



Oct. 6, 2019

**8:08 am**

**Communion Team**

Nancy Murray, Linda Peper, Louisa Rettew, Emily Walton

**Reader**

Nancy Murray

**Ushers/Greeters**

Nancy Murray, Jane Felter, Janet & Earl Canapp, Linda Peper

**Media**

Doug Crowe

**Assisting Minister**

Joel Grove

**9:38 am**

**Communion Team**

Tom & Liza DeBolt

**Reader**

Riley McWilliams

**Ushers/Greeters**

The McWilliams family

**Music**

JJ Beauvais

**Media**

Mike Bitner, Dan Knott

**11:08 am**

**Communion Team**

Louisa Rettew, Fausto Nelson, DR Team

**Reader**

DR Team

**Ushers/Greeters**

Gino Liberati, John Derwart, Michael Comeau, Bob Shaff

**Media**

Noel White, Jason Jones

**Assisting Minister**

Joel Grove

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!

**LIVE THE STORY**

There is a NEW bookmark in the 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 hear the act of the Bible about Israel with our reading of Genesis 32:22-30. Abraham and Sarah's grandson, Jacob, wrestles with an angel and receives the name "Israel" which means "strives with God." Why do we struggle with God? How is God in the struggle?

**Today We Welcome Fausto and Aury Nelson...**

from our mission partnership with the Dominican Republic. For 15 years we have sent new volunteers every year. In 2014 we added a medical team, then reading glasses, then a water system, and then a food program. In 2015 we started a prescription glasses program, complete with an auto refractor and 2,000 pairs of glasses! We also collect shoes and hotel toiletries.

**What is a mission trip like to the Dominican Republic?**

Our June 20-27, 2020 mission trip lasts one week. We partner with a local church led by Pastors Mercedes and Isaias Nelson. There are sometimes 10-20 people on our team. We are hosted by a school with dorm style housing with showers. Meals are prepared each day for us. When we go out, volunteers can choose our traveling medical clinic or Children's Ministry or House of Blessing (distribution of food, clothing, shoes, sunglasses, work gloves and prayer!). During the week we attend a Dominican church service and take a half day to fellowship with our Dominican friends at the beach. Cost is usually \$1,300 for travel, housing, food etc.

**Today's Coffee Hour 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall  
sponsored 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. Contact: Louisa Rettew, RingLeader 410-666-1992 lrettew@stjohnssweetair.org.

**The last Sunday of every month is SPLASH Sunday**

We celebrate Baptism on the last Sunday of every month at all worship services. Splash Nursery available every week for 9:38 and 11:08.

# YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

## Visit the rolling prayer board in the Fellowship Hall...

that creates a system to connect people across age groups to pray for one another.

### Adult Nursery Help Needed

This position is paid and is open to adults 21+. Interested? Please email Jeremy Morelock at [Jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:Jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org).

### Splash Baptism Workshop, I I am Oct 27<sup>th</sup> in Nursery

This is great opportunity for expecting families, godparents, grandparents and siblings!

### Trunk or Treat

Save the date...Saturday, October 26th 530-7pm

### Pier 4, 5, 6

6pm October 19<sup>th</sup>...Pier456 Movie Night in the Youth Center!  
(all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders welcome)

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## NEW Adult Discipleship

The Adult Forum meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall offering various programs and soup. On October 20<sup>th</sup> we welcome Dave Kline who will lead a workshop on grief. All are welcome. Sponsored by Adult Discipleship (formerly Senior Ministry). Please RSVP to the office at [office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org).

### Adult Discipleship invites you:

12:15 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Adult Discipleship Forum (FH)
9:30 am	Sunday	Adult Discussion (Parlor)
7 pm	Monday	Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
10 am	Tuesday	NEW Tuesday Men's Bible study (FH)
2 pm	Tuesday	Bible Study (Parlor)
6:30 pm	Tuesday	Bible Insights (Parlor)
7:30 pm	Tuesday	10-week study <i>Dear Church</i> by Lenny Duncan (Parlor)

### Art Show October 25<sup>th</sup>

St. John's will be hosting an Art Show 7 pm Friday evening 10/25 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](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org). We would like everyone to participate!

### Mission to NOLA Update

To help with Hurricane Katrina relief, we developed a partnership with *St. Bernard's Project* to help families rebuild their homes. We also partner with a local congregation: *Original Morningstar Full Baptist Church of the Next Generation of New Orleans*.

Dates:	Feb. 16-23, 2019
Airfare:	Typically runs \$300
Housing:	\$400 for the week covers most meals too (Made out to St. John's memo NOLA)
Background check:	\$10 (Made out to St. John's memo NOLA) which will require an email address.
Meals:	Some dinners and tourism activities are additional cost.
Contact:	Dan Knott , NOLA Team Coordinator, <a href="mailto:knottedan2@gmail.com">knottedan2@gmail.com</a>

### A Bouquet

is given in honor of Karen Koerner Diehl & Tom Allen's marriage, which took place on Friday evening. Given by their family.

### Did You Know...

#### Today's Message will be online?

The Sunday message is now a part of our webpage [stjohnssweetair.org](http://stjohnssweetair.org) under "NEWS"... good news that is!

### Would you help...

with ushering at 9:38? See John Phelps or mark a yellow pew card.

### Did You Know...

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

### Do you have our Instant Church Directory?

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

# MISSION + MINISTRY

## What do we do in an emergency?

Reminder that we have three exits from the worship center. In the event of a fire or emergency, use all doors and head to the playground for reunification and safety. Thanks for helping us to welcome all safely and grow as disciples too!

## Fieldtrip to Gettysburg

**Mon. October 14, leave at 9:30 am**

Join Peter Franz and Pastor Lisa. Your choice: tour of United Lutheran Seminary or Seminary Ridge museum.

## Amazing Grace

Tuesday Oct. 15 10:30 am—2:30 pm. Meet at St. John's. Email loop has sign up link to donate food. Place items in the food pantry box in Fellowship Hall.

## Veterans Team Meeting

Sat. Oct 19

10-11 am in Fellowship Hall for Fall Planning

## NCR CROP Hunger Walk

Sun., Oct. 20 at 1 pm (Registration starting at 12:30)  
Contact Fred Derrick, [office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org)  
Proceeds benefit local and global food pantries.

## Calling all readers!

St. John's Book Club is meeting Thursday October 24 at 10a.m.-12 p.m. The fiction book for discussion is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. It has received many good reviews. Let's discuss it in the light of the Gospel! Gail Jothen 410 592 2626, [gjothen@comcast.net](mailto:gjothen@comcast.net). Everyone welcome.

## Veterans Committee Invites All: Spy Museum Washington, DC November 11th 8:30 am—4 pm

**Bus & Ticket \$45 a person Due Oct 7**

Bring \$ for Mission BBQ lunch and tip for driver.  
Email [office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org) or Nelson Bengel [nelsben@aol.com](mailto:nelsben@aol.com).

## Country Fair Day...October 12<sup>th</sup>

All hands-on deck!

Add your name to the sign-up sheet and join the fun!

Needed: Help with set up Friday 9 am and throughout the day

Needed: Clean-up help Saturday 4-5:30 pm

**Thank you for being a part of the Country Fair Day Mission. Welcome All!**

## Pick up your St. John's T-shirts

for Country Fair Day at Welcome Center.

## 85 Pledges totaling over \$250,000

Thank you for helping us to *Expand Our Welcome* to raise the remaining funding needed to update our entry so that it is ADA compliant as well as renovate our lobby and restrooms. We would like to thank those who have made commitments. Pledges can be payable through a variety of methods over a two-year period. Construction is set to begin in early 2020. Susanne Kauffman and Tom DeBolt co-chair, Capital Treasurer Kim Hinegardner. Contact [office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org).

## Entrances Update

Ryan Berg has started the temporary ramp eagle scout project. We are waiting on final review of drawings before sending out for bids in November. --**Design Co-chairs Cheryl Bitner and Adam Drescher II**

## 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 Connection 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.

# WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

## Don't forget Unity Service

**10 am October 13<sup>th</sup>**

One service to celebrate our mission and unity  
(and thankful survival of Country Fair Day!)

## Festival of All Saints

On **Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will celebrate **All Saints**.

You are invited to submit a name of a loved one that has died in the past year and send a digital picture to [office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org) that will be shown on our worship screen. If the person is not a member, would you help us with the pronunciation of the name as well.



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Rev. Dr. Lisa Arrington

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Rev. Sarah Wright

**Director of Music & Organist**

Michael Chambers

**Director of Young Discipleship**

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Leslie Reese  
Sarah Bartlett

**Facilities Manager**

Rev. Randy Terry

**Office Manager**

Laurie Krieger

**Assistant Office Manager**

Julie Pickett

# THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Lift up in prayer:

John Abendschein  
Linda Asplin  
Harvey Blevins  
Pastor Partee Boliek  
Wendy Caffrey  
Anthony Chiralo  
Ray Cook  
Diane Corkran  
Linda Daiker  
Jon Everts  
Libby Gill  
Chris Ginder  
Eric Goedeke  
Phyllis Gray and daughter  
Mitchell Greene  
The Hobbs family  
Gabrielle Holland  
Carol Knickman  
John Kuchar  
Ray Lawson  
Linda Magee  
Jim Marshall  
Bill Moesinger  
Jo Morrison  
The Murphy family  
Heike Niesius  
Mary Prime  
Karen Reinhold

Bob Rigger  
Joan Rochelle  
Claire Sigwart  
Dylan Spencer  
Joy Strother  
Warren & Ann Theill  
Miranda Weige  
Ruth Welkner  
Katie Yallaly

Special needs:

All those devastated by natural disasters  
All affected by acts of violence  
Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service today in Emmitsburg  
Turmoil in Haiti  
**Prayer Update** regarding **Josh Stevens**, diagnosed with stage 4 non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and son of Katy Stevens, who was on staff for our Contemporary Worship many years ago. Contact the office for ways to be in touch with the Stevens family for help with cards, food, or support.

This week we pray for:

† Property Team  
† Alcoholics Anonymous  
† Veterans 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
- ◆ 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

Members of the week:

David & Linda Asplin  
Jamie Auer & Melinda Soeth,  
Wyatt, Colton, Dakota,  
Savannah  
Millie Auer

*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.*

## ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

**Prior Week's Attendance (9/29/2019)**

8:08...54 9:38...120 11:08...75  
Children's Ministry...7  
TOTAL...256

**Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$4,117**

**Members:**

Total members: 380 households  
New members : 33  
New members by Baptism: 7

**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

**Treasurer's Report: through 8/31/2019**

July Unified Budget Offering:	\$52,479
Designated Offering	<u>\$12,005</u>
Net Operating Income	\$40,474
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$57,552</u>
Net Operating Income	(\$17,078)*

\*Unable to meet normal expenses.

**Remember Your Offering Provides A Blessed & Bountiful Harvest**