



Sept. 15, 2019

**8:08 am**

**Communion Team**

*Ken Ross, Karen Donoho*

**Reader**

*Ken Ross*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Stuart, Sally & Peter Frantz*

**Media**

*Jay Cuccia, Tim Rader*

**Assisting Minister**

*Ileen Greene*

**9:38 am**

**Communion Team**

*Jay, Jen & Carter James*

**Reader**

*Jamie Loomis*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Jim & Susanne Kauffman*

**Music**

*Jeremy & Samantha*

*Morelock,, Hayden*

*Dowla, Jamie Loomis*

**Media**

*Jay Cuccia, Dan Knott*

**11:08 am**

**Communion Team**

*Gino Liberati,*

*Jim Bridges*

**Reader**

*Gino Liberati*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Bob Shaff, Ed & Judy*

*Kiper, John Bruck*

**Media**

*Sharyn Kearney, Gino*

*Liberati*

**Assisting Minister**

*Noel White*

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. As of September, our readings in worship journey through the Bible. St. John's will focus 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 Genesis 2:4-9. In creation the breath of God gives us and all things life. The Creator continues to pour out breath to create and recreate the heavens and the earth. How are we living apart from God's creation?

**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.

**Today's Coffee Hour 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall is sponsored by:  
Chapel Committee**

This team cares for our historical Chapel, shares the stories, and encourages use of the Chapel to further the mission. Contact: Linda Peper, 410-692-5880, linpep@verizon.net

**Holy Land Pilgrimage Sept. 18-28**

A pilgrimage is a sacred journey that focuses on the signs of God in history and the present. Pilgrims are not just tourists; we are sharing this journey with and among God's sacred people. Please hold in prayer:

Barbara Bates  
Frannie Butcher  
Holly Gilmore  
Lee Moulds

Terry Miller  
Brad & Ruth Moore  
Fred Derrick, coordinator  
Susanne Kauffman

Charles Scott  
Jeff & Linda Walsh  
Noel White & Pastor Lisa

**Today: Gaga Dedication 10:45 am**

Come and see the ribbon cutting and demo of Jonathan Everhart's Eagle Scout Project—our new Gaga Pit. Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit and dubbed a kinder gentler version of dodge ball.

# 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 (Riley Jones, apprentice will explain the project 9/15).
- H2H Confirmation fall retreat will be to Camp Nawakwa Sept. 20-22.
- Oasis fall retreat will be to Pecometh Camp on the Eastern Shore on the weekend of Sept. 27-29.

**Nursery Help Needed...please see Jeremy!**

# WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

## New from Worship and Music Committee

**NEW:** For Traditional worship we will kneel at the altar rail with gluten free bread only on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Altar Guild set up.

**NEW:** For Contemporary Worship, we will try having all the communion elements on the main altar (instead of side tables). We want to promote unity coming to the altar as communion leaders but distribute just as we usually do from the floor for continuous communion. This will also make it simple for Altar Guild set up.

Worship and Music voted to try these recommendations and meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7 pm. Everyone is invited.

## Chesapeake Concert Band

7:30 pm Wed. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Open to all. Free will donation.  
Last year, this concert with 45+ band members made the worship center soar with inspiration!

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## NEW: Sunday Adult Discipleship Forum

September 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Bible Insights Sundays (Parlor) with Deacon Heller/Park Escpenschade  
September 15<sup>th</sup> Noon in Fellowship Hall - Come and see Riley Jones' Intergenerational Prayer Project. Come enjoy speakers, fellowship and mission. Lunch sponsored by *Option Group* (Ellen Platt) with Department of Aging. No Senior Eats Alone Week.

## Starting Tuesday, Sept. 10th

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)

## NEW Adult Discipleship

Senior Ministry has made a courageous shift to change its name from *Senior Ministry* to *Adult Discipleship* that will include all adults and special programs for seniors such as Grief Workshop and OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans) Christmas Party Dec. 7. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (starting 9/15 @ 12:15 pm) will be Adult Discipleship Forum, a topic or speaker preceding an open meeting.

## A Bouquet

Is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Wilbur Koerner by his family.

## Join A Choir!

### Handbells

Tuesdays 7:30 pm  
(Worship Center)

### Jubilees

Sundays 9:45 am  
(Choir Room, Lower Level)

## Would you help...

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

## Thank you!

Many thanks from Charlie Miller for all the prayers during his recent illness. Nancy said he's coming along and recuperating at home! Prayers brought him through.

## 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

## St. John's Mom's

St. John's Moms is the place to be for friendship, support, and fun activities for both kids and moms. And we love new members! Come find out what we're all about. We'll be holding our Fall Kickoff Meeting today at 11:00 am in the Parlor. See you there!

## 9/15 4pm-7 pm Cub Scout Pack Invitation

Cub Scout Pack 818 is holding a kickoff event/open house this evening. Dinner provided and many activities which will highlight the cub scout program and our connection to the community. Some will even be able to squirt water from a hose off an engine from the Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Department. The Cub Scout Pack is open to boys and girls from K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

## Do you like sweets?!

How about sweet fellowship ideas?

Come September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

~Sweet Air Connections

## Amazing Grace

Tuesday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am to 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.

## Deadline Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> to Order Long Sleeved St. John's T-Shirts

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

## Sept 29<sup>th</sup> New Member Sunday

We will welcome new members at all 3 worship services. Turn in the disciple data form for our directory at the Welcome Center. Mark a pew card or email [office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org).

## Can you turn in your pledge card by September 29<sup>th</sup>?

Thank you for helping us *Expand Our Welcome* to raise the remaining funding needed to update our entry so that it is ADA compliant and renovate our lobby and restrooms. We would like to thank those who have made early commitments. **Our goal is to raise at least \$250,000 and to date we have received 70 pledges totaling over \$225,000!** 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

A group of fifteen interested members reviewed the 50% drawings. We have learned that we have an ongoing drainage issue with our main building. The committee members acknowledged we need to remove both trees to do proper drainage. New trees will be planted when the courtyard is complete. We are anticipating a temporary ramp as the eagle scout project by Ryan Berg.

--Design Co-chairs Cheryl Bitner and Adam Drescher II

## Troop 818 Update

Our mission partners had a very busy summer. Over 20 Scouts attended a weeklong summer camp in Elkton, Md on the Chesapeake Bay. There were also 48 scouts and parents that attended Seabase in Florida. One crew sailed the Florida keys for a week, two crews scuba dived for the week, and three crews paddled out to an outer island off the Florida keys and lived there for 5 days while camping, shark fishing, snorkeling, kayaking and fishing. Then in August, a dozen scouts camped and went to a fishing derby on Kent Island. Troop 818 meets every Wednesday night from 7 to 8:30 pm and is open to both boys and girls from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

All hands-on deck!

Add your name to the sign-up sheet to volunteer!

Next meeting 7 pm Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

Needed: Country Store Coordinator

Needed: Vendors and sponsors for ads

## Reminder...why we do Country Fair Day

This is our all hands-on deck mission event. In 2018, Country Fair Day organizers gathered for prayer deciding the mission gifts. We give thanks to God for all the ways we are blessed, rain or shine. The goal has been a percentage guide (for non-budgeted items). Funds were committed to:

50% St. John's Lutheran Capital \$11,250 (used for oil to gas conversion)

50% Mission \$11,250

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

## Calling All Bakers

It's time to get ready...find your recipes and get your ingredients to bake those goodies for the Country Fair Day bake table extraordinaire! Contact Sandy Wagner, 410-592-3098

Remember the rules...

- Please place cookies/brownies in packs of 3 per baggie.
- Please label your items....especially items containing nuts!
- No custard or cream-filled goods (by regulation of the Baltimore County Health Department).

Bring your items to the Nursery during regular office hours on Thursday, October 10 and Friday, October 11 or drop off at the bake table Saturday morning. Thank you!



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#SingandPray365

**Lead Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Lisa Arrington

**Pastor Emeritus**

Rev. Partee Boliek

**Director of Adult Discipleship**

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  
Leslie Reese

**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  
Diane Corkran  
Linda Daiker  
Dorothy Diehl  
Jon Everts  
Linda Garren  
Libby Gill  
Phyllis Gray and  
Daughter  
Mitchell Greene  
The Hobbs family  
Gabrielle Holland  
Carol Knickman  
John Kuchar  
Charlie Miller  
Bill Moesinger  
Jo Morrison  
The Murphy family  
Heike Niesius

Mary Prime  
Karen Reinhold  
Bob Rigger  
Deric Showman  
Claire Sigwart  
Sally Snell  
Dylan Spencer  
Warren & Ann Theill  
Ruth Welkner  
Pastor Sarah Wright

Members of the week:

Joe & Jama Wolfkill,  
Bryan & Tiffany Woolson,  
Wren, Cali  
Betty Wren

This week we pray for:

† Friday Morning Prayer  
Group  
† Mutual Ministry  
Committee  
† Deborah's Circle  
Women's Study

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  
All affected by acts of violence  
Prayers for those going on the trip  
to the Holy Land

*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.*

## Garden Mission Update

There was a huge bag of peppers harvested last Wednesday. And there were a number of hot peppers picked. We are winding down. We will soon determine what needs to be done to close the garden for this year.

Shalom, **Deacon Laura Heller**

PS: Please help us thank Deacon Laura, Garden project manager for St. John's and Care for Creation DE MD synod. Our most frequent volunteers have been Joel Chiralo, Gail Southern, Noel White, and Mike Hoppes. Thank you, Rev. Randy, for the many deliveries to *Loaves and Fishes!*

# ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

**Prior Week's Attendance (9/1/2019)**

8:08...67 9:38...114 11:08...65

Children's Ministry...42

TOTAL...288

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

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

**Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving:** \$9,229

**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

**\*Unable to meet normal expenses!**

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