



Jan. 5, 2020

8:08 am

Communion Team

Carolyn Mummert, Doug Crowe, Gerry Peterson, Karen Donoho

Reader

Carolyn Mummert

Ushers/Greeters

Bob Rayme & Cindy Hilbert
-Rayme, Luella & Karen Leimbach, Jane Felter, Joyce Linthicum

Media

Jay Cuccia, Tim Rader

Assisting Minister

Peter Frantz

9:38 am

Communion Team

Kurt & Stacey Schneidereith

Reader

Riley McWilliams

Ushers/Greeters

The McWilliams Family

Music

Molly Koerber

Media

Jay Cuccia, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

Rae Neunaber, Ellen Bruck, Don Zurwelle, Kathy Cathell

Reader

Rae Neunaber

Ushers/Greeters

Dave & Marilyn Habicht, Ed Compher, Eric & Jennifer Roland

Media

Mike Bitner, Gino Liberati

Assisting Minister

Marjorie Espenschade

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 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's Worship Reading Mark 1:16-20

Epiphany is the season of light revealing who Jesus is. Our liturgy for traditional worship is ELW setting 1. Today the disciples answer the call to follow Jesus. What makes them "drop everything"?

The last Sunday of every month is SPLASH Sunday for Baptism

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

The next splash workshop about Baptism in 2020 will be held 11 am March 29.

Today's Coffee Hour 9-11 am in the Fellowship Hall is sponsored by the NOLA Mission Team

This year's trip is planned for February 8-15, 2020 with the help of local relief/rebuilding agencies. Our sincere thanks for the tremendous support with our cookie dough fundraiser. With our cookie dough orders, we raised a total of \$2,750 to donate to the rebuilding of lives, homes and hope in New Orleans. Contact: Dan Knott, 410-391-3477

knottedan2@gmail.com

2020 Offering Envelopes

are in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for supporting St. John's ministry locally and globally. Consider ez-giving!
Forms are by the boxes or on our web page.

YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

Splash Snow Ministry Thursday, Jan. 23 @ 10:30am

Bring your little ones for a play date in the church nursery! Activities will be "snow" themed. Children will make their own snow-- so dress for mess.

Contact Megan McBee megan@stjohnssweetair.org

Voyagers (Pre-K-3rd Grade)

Meet in the lower level Children's Theater for Sunday morning Children's Ministry during 9:38 worship.

Pier 456 (grades 4-6)

Each Sunday at 9:38am, youth can join "Pier 456" where they can hang out, have conversations on topics of faith and pray for each other. Intern Sophie Bates.

A Bouquet

is given to the Glory of God and in honor of our Maurice Weyforth, who would have turned 90 on December 31st, from Noreen, Ted, Barbara and family.

Thank You!

Thank you to Jason Jones for being our pro-presenter for the 808 / 1108 services.

New Print

In our lobby for New Year there is a print of the 2nd oldest synagogue in the Western Hemisphere. The Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas was founded in 1796 by Jews fleeing the Spanish Inquisition. How does the church respond to the repeated injuries of anti-Semitism and attacks on houses of worship?

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).

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.

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 to look for a part-time servant leader who is organized, creative, and effective for engaging adults in various forms of adult discipleship. Send resumes to office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Register for the 2020 Sip and Paint

"Indescribable" 2 pm Feb. 22nd

Word + Wonder = Wonderful. Bring a friend. Free will offering.

WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

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 as well as 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)

NEW Pilot Project: Lay Preaching Team 2020

Meet 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

1st Tuesdays of the month starting FEBRUARY 4.

MISSION + MINISTRY

Co-Treasurer Needed 2020

We really need a co-treasurer for 2020. 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.

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!

Amazing Grace

Tuesday January 21st 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.

Italian Dinner & Silent Auction

Sat. Jan. 25 Benefits Dominican Republic Mission
6 PM in Fellowship Hall

Tickets \$15/single or \$35 for family
with children under 16.

Tables of 8 or more can be purchased as a group.
Order tickets in Fellowship Hall or through the office.

What do you 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!

Expanding our Welcome Update

We are in final stages of details prior to final drawings for the new ramp, lobby and restrooms. Because of significant historic drainage issues, we have a contract amendment authorizing the storm water management study. Cheryl Bitner and Adam Drescher II are working with architect WBCM and property committee to get the final drawings in January. Over \$300,000 has been pledged for an estimated \$700,000 project.

Caring Paws Outreach

First Sundays... Starting the First Sunday of each month a St. John's therapy dog will be in the back of the Fellowship Hall 9-11 am for meet and greet. The comfort dog and handler will remain in the back of the hall for those who may have allergies or fear of animal concerns. We are very proud of this group of eight therapy dogs who make visits to many of our members who could use some cheering up.

Next Meeting Caring Hearts... 930 am Tues., Feb. 4
Come learn more about this great team ministry where you can make a call or visit once a month.

Contact LuAnn Lundell office@stjohnssweetair.org

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP:

Dear St. John's,

God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. - Ps. 147.3

With a rise in anti-Semitism, our Jewish siblings are living under physical threat. Again.

25 years ago, our Church adopted a "Declaration to the Jewish Community," in which we pledge "to oppose the deadly working of such bigotry, both within our own circles and in the society around us."

Individually and as faith communities, our calling is clear and the need is urgent:

- speak out explicitly against anti-Semitism;
- reach out to our local Jewish neighbors and faith communities;
- show up in solidarity with our Jewish siblings in ways that are helpful, and for which permission and consent are given;
- root out the deadly bigotry of anti-Semitism, again and again, until it is no more.

I call on our synod's deacons and pastors to be in contact with their local Jewish counterparts to reconnect and offer this church's sorrow and support. I call on each of us to speak out, reach out, show up and root out; we must, our silence is complicity, complicity is deadly.

Grant us wisdom, give us courage for the facing of these days.

The Rev. William (Bill) Gohl, Jr., Bishop Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA



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Lead Pastor

Rev. Dr. Lisa Arrington

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Rev. Partee Boliek

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Open

Director of Music & Organist

Michael Chambers

Director of Young Discipleship

Jeremy Morelock

Director of Contemp. Worship & Communication

Open

Children's Ministry Coordinator

Megan McBee

Pier456 Intern

Sophie Bates

Nursery Leader

938/1108

Leah Hunt

Nursery Helpers

Sarah Bartlett

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
Jack Arsenaull
Pastor Partee Boliek
James Brunner
Wendy Caffrey
Diane Corkran
Gertrude Fox
Mitchell Greene
Lynn Habicht
Ron Harman
The Hobbs family
Ray Lawson
WynShauna LaVere
Jackie Lober
Jim Marshall
Howard Matthews
Bill Moesinger
Jo Morrison
The Murphy family
Heike Neisius
Ernie Nuetzel
James & Pearl Plummer
Katy Stevens' Family
Warren & Ann Theill
Bob Weyforth

Special needs:

- Prayers for our Jewish siblings in the midst of anti-Semitic attacks.
- Prayers for all people of faith to rise and protect others.
- Prayers for Pastor Sarah and Mychael Wright as they discern a new sense of call.
- Prayers for our search committee for a Director of Contemporary Worship and Communications
- Prayers for our search committee for a Director of Adult Discipleship

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:

Joel Chiralo
Ed & Simone Chmar
Angel & Armand Christman

This week we pray for:

† Deborah Women's Circle
† Lydia Woman's Circle
† Scholarship Team

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 (12/29/2019)

Unity Service 10am....140

Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$8,489

Members:

Total members: 382 households
New members : 37
New members by Baptism: 10

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