



Sept. 22, 2019

**8:08 am**

**Communion Team**

*Nelson Bengel*

**Reader**

*Louisa Rettew*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Stuart, Sally, Peter & Nick  
Frantz*

**Media**

*Mike Bitner, Tim Rader*

**Assisting Minister**

*Ileen Greene*

**9:38 am**

**Communion Team**

*Jim Kauffman, Kristen Jubb*

**Reader**

*Riley McWilliams*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*The McWilliams Family*

**Music**

*Rob Sliwka Abby Conner*

**Media**

*Mike Bitner, Dan Knott*

**11:08 am**

**Communion Team**

*Nelson Bengel, Doug  
Crowe*

**Reader**

*John Wachter*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Charles & Bixie Leedy,  
Heinz Oest, John & Rylan  
Wachter*

**Media**

*Jay Cuccia, Jason Jones*

**Assisting Minister**

*Ileen Greene*

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 4:1-16. "The Fall" occurs every time we break relationships and vandalize the shalom of creation. Sin lurks at the door waiting to make us its slave. God desires restored relationship—a covenant—even when we turn away. What sin is lurking closest to your door?

**Welcome Back Pastor Sarah!**

Thank you for your prayers for Pastor Sarah and her husband, Mychael, and all our team leaders. Pastor Sarah's primary focus will be as our Pastor of Adult Discipleship including pastoral care, general worship leadership, Bible, and mission opportunities. Thanks for your patience as she re-enters our campus life—even checking her summer email will take time!

**Welcome to our guest Preacher Rev. Laura Sinche**

**Baltimore Lutheran Campus Ministry** looks a little different on each of our three campuses (Towson University, Morgan State, and UMBC), but we have two things that bind us together- the One we follow and the food we gather around. Get to know us and this Jesus we follow. Our Intern Sophie Bates is a student at Towson University. Who else do you know? Share names of your students with Pastor Laura. **Campus Students are hungry!** Provide meals on campus at Towson or UMBC. Donate needed items: paper plates, napkins, cups, soda in cans, postage stamps, white copy paper. Monetary gifts to support the costs of staff and food. We cannot continue our ministry without this. Interested? Contact [LSinche@towson.edu](mailto:LSinche@towson.edu) or 443-543-6965.

**Today's Coffee Hour 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall  
sponsored by: 8:08 Ushers**

The 8:08 Ushers greet you at the church door with a welcoming smile. pass out weekly bulletins and take up the offering. We also assist with communion. We are always looking for members, including the youth, to join our ministry. Please consider joining us! Phyllis Mann. 410-252-1731. Thank you!

**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
- 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.
- Welcome Sarah Bartlett to our Splash Nursery.

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## NEW Adult Discipleship

On **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at noon**, we will have a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall and a speaker on the topic of safe space to grieve. David Kline is a Stephen Minister who has a lot of experience and encouragement. All are welcome. 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)

## 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	Terry Miller	Charles Scott
Frannie Butcher	Brad & Ruth Moore	Jeff & Linda Walsh
Holly Gilmore	Fred Derrick, coordinator	Noel White & Pastor Lisa
Lee Moulds	Susanne Kauffman	

*Pastor Don Burggraf (410.299.5276) will be on call for emergencies in addition to Pastor Sarah Wright. Rev. Laura Sinche from Lutheran Campus Ministry is our guest preacher 9/22.*

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

St. John's will be hosting an Art Show 7pm 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!

## 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.

## A Bouquet

Is given to the Glory of God and for the occasion of Jane Felter's birthday by the 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

## Lutheran Disaster Response

LDR (elca.org) is working with the Florida-Bahamas Synod, the South Carolina Synod, the North Carolina Synod, assessing the immediate needs and initiating a response.

Checks or money orders can be sent to: **Lutheran Disaster Response P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009** Write "**Hurricane response**" on your check memo line. Or give by phone at 800-638-3522.

## 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).

**Pledge deadline and celebration  
September 29? Our goal was to raise at least \$250,000 and to date we have received 80 pledges totaling over \$225,000!**

Thank you for helping us to *Expand Our Welcome* to raise the remaining funds 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).

## 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.

## 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.

## October 6<sup>th</sup> Dominican Republic Visitor!

Wanted - Shoes for our mission. Basket in Fellowship Hall.

## 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

## 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.

## 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. 30<sup>th</sup>

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

**Needed: Country Fair Silent Auction** brings in several thousand dollars with good items/baskets! Chair: Sharyn Kearney [smk15@comcast.net](mailto:smk15@comcast.net) call/text: 410-725-9539 Please have your item/basket to me or to the office by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Needed:** volunteers to assist with **White Elephant** preparation and sales. Items to donate can be taken to the Chapel Hall.

**Needed:** clothes for **scarecrow** making.

**Needed: Country Store Coordinator.** We have volunteers to sell apple butter, jam, mums, pumpkins, etc. The Chairperson arranges for these items to be picked up (we have volunteers to help), set up on Friday, staffing the store on Saturday and clean up.

## 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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**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**

Katie Koerber  
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  
Diane Corkran  
Linda Daiker  
Jon Everts  
Linda Garren  
Libby Gill  
Chris Ginder  
Phyllis Gray and  
Daughter  
Mitchell Greene  
The Hobbs family  
Gabrielle Holland  
Carol Knickman  
John Kuchar  
Ray Lawson  
Charlie Miller  
Bill Moesinger  
Jo Morrison  
The Murphy family  
Heike Niesius

Mary Prime  
Karen Reinhold  
Bob Rigger  
Deric Showman  
Claire Sigwart  
Dylan Spencer  
Warren & Ann Theill  
Ruth Welkner

Members of the week:

Kimberly Wright  
Louis & Carol Wyman  
Don & Nancy Zurwelle

This week we pray for:

† Lydia Women's Circle  
† Scholarship Team  
† Staff Support Team

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  
Fairview UMC recovering from break-in

*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.*

## OPPORTUNITY

One adult staff member needed for our Splash Nursery Team. We need to fill this vacancy by October. Apply by e-mail to [Jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:Jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org).

## ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

**Prior Week's Attendance (9/15/2019)**

8:08...58 9:38...135 11:08...51  
Children's Ministry...27  
TOTAL...271

**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
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**Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving:** \$6,046

**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**