



Sept. 8, 2019

**8:08 am**

**Communion Team**

*Peter Frantz, Brad Moore*

**Reader**

*Peter Frantz*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Armand & Angel*

*Christman, Barry &*

*Brenda Lucas, Mary*

*Prime & Brenda Beall*

**Media**

*Doug Crowe, Tim Rader*

**Assisting Minister**

*Peter Frantz*

**9:38 am**

**Communion Team**

*The DeBolt family*

**Reader**

*Tony Bartlett*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*The DeBolt family*

**Music**

*Koerbapeale*

**Media**

*Mike Bitner, Dan Knott*

**11:08 am**

**Communion Team**

*Ernie Nuetzel, Dolores*

*Klass*

**Reader**

*Ernie Nuetzel*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Bob Shaff, John & Joan*

*Derwart, Ed Kiper, John*

*Bruck*

**Media**

*Ed Compher, Jason Jones*

**Assisting Minister**

*Don Zurwelle*

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 Mark 1. Mark starts his gospel with a simple statement of who Jesus is that has world-changing effects. The full story of God, when we live it, has the power to transform our lives and our world. Q: How does this story prepare us to live in a new 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 Fellowship on the lawn is sponsored by:  
Sweet Air Connections**

930 Children check in downstairs for Teacher Launch Party

Ministry Fair on the lawn (FH if rains)

*Moonbounce, Popcorn, Donuts, Mission Tables.*

If you enjoy good food events, check out this Team Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Gail Blauvelt Chair office@stjohnssweetair.org

**Did you know...**

Discounted tickets for Country Fair Day will be on sale at the  
Welcome Center starting today?.

**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  
Lee Moulds

Holly Gilmore  
Terry Miller  
Brad & Ruth Moore  
Fred Derrick, coordinator

Charles Scott  
Jeff & Linda Walsh  
Noel White & Pastor Lisa

# 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). **THE REASON:** 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 (Parlor)
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.

## Altar Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Dowds by Sharyn Kearney

## 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.

## Text an EZ

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

## 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

## Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Caring Hearts Outreach 9:30 am in parlor.

Topic: How to recognize and deal with depression  
Open to new people. Coordinator LuAnn Lundell,  
office@stjohnssweetair.org.

## Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Tour

All are welcome, 7pm Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Ice cream will follow in Fellowship Hall. *Tell the story* sponsored by St. John's Cemetery Committee

## Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> Gaga Dedication 10:45 am

Come and see the ribbon cutting and demo for Jonathan Everhart's project. "Gaga" is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal *pit*. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder, gentler version of dodge ball, Jonathan has relocated the old Gaga play area and put in a concrete base.

## Women of St. John's

Deborah Circle will be meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided. We are starting a new study, "Experiencing the Words of Jesus" by Max Lucado. Please join us for our first lesson, "He's Calling."

## 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.

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

Thank you for helping us to *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 51 pledges totaling over \$175,000!** 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.

## 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 directory at the Welcome Center by 9/15. Mark a pew card or email office@stjohnssweetair.org.

## Deadline Sept. 19<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.

## Current Temporary Ramp Design

A 'temporary ramp' needs to be constructed off the back of the sanctuary. A parts list is being developed from the drawings, and we hope the construction of the ramp will be completed soon thanks 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

## 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 Connections 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.

## Thank you to everyone who supported the Crab Feast

**Over \$1,700 was raised to** benefit parsonage projects for asbestos abatement and nursery flooring.

## 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!*



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**Lead Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Lisa Arrington

**Pastor Emeritus**

Rev. Partee Boliek

**Director of Adult  
Discipleship &  
Contemporary  
Worship**

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**

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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  
Linda Garren  
Libby Gill  
Phyllis Gray and daughter  
The Hobbs family  
Charlie Miller  
Bill Moesinger  
Jo Morrison  
The Murphy family  
Heike Niesius  
Mary Prime  
Bob Rigger  
Deric Showman  
Claire Sigwart  
Sally Snell

Dylan Spencer  
The Tarleton family  
Warren & Ann Theill  
Ruth Welkner  
Pastor Sarah Wright

Members of the week:

Jeff & Karen Wilhour  
Tim & Mary Kay Wilson  
Betty Ann Wolfe  
Prayers of thanks for members Ray and Prisca Martens who retired and moved to Arizona.  
Prayers for this new chapter of life. They will be missed.

This week we pray for:

† Monday Night Bible Study  
† Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study  
† Men's Bible 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

*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.*

## Update: Pastor Sarah Wright

Pastor Sarah wants you to know she will return to her full time position 9/16. She is excited to be back and slowly re-integrating into the life of St. John's. Even checking summer email will take time. Please respect transition pace and healing space as she re-enters. Pastor Lisa and Council have been working on restructuring our staff in order to pursue healthy leaders and healthy church. We cast the net wide when we called Pastor Sarah to Adult Discipleship, Contemporary Worship and pastoral care. Moving forward, council will seek to make Pastor Sarah's position "Director of Adult Discipleship" that also includes pastoral care and general worship leadership. This position will also complement our full-time "Director of Young Discipleship." Council will consider a separate position involving Contemporary Worship for 2020. There is great appreciation for Pastor Sarah's gifts to continue to weave into the life of St. John's discipleship, mission, and pastoral life.

# ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

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

8:08...65 10:30...70 TOTAL...135

**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)

**\*\*UNABLE TO MEET  
NORMAL EXPENSES!**

**Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$3,913**

**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

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