



Dec. 29, 2019

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!

10:00 am

Communion Team
Rae Neunaber

Reader
Rae Neunaber

Ushers/Greeters
Cindy Hilbert-Rayme, Bob
Rayme, Luella & Karen
Leimbach

Music
Pastor Sarah Wright &
Michael Chambers

Media
Mike Bitner, Jay Cuccia,
Dan Knott, Gino Liberati

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 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

Advent is a season of anticipation. We have the tree, animals gathering, and the prophets helping us prepare like Ezekiel 34 for Act 4, Israel. The prophet prepares us for a vision of the new shepherd that brings safety for all creation.

Join us today in the Fellowship Hall following the Unity Service for Potluck and Christmas Karaoke

The last Sunday of every month is SPLASH Sunday for Baptism

Splash Nursery available every week for 9:38 and 11:08.

Update from the Congregational Meeting 12/8

We are thankful to God for the gift of trust amid multiple transitions to be healthy, creative and pursue our strategic mission. The Congregation approved the revised Mission Plan 2020 with the following staff map:

- Lead Pastor for Mission (full-time)
- Director of Adult Discipleship (20 hours) OPEN
- Director of Young Discipleship (full-time)
- Director of Traditional Worship Music (20 hours)
- Director of Contemporary Worship (20 hours) OPEN
- Director of Communication (media) (20 hours) OPEN
- Office Administrators (32 hours +12 hours)
- Facilities Manager (30 hours)
- Children's Ministry Coordinator (20 hours)
- Intern 456 (5 hours)

Offering Envelopes Have Arrived!

Pick up your offering envelopes in the Fellowship Hall or check your Ez-giving plan for 2020. E-Giving helps us maintain a consistent cash flow through the summer months. You can visit our web page for secure e-giving sign up stjohnnssweetair.org. It can also be changed any-time. —Cheryl Bitner, Financial Sec.

Thank you ...
 for your prayers for the Jacksonville family affected by a house fire in November. So far \$400 has been donated by St. John's and St. James Episcopal sent \$300 to help the family in short term transitions! Thanks be to God for love for your neighbor!

NEW Book Study: A Praying Life
 by Paul E. Miller
 Connecting with God in a distracting world is easier than you think.
 (Jan-Feb) Tuesdays 7:30 -8:30 pm Lower Level Parlor. Book costs \$12. Bonus: hot drinks free!

Thank you...
 for our altar guild team member this week:
 Janet Grove

Weather Policy
 Remember that when Baltimore County Schools are closed, the office is closed and all meetings are cancelled unless a team leader notifies you directly. If major weather happens on Sunday, we will update our Facebook page and voicemail greeting (410-592-6565).

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 DISCIPLESHIP

NEW: ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

The Adult Forum meets every 3rd Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall offering various programs and soup. On Jan. 19th there will be a presentation "Making my wishes known." How do we find our voice? How can we make a creative plan for our legacy? Welcome a wonderful traveling speaker, Yvonne Lembo, who inspired us with accessible stewardship ideas. Sponsored by Adult Discipleship (formerly Senior Ministry).

Adult Discipleship invites you starting Jan. 7, 2020:

12:15 pm	3 rd Sunday	Adult Discipleship Forum (FH)
10:30 am	3 rd Tuesday	Amazing Grace Soup Kitchen
9:30 am	Sunday	Adult Discussion (Parlor)
7 pm	Monday	Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
10 am	Tuesday	Tuesday Men's Bible study (FH)
2 pm	Tuesday	Bible Study (Parlor)
6:30 pm	Tuesday	Bible Insights (Parlor)
7:30 pm	Tuesday	Praying Life Book Study (Parlor)

NEW POSITION: Director of Adult Discipleship

Council is forming a search committee for 2020 to look for a part-time servant leader who is organized, creative, and effective for engaging adults in various forms of adult discipleship that...

- Connects people for Adult Discipleship Teams
- Connects people for Local Mission Teams
- Connects people for Visitation Teams

Send resumes to office@stjohnssweetair.org.

WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

The following people have accepted the nomination for the 938 Search Committee

John Phelps CHAIR	Joyce Essel	Brad Houck
Jay Cuccia	Gretchen LeKites	Jeremy Morelock
Chris Ritchie	Aaron Haslinger	Pastor Lisa Arrington (AD HOC)
Jamie Loomis		

NEW POSITION: Director of Contemporary Worship and Communication
 Join a team of leaders at St. John's Lutheran Church Sweet Air to *welcome all, tell the story and grow as disciples* giving leadership to all music and technology aspects of the Contemporary Worship, as well as all the communications ministries. The Director leads a team to create dynamic and engaging worship and is responsible for executing strategies to keep the congregation and community informed of the ministries and stories of the church. (send resumes to office@stjohnssweetair.org)

MISSION + MINISTRY

Needed: Co-treasurer to serve in 2020

Douglas Clark has faithfully served as Co-Treasurer since 2015. Join us in thanking Douglas. We are thankful Joyce Essel will continue as one of our co-Treasurers. You don't have to be a member of Council to serve as Co-Treasurer. Knowledge of Excel Spreadsheet and Quicken is helpful.

RSVP to Office: All Leaders Meeting

Date: January 4, 2020
New Time: Noon-4 pm
Location: Hereford Library Upper Room
16940 York Rd, Hereford, MD 21111

All leaders, staff and representatives from committees are invited as we review our Strategic Mission 2020 and Mission Plan. We will talk about worship, discipleship and property.

Cleaning Party, January 4th at 9 am

Sweet Air Connections is having a cleaning party in the kitchen Saturday 1/4. Our commercial kitchen gets used a couple times a week for ministry year-round!

Expanding our Welcome Update

We are in the final stages of details prior to final drawings. Because of significant historic drainage issues, we have a contract amendment authorizing a storm water management study. Cheryl Bitner and Adam Drescher II are working with architect WBCM and property committee to get the drawings in January.

Sweet Air Connections

Please thank our 8:08 am Sunday coffee starters: Phyllis and Bob Schott, Sandy and Bob Wagner, Liz and Mark Everts, Emily and Tom Walton, and Jane Felter.

We also give thanks to our Welcome Center greeters: Betty Ann Wolfe and Paula and Doug Waire. We are looking for 2-3 more people to help on the 2nd, 4th or 5th Sunday of the month from 9-11 am.

Email office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Little Free Library...Coming 2020

Property Committee approved Confirmation student Kristin DeBolt & 3 of her fellow Girl Scouts for a silver award project to build, install, & register a Little Free Library at St. John's Playgrounds for Peace (which was also a girl scout project!).

Consider our Dominican Republic Mission Trip

Our June 20-27, 2020 mission trip partners with a local church led by Pastors Mercedes and Isaias Nelson. 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 of fellowship with our Dominican friends at the beach. Cost is usually \$1300 for travel, housing, food etc. Mark a pew card.

Mark your 2020 calendar

Jan 4	Sat. All Leaders Retreat 12-4 pm Hereford Library
Jan 25	Dominican Republic Italian Dinner
Jan 28	10 am Caring Hearts Meeting
Feb 2	Souper Bowl Sunday and Scout Sunday
Feb 8-15	NOLA mission
Feb 22	Sip and Paint: "Indescribable" 2 pm
Feb 25	Dominican Republic Shrove Tuesday 5- 7 pm
Feb 26	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 6-8	Break Away HS retreat
Mar 14	1 st Communion Workshop 9-12 pm Youth Mission Dinner 5 pm
Mar 28	1 st Communion Workshop 9-12 pm
Mar 29	9:30 New Member and Splash Workshop 11 am
April 11	MOMs Easter Egg Hunt Easter Vigil and Splash Baptism 7 pm
April 12	Easter and Pancake Breakfast
April 17-19	Confirmation Retreat
May 10	Mother's Day & Sweet Air Connections Spring photo show
May 28-30	Synod Assembly
May 31	Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation (last CFM Sunday)
June 14	Music Appreciation
June 27	St. John's renting Movie theater "Soul" 10 am
June 28	Splash Workshop 11 am
Aug 3-7	VBS
Aug 15	Queen Esther Sight and Sound (50 tickets) with bus.
Sept 12	Sweet Air Connections and Scouts (FH)



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#SingandPray365

Lead Pastor

Rev. Dr. Lisa Arrington

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Partee Boliek

**Director of Adult
Discipleship**

Rev. Sarah Wright

**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

Sarah Bartlett
Katie Koerber
Jessica Pumilia-Hafner

Facilities Manager

Rev. Randy Terry

Office Manager

Laurie Krieger

Assistant Office Manager

Julie Pickett

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

This week we pray for:

John Abendschein
Linda Arrington
Jack Arsenaull
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Partee Boliek
James Brunner
Wendy Caffrey
Diane Corkran
Gertrude Fox
Mitchell Greene
The Hobbs family
Anna Koerber
Ray Lawson
Jackie Lober
Jim Marshall
Sandy Matthai
Howard Matthews
Bill Moesinger
Jo Morrison
The Murphy family
Ernie Nuetzel
Claire Sigwart
Katy Stevens' Family
Wayne Stolins
Warren & Ann Theill

Special needs:

All those devastated by natural disasters
Pastor Sarah & Mychael Wright in this time of transition to a new sense of call.

This week we pray for:

† Men's Bible Study
† Prayer Group
† Mutual Ministry Committee

Members of the week:

Dustin & Stephanie Carroll, Jack
Kathy Cathell
Gary & Cindy Chandler

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

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 (12/22/2019)

8:08...59 9:38...96 11:08...88
Children's Ministry...16 Adult Discussion ...11
TOTAL...259
Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$7,543

Members:

Total members: 382 households
New members : 37
New members by Baptism: 9

Christmas Eve Attendance (12/24/19)

10am...61 1pm...77 3pm...304 5pm...191 8pm...273 TOTAL...906

Treasurer's Report: through 11/30/2019

	Current Month	YTD	
Unified Budget Offering:	\$61,500	\$675,358	Sunday Plate, e-Giving, Donations, Hall
Designated Offering	\$18,381	\$139,645	Directed Non-Op (e.g., F&H, DR, Parsonage)
Net Operating Income	\$43,120	\$535,713	
Operating Expenses:	\$45,085	\$563,942	Salaries, Utilities, Maint., Tech., Benev., etc.
Net Operating Income	(\$1,965)	(\$28,229)	*Unable to meet normal expenses.

Remember Your Offering Provides A Blessed & Bountiful Harvest