



July 28, 2019

8:08 am

Communion Team

Kris Walton, Chris Fullem

Reader

Marjorie Espenschade

Ushers/Greeters

Cindy Hilbert-Rayme, Bob Rayme, Henry Miller, Brad & Ruth Moore

Media

Jeff Walsh, Tim Rader

Assisting Minister

Linda Walsh

9:38 am

Communion Team

Lisa & Riley McWilliams

Reader

Riley McWilliams

Ushers/Greeters

Joe & Shelly Connell

Music

Jeremy & Samantha Morelock, Abby Connor, Hayden Dowla

Media

Mike Bitner, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

John Derwart, Katie Essel, Dale Pickett, Jr.

Reader

John Derwart

Ushers/Greeters

John Bruck, Douglas Clark, Bob Shaff, BJ Cook, Ellen Bruck

Media

Noel White, Jason Jones

Assisting Minister

Michael Jothen

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 are reading Jonah I from the Old Testament. Our theme this summer is restoring waters. The prophet Jonah was called to do something difficult- preach to the enemy city of Nineveh. Instead of facing his fear, he ran away from the Lord. When are times that we have run away from the Lord and what leads us back again?

Welcome Katie Essel

Katie Essel grew up at St. John's with her family and is not afraid to make a Splash! She graduated with her masters from Goucher and she is currently a fitness coordinator at the Y in Perry Hall. Even as a disciplined personal trainer, she has been discerning a greater call to service first with the Navy but now the Army. How fitting the book of Jonah is as her text for "Tell the Story." In chapter I, Jonah will be moved from sea to a dry land deployment for Nineveh, present day Iraq!

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.

Thank you..

Mike McKenny for removing the blockage in the drain pipe at the entrance to the Narthex Lobby. This should stop the water from running into the choir room! Thank you, **Adam Drescher, II** for sealing the air conditioning pad by children's classrooms.

Doug Crowe and **Rob Waples** for updating our computers . Rob installed a new server this year and Doug installed two new operating systems for the media center.

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

YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

Altar Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our 50th Anniversary!
Adam & Nancy Drescher

Do you have our Instant Church Directory?

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

A Rosebud

is given to the Glory of God and in honor of 25 years of marriage to my loving wife, Kathy, from John

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

Did you know...?

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

Our 4 summer high school apprentices are hard at work on their projects. Keep an eye out for the following things coming your way:

- Upgraded flower beds around the parking lot entrance (Reid Bycoffe: Landscape Apprentice)
- New architectural and decor details in the children's ministry hallway (Riley McWilliams: Construction Apprentice)
- An innovative system to connect people of all ages through prayer cards (Riley Jones: Senior Ministry Apprentice)
- Themes that are more deeply connected between worship and children's ministry (Chris Ritchie: Theology Apprentice)

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

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

Contact Megan McBee. megan@stjohnssweetair.org

As of July 10th, 84 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 4th following 11:08 worship. **Please join us for one of the Volunteer Orientations, offered in the Children's Theater:** Wednesday, July 24th at 6:30 pm, Sunday, July 28th at 11 am or Sunday, August 4th 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)

Water beads

River Rocks

Clear Elmer's Washable Glue

Battery operated LED lights (Goal is 100)

Disposable cups for water cooler

Blue streamers (All shades)

White streamers

Blue and white balloons

Brown Packing Paper

Goldfish crackers

Monetary donations are always appreciated

WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

Highlights for Summer Traditional Worship

During the summer there will be "special music" provided by soloists or instrumentalists in worship. I will attend the two-day Augsburg Fortress music workshop outside of Philadelphia in early August. Louisa Rettew is planning to attend a two-day handbell director's clinic in Gaithersburg at the end of August. Gail Jothen will serve at the organ for four Sundays, beginning July 28th, while I am on vacation. Michael R. Chambers, Director of Traditional Music & Organ

New from Worship and Music

Beginning in September, Traditional worship will kneel at the altar rail with gluten free bread only on the 1st Sunday of the month. We will try this for six months and invite your thoughts. THE REASON for this change from twice a month to once a month is to be more accessible for people. The stairs and kneeling can be difficult. This will also make it simple for the Altar Guild set up.

Can you fill oil in our candles?

We are looking for a volunteer who can fill the altar candles with oil once (occasionally twice) a week. Only takes about 20 minutes and you can do it anytime the church is open.

Needed Communion Coordinator for 11:08

Thank you Marge Espenschade for being the coordinator for 8:08. **Urgently needed:** a communion coordinator for 11:08.

MISSION + MINISTRY

Baby Shower for Sam and Jeremy Morelock
August 18th 12-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Your presence and prayers appreciated for cake and punch. Registered at www.babylist.com/babymorelock

School Supplies for Amazing Grace

Help VBS collect children's scissors, glue, crayons, and pencils. No spiral notebooks. Please place items in bin in the Fellowship Hall. **Date due:** August 18th.

Annual Crab Feast

August 24th 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. Adults only.

New Member Cookout

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

Country Fair Day...October 12

Our annual mission fundraising event every 2nd Saturday of October. All hands on deck volunteers!

- Needed: Silent Auction Coordinator
- Needed: Country Store Manager
- Needed: sponsors for ads
- Needed: Recipes for Ad Book.

6pm Wednesdays ...Invitation to God's Garden for Mission

Stop by St. John's garden at your convenience and help with weeding and harvesting for Loaves and Fishes (St. Mathias Episcopal Church). Deacon Laura Heller office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Register now for Sept. 1st Bus Trip To Amazing Grace

Mark a pew card if you want to ride the bus (28 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.

NEW: Order Long sleeved St. John's T-Shirts

Long Sleeves for Country Fair day only \$20! Shirts help us all get ready for VBS, Country Fair Day, and spread the word this summer. Breathable short sleeve shirts \$15 adult \$10 child. Sign up at welcome center if you don't see your size.

Update on Expanding our Welcome Design Team Report

The detailed structural design/drawings are now in progress by the architecture firm WBCM. The estimated timeframe for 50% completion of the structural drawings is mid-August. Sometime after that, we plan to review the drawings and discuss our list of "finishes". While the structural part of the design is pretty firm and based on the concept drawings approved by the congregation, there will be design "finishes" for which we will invite input.

Current Temporary Ramp Design

The startup of the Entrance structural work was delayed a few weeks in order to contract separately for the design of the 'temporary ramp' that needs to be constructed off the back of the sanctuary. The ramp required detailed drawings and a building permit, and they have both now been secured. We hope the construction of the ramp will be complete by the end of the summer, thanks in large part to Ryan Berg, Eagle Scout with the help of his team and his dad who is a contractor. --**Design Co-chairs Cheryl Bitner and Adam Drescher II**

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

August 16th Restoring Waters Retreat

It's a wonderful way to be refreshed as a new or long-time believer. Just sign up! Open to all adults as we gather in the Fellowship Hall for a new program.

6 pm Session 1 - Be planted by living water (Psalm 1)

6:30pm Dinner followed by an artist story

7:15pm Session 2 - Sip & paint (Psalm 1)

9 pm Sending

Free will donation. Sign up! Invite a friend.

Open Weekly Bible Studies

2 pm Bible Insights Tuesdays (Parlor)

7:15 am Men's Bible Study Thursdays (Fellowship Hall)

9:30 am Bible Insights Sundays (Parlor)

NEW: Adult Discipleship Forum

Come enjoy speakers, fellowship and mission.

August 15th - 7 pm (Parlor)

September 15th - Noon (Fellowship Hall)

August 11th 9:15am Deacon Coffee Discussion

Thank you Deacon Laura Heller, Dale Pickett, Jr., local deacon in training OSSD, and Andy Essel, applicant for OSSD, for stepping up to share about the local and national deacon ministries. We are offering an informational coffee hour on August 11th.



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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
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Partee Boliek
Marge Burdette
Barbara Bushman
Bryan Canapp
Hal Clem
Diane Corkran
Norma Culbertson
Linda Daiker
Doris Howard Fehr
Bentley Glock
Dave Habicht
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
Edward Jockel
The Kapinos family
Gino Liberati
Lynda Magee
Austin McBee
Fred Meise
Leona Mickey
Charlie Miller
Bill Moesinger
Jo Morrison

The Murphy family
Lennie Phillips
Bob Rigger
Marge Rolfes
Deric Shoiwman
Claire Sigwart
Jeanette Smith
Sally Snell
Warren & Ann Theill
Ruth Welkner
Pastor Sarah Wright

Members of the week:

Chris & Kim Vohrer,
Ben, Julia, Claire
Martha Vohrer
Rick & Charlene Volk

Condolences:

The family & circles of Ava Daniels, a child who has been on our prayer list, who died after a very long health battle. May this angel have peace and freedom and her family abundant comfort.

The family of Keith Straley, a member living in Florida, who died 7/22. Funeral tentatively scheduled for 8/5.

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

This week we pray for:

- † St. John's Bronze
- † Contemporary Music Worship Team
- † Altar Guild

Special needs:

All those devastated by natural disasters
All affected by acts of violence

ELCA News

St. John's belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA.org), with about 4 million members in nearly 10,000 congregations across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The ELCA's 65 synods vary greatly in size, geography, membership, staffing and program. Our smallest synod has 30 congregations, the largest nearly 300. Synods like the Delaware Maryland Synod unite the work of congregations within their areas, serve as regional support, and guide pastoral and other staff candidates. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes Aug 5-10 in Milwaukee, its voting members meet to:

- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies;
- Elect a Bishop, officers, board members and other leaders
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy;
- Worship together;
- Adopt a budget

The national Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is up for re-election and our local Synod Bishop Bill Gohl is on sabbatical until September.

ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

Prior Week's Attendance (7/21/2019)

8:08...54 9:38...91 11:08...55
Children's Ministry...In worship
TOTAL...200

Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$3,696

Treasurer's Report: through 6/30

June Unified Budget Offering:	\$47,790
Designated Offering	\$9,450
Net Operating Income	\$38,340
Operating Expenses:	\$64,713
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Members:

Total members: 380 households
New members : 29
New members by Baptism: 6

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

"Don't Let Your Offering Go On Summer Vacation"