The DeBolt Family

Ushers/Greeters

Andy & Joyce Essel

Music

*Brad Houck, Rob Sliwka,
Pastor Sarah Wright*

Media

Mike Bitner, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

Rae Neunaber

Reader

Noel White

Ushers/Greeters

Ernie Nuetzel, Kipp Jacobin, Jim Bridges, Tara Lovett

Media

Mike Bitner, Jason Jones

Assisting Minister

Ileen Greene

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 we Join the Story on Act 5 Jesus: : Matthew 25

Since we are in a time of Lent, we are reminded we are called to anticipate Restoration and stay in community with other Christians. Question: How do we exclude ourselves from community in Christ?

A Memorable Way to Remember the Parable of the Bridesmaids

In March, over 110 bridesmaids dresses were donated through St. John's for a noon event today at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. *The Priceless Gown Project* was created in an effort to help young women, who would not ordinarily be able to finance the experience on their own, attend their prom

TODAY's Coffee Hour 9-11 am hosted by St. John's Bronze

St. John's Bronze plays handbells and handchimes as part of traditional worship. Open to teens and adults, we rehearse Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm from September to June. We play for worship about once a month, for special services and for community events. Questions: Louisa Rettew, 410-666-1992, lrettew@stjohnssweetair.org.

TODAY at 9:38 - We Welcome in Baptism Keegan James Kirkpatrick Born April 3, 2018

His godparents are Lindsey Plourde and Jonathan Kirkpatrick
Proud parents are Kristen & James Kirkpatrick III
Big sister is Finley
Great aunt Jackie Lober

WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

Did you know...

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

Do you play an instrument?

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

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!

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.

Easter Vigil 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." Join us on Sat., April 20th at 7 pm for a quiet, more private celebration of prayers, baptism and new life in our historic chapel. Contact a pastor, office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Easter Tulip Order 2019

If you would like to place tulips on the altar for Easter, please complete a form at Welcome Center and return to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. Cost per plant is \$5. Please make your check payable to "Women of St. John's" and mark it "Tulips." Deadline is Palm Sunday, April 14th. The tulips can be taken after the last service on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

Members and new Members are invited:

April 28th 9:30 am **Welcome Program** in Fellowship Hall finishes with walking tour.
April 28th 11 am **Splash Workshop** for families planning a baptism in the coming year.

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?*

Questions Regarding Summer Worship

A comment was made at the congregational meeting (3/24) about changing from 3 to 2 worship services each Sunday. Our Worship and Music Committee has been reviewing, developing and enhancing *Dynamic and Engaging* worship experiences for the St. John's community. Part of this has been discussing options for summer worship. There is currently no recommendation and/or motion before Council about changing the times for summer Sunday services. They remain at 8:08/9:38/11:08. Worship and Music Committee has members from traditional and contemporary services and welcomes additional people for this ongoing discussion. (Next Mtg: April 29th 7 pm in Resource Room.)
Jim Ritchie, Council President, Michael Jothen, Worship and Music Facilitator, and pastors.

YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP



Please join us for our 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt taking place on Saturday, April 20th at 11:30 am here at St. John's (indoors if rain). Bring a basket! Free of charge. Food available for purchase. Egg hunts, crafts, face painting. Fun for the entire family!

We are currently collecting individually wrapped candy and small egg stuffers until April 7th. A collection box is located in the Fellowship Hall.

A big "THANK YOU" to all for your support.

~Gwenn Crupi, St. John's MOM's gwenncrupi@yahoo.com.

Young Discipleship Calendar

April 6	9 am First Communion Workshop
April 14	9-11 am Celebrate First Communion and Palm Sunday Kindness Rocks Display in Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour (Palm Sunday)

MISSION + MINISTRY

Outcome of Congregational Meeting held March 24th in Worship Center

The Entrance Proposal passed to welcome all with an ADA designed ramp, expanded lobby, and ADA rest - rooms. Concept drawing packets available at Welcome Center. Next Steps: in April, Council will start to appoint a Capital Campaign team and a Design team.

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!

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

Holy Land 2019?

Walk where Jesus walked: Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Consider joining St. John's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land September 18-28, 2019. Open to St. John's and friends. Please see the brochure at the Welcome Desk and/or call Fred Derrick at 410-627-8790.

5 Volunteers needed to join pastors at Synod Assembly

Where: Delta Hunt Valley May 30-June 1

Theme: "Holy Wisdom; Holy Word"

Optional: Fri. evening Keynote Peter Enns podcast "Bible for ordinary people" and workshops will coordinate with this theme.

Caring Hearts Outreach Workshop April 3rd 7 pm

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.

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.

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.

Penny Donation Jug until April 14th

Troop 1423 is collecting pennies to help the children at Villa Maria School in Towson which offers education and support to children with emotional, behavioral, and learning challenges. The money raised will go toward purchasing a new sign for the children's nature trail and to go toward cleaning up the flower beds. – jessica.abraskin@gmail.com.

Open House...92nd Birthday Party for Pastor Boliek

Sunday April 28th. Everyone is invited 12-3 pm in Fellowship Hall

DE MD Synod Creation Care Team

Invites you to the next interfaith lecture on urban forests. April 8th 7-9 pm @Memorial Episcopal Church, 1407 Bolton St. 21217.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

St. John's Book Club

May 9th, 10-11:30 am discuss, "*Introverts in the Church: Finding Our Place in an Extroverted Culture*" by Adam S. McHugh, Scot McKnight

Intervarsity Press / 2017

The public library does not carry this book so it must be ordered. All Welcome!

2019 Annual Women's Convention DEMD Synod

Saturday April 27, 8:30 am – 3 pm

Augsburg Lutheran Home

6811 Campfield Road, Gwenn Oak, MD 21207

Penny offering and open to all.



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Marketing Intern**

Bethany Ingram

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Lift up in prayer:

Jack Arsenaault
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Boliek
Anthony Chiralo
Hal & Scott Clem
Joe Connell
Ava Daniels
Evan Davis & family
Dorothy Diehl
Larry Dixon
Bill Flohr
Benton Gatch
Libby Gill
Janet Habersat
Pr. Peter Hansen
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
Orville Hughes
Vicki Kalabokes
Jackie Lober
Fred Meise
Leona Mickey
Tony Montone
Jo Morrison

Bill Moulds
Mary Prime
Carolyn Rahl
Sharon Markley Schreiber
Ross & Jeanette Smith
Henry Weaver
Ruth Welkner
Ted Weyforth
Sophie Wittlesberger
Janet Wunderlich

Members of the week:

Tim & Jenny Nelson,
Emily, Cole
Ernie & Gail Nuetzel
Heinz & Eleanor Oest

This week we pray for:

† Youth & Family Ministry
Team
† Church Council
† Worship & Music Ministry

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:

Violence in our society
All those devastated by natural disasters

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 14 , 8:08, 9:38, 11:08

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 1pm (Chapel), 7pm (Worship Center)

Good Friday

April 19 Clynmalira Methodist Church 11 am

Easter Vigil

April 19, Sweet Air Park 6:30 pm

Easter, April 21

6:30am Sunrise Service (Chapel)
7:00am Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
8:08am Traditional Worship (Worship Center)
9:38am Contemporary Worship (Worship Center)
11:08am Traditional Worship (Worship Center)

ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

Prior Week's Attendance (3/24/2019)

8:08...65
9:38...92
11:08...61
Children's Ministry...38
Adult Ministry... (12) TOTAL...256

Members:

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

Treasurer's Report:

February Unified Budget Offering: \$41,820
Designated Offering -\$2,839
Net Operating Income \$38,981
February Expenses: \$47,754
Net Operating Income (\$8,772)

Project Welcome Expansion Approved

Estimated Cost as of April 2019: \$700,000

Funding Plan for Expanded Welcome Project:

\$ 195,000 Existing Faith & Hope Fund
\$ 260,000 Portion of Endowments
\$ 250,000 Capital Campaign Goal
\$ 705,000 Total