



July 7, 2019

8:08 am

Communion Team

Joel & Janet Grove, Celaine Montague, Gerry Peterson

Reader

Celaine Montague

Ushers/Greeters

Ken & Jean Ross, Karen Donoho, Nancy Murray

Media

Mike Bitner, Doug Crowe

Assisting Minister

Marjorie Espenschade

9:38 am

Communion Team

TBA

Reader

TBA

Ushers/Greeters

The Sliwka Family, Lee & Stevie McDonald

Music

Abby Connor, Rob Sliwka

Media

Jay Cuccia, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

Kathy Cathell, John Derwart, Bob Shaff, Gail Southern

Reader

Kathy Cathell

Ushers/Greeters

John Dausch, Mark Hemmeter, Rob Meloni

Media

Sharyn Kearney, Jason Jones

Assisting Minister

Don Zurwelle

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 the Welcome Center in the lobby to pick up a sweet treat!

Summer Theme: Restoring Waters

There is a NEW summer bookmark in the Bible for you to take home. Our theme for summer is based on the last act of the Bible:

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

Today we include Genesis 1 and Acts 16. When the Apostle Paul meets Lydia and those praying at the river, Lydia immediately dives into her faith by being baptized. What do we need to ask God to open our hearts to, and how can we dive in as confidently as Lydia?

TODAY: Welcome Deacon Laura Heller

Deacon means "servant" in the Greek. In 2017 the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) introduced a unified roster of *Ministry of Word and Service* for deacons, diaconal ministers, and associates in ministry. This is *not* the local Order of St. Stephen, Deacon. A rostered deacon has completed seminary course work and candidacy for the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Deacon Laura Heller, who joined our church last year, is on this ELCA Roster and serves our synod as coordinator for care and creation. She recently preached for our Delaware Maryland synod assembly worship on why we must restore creation. She also stepped forward to be our project coordinator for our new organic garden. It is an exciting time for St. John's to be learning new models of mission and growing as disciples.

Today is a Garden Open House

Visit display table be set up in the Fellowship Hall and pick up native plant brochures and some Creation Care Ministry shopping bags

**Most Needed
Communion Coordinator**

Marge Burdette has been coordinating communion volunteers for traditional worship for years. She is retiring at age 94. Please join us in thanking Marge for going the extra mile. It will likely take two people to replace her. **Urgently needed:** a communion coordinator for 1108. No monthly meetings required.

Seeking Soloist or Instrumentalist

or play a solo on an instrument is invited on Aug 11 or Aug 18 for the traditional services. All ages welcome. Contact Gail Jothan. 443-827- 0018. Thanks!

Full Coffee Hour 9 am to 11 am will return in September

YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

Summer Updates

Emily Green, is our 2019 YFM summer intern through mid-August. She is a junior from Eastern University studying youth ministry and psychology.

4 Apprentices join our church staff over the summer and work with staff mentors and ministry leaders to build innovative projects in a variety of ministry areas.

Reid Bycoffe Riley Jones Riley McWilliams Chris Ritchie

Young Adults 1824

Now meeting Summer Sundays 8:45 pm. Contact Jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org

Prayers for our High School Mission Trip to Gainesville, GA July 7-13

Jules Barton	Emily Green	Jenna Loomis	Abby Mummert
Reid Bycoffe	Riley Jones	Jamie Loomis	Drew O'Donnell
Jim Dowla	Susanne Kauffman	Nick Lyons	Mackenzie Platt
Hayden Dowla	Anna Koerber	Riley McWilliams	Alyssa Ritchie
Wilson Farlow	Katie Koerber	Jeremy Morelock	Chris Ritchie
Andrew Gabis	Madelena Lapinski	Sam Morelock	Josh Sliwka
			Caroline Sutley

Save the Date: VBS August 5-9 Rolling River Rampage

9 am-noon. Volunteers needed for arts and crafts.

Contact [Megan McBee](mailto:MeganMcBee). megan@stjohnssweetair.org

As of June 30, 72 children are registered for VBS. 80% are from the community! We are in great need of adult volunteers to help lead a group and/or set up on Sunday, August 4 following 11:08 worship. **Please join us for one of the Volunteer Orientations, offered in the Children's Theater:** Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30 pm, Sunday, July 28 at 11 am or Sunday, August 4 at 11 am (decorating to follow). **Looking for other ways to help? We are hoping to BORROW 3-4 small tents for our Worship Center set design.**

Pool Noodles (Goal is 50)	Blue streamers (All shades)
Water beads	White streamers
River Rocks	Blue and white balloons
Clear Elmer's Washable Glue	Brown Packing Paper
Battery operated LED lights (Goal is 100)	Goldfish crackers
Disposable cups for water cooler	Monetary donations are always appreciated

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Do you like to paint?

St. John's will be hosting an Art Show Friday evening October 25th called "Starry Starry Night". If you like to draw or paint or know someone who does and would be willing to share, please contact Susan Daneker or the church office office@stjohnssweetair.org. We would like everyone to participate!

Open Weekly Bible Studies

2 pm	Bible Insights Tuesdays in the Parlor
7:15 am	Men's Bible Study Thursdays (FH)
9:30 am	Bible Insights Sundays (P)

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!

Text an EZ Offering donation of any amount to **410 698-6178** one-time or recurring donation.

Do you have our Instant Church Directory?

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

Did you know...? we have devices for the hearing impaired in the back of the church?

MEDIA / IT
July 10 @5:30 pm
Invites you to our next workshop and meeting, in the Fellowship Hall. It's fun to learn!

MISSION + MINISTRY

Friday, July 12 - 7 pm Movie

Parlor of St. John's. FREE screening of **Paris to Pittsburgh**, a new film from National Geographic and narrated by Emmy® & Golden Globe® Award winning actress and activist Rachel Brosnahan. This film is being offered through *Interfaith Power and Light* to draw faith communities together to inspire local community action to heal the climate for the benefit of all.

Best Chili Cookoff Ever Planning Meeting - Tuesday July 16th 7 pm in Parlor

Cookoff to take place Nov. 9.

April Freitag needs 4-6 people to join in planning. office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Amazing Grace Soup Kitchen

Special date Friday, July 19th 10:30 am – 3 pm. Meet at St. John's. Email loop has sign up link to donate food. Place items in the food pantry box in the Fellowship Hall or labeled "Amazing Grace" in the kitchen fridge.

Progressive Dinner—Friday July 19th

Limit 40 spaces.

Reserve your spot - email office@stjohnssweetair.org

6 pm Appetizer @ St. John's Fellowship Hall

7pm Meal draw from 4 locations and set out!

8:30pm Dessert back @ St. John's

Bring a beverage or salad to share at meal.

You are invited to...

Parsonage Open House / Sunday, July 21st /12-2p

See the finished parsonage kitchen and first dishwasher!

Please RSVP by July 19th to the church

office@stjohnssweetair.org

Pet Blessings + stuffed animals

7 PM Friday, July 26 at St. John's (Chapel Hall if raining) All Creatures Welcomed. Bring a lawn chair / blanket. Meet our 4 new Caring Paws Graduates. Cat litter & pet food welcomed as offering for local shelter.

Annual Crab Feast

August 24 at 6 pm

Tickets \$60 and will go on sale July 28th

All you can eat + carved beef, glazed ham, smoked turkey.

Proceeds benefit parsonage for asbestos abatement and to replace carpet.

Can you turn in your pledge card by September 29?

Be on the look-out for your capital campaign envelope in the mail if you did not pick one up. Council is excited for our Capital Campaign for our expanded entrances, accessible restrooms and new ramp. Our campaign began with Council and we will collect pledge cards between now and September 29th in offering plate. Council has approved the following team leaders: Susanne Kauffman and Tom DeBolt co-chair, Capital Treasurer Kim Hinegardner. Contact office@stjohnssweetair.org.

New Member Cookout

Tuesday, August 27th . 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall followed by walking tour. Mark a pew card or email office@stjohnssweetair.org if you can attend.

Register now for Sept. 1 Bus Trip To Amazing Grace

Mark a pew card if you want to ride the bus (32 seats left). NOTE: Only 8:08 worship will be available at St. John's in the Chapel Labor Day Weekend. At 9:30 am everyone invited to carpool or get on the bus to Amazing Grace Lutheran Church for unity worship.

6pm Wednesdays Invitation to God's Garden for Mission

We have planted tomatoes, peppers, kale, collard greens, cucumbers, yellow squash, zucchini, bush and pole beans, and sunflowers. Stop by at your convenience and help with weeding and harvesting. Deacon Laura Heller office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Buy a St. John's T-Shirt

NEW T-shirts for youth and adults help us all get ready for VBS, Country Fair Day, and spread the word this summer. Breathable Blue short sleeve shirts \$15 adult/ \$10 child. Sign up at welcome center if you don't see your size.

In the large pew racks: Find a Connection!

Our goal is to be connected. Each of us is asked to prayerfully consider where God is currently connecting you. The Connections Guide describes different ministries already available through our church. Complete the back page and drop it in the offering plate or basket in the Welcome Center.



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Rev. Dr. Lisa Arrington

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Partee Boliek

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Discipleship &
Contemporary
Worship**

Rev. Sarah Wright
On medical leave

**Director of Music
& Organist**

Michael Chambers

**Director of Young
Discipleship**

Jeremy Morelock

**Children's Ministry
Coordinator**

Megan McBee

Pier456 Intern

Sophie Bates

Nursery Leader

938/1108

Leah Hunt

Nursery Helpers

Katie Koerber

Nick Lyons

Leslie Reese

Facilities Manager

Rev. Randy Terry

Office Managers

Laurie Krieger

Julie Pickett

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Lift up in prayer:

John Abendschein
Linda Asplin
Carolyn Bengel
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Partee Boliek
Ronald Cassett
Linda Daiker
Ava Daniels
Tony Genovese
Richard Griffin
Dave & Marilyn Habicht
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
Stevie Kauffman
Fred Meise
Leona Mickey
Tony & Val Montone
Jo Morrison
Lennie Phillips
Bob Rigger

Stacey Schneidereith
Deric Showman
Jeanette Smith
Audrey Stifler
Warren & Ann Theill
Linda Trimble & family
Ruth Welkner
Pastor Sarah Wright

Members of the week:

Joy Strother
Hollyn Svingos
Bill & Karen Tavik,
Hannah, Will, Henry, Jack

This week we pray for:

† 360 Club
† Vacation Bible School
† Head to Heart

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
- ◆ National ELCA 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:

All those devastated by natural disasters.
Wanda, who's a missionary in Haiti, during the political unrest there.
All affected by acts of violence

PRAYER UPDATES

A letter has arrived from **Pastor Sarah Wright** with her update and appreciation for prayer cards during her 60-day medical leave (started May 14). In addition, Pastor Sarah will be using some of her vacation time to prepare to transition to her next step in the healing process. We will share her return to work plan as soon as we know more. Thank you for your prayers. *"I am so incredibly grateful for all of your support and especially for this place and time for healing. The days are brighter with cards, prayers and thoughts from each of you. So I hope you will excuse my delay of responses to your sweet cards and accept this thank you—Pastor Sarah."*

So many people have been sharing prayer cards and support. **Caring Hearts Outreach** and **Caring Paws Outreach** are such a big help with visitations thanks to co-ordinator **LuAnn Lundell**. **Park Espenschade** stepped up to teach Bible Insights 2 pm Tuesdays.

Thank you all for your loving support during our journey. Bill was always happy when he was here among our Church family. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, and the Men's Bible Study group enriched our lives. We are grateful to Pastor Lisa and Pastor Sarah for their visits. A special thanks to Pastor Lisa, Gail Jothen, Doris Koerner and all her helper angels who made the service and luncheon so special. God is Good All the Time! **The Moulds Family**

ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

Prior Week's Attendance (6/23/2019)

8:08...64 9:38...85 11:08...55
Children's Ministry...In worship
TOTAL...204

Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$5,465