



Dec. 1, 2019

8:08 am

Communion Team

*Park Espenschade, Celaine
Montague, Brad Moore*

Reader

Park Espenschade

Ushers/Greeters

*Bob & Phyllis Schott, Karen
Donoho, Linda Peper*

Media

Doug Crowe

Assisting Minister

Marj Espenschade

9:38 am

Communion Team

The Derrick family

Reader

Special

Ushers/Greeters

The Bartlett Family

Music

Abby Connor, Rob Sliwka

Media

Mike Bitner, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

*Ed Compber, Julie & Dale
Pickett, Jr.*

Reader

Ed Compber

Ushers/Greeters

*John Dausch, Julie
Hemmeter, Rob & Claire
Meloni*

Media

Mike Bitner, 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 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 we are actually introducing Advent. Advent is a season of anticipation. We have the tree, animals gathering and the prophets helping us prepare like Isaiah 11:1-10 for the Act 4 Israel. The prophet prepares us for a branch of King David and the messianic King who will bring reconciliation even in creation among opposing animals like the wolf and the lamb.

The last Sunday of every month is SPLASH Sunday for Baptism

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

**Today's Coffee Hour 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall
sponsored by: Troop 818 Boy Scouts**

This is the traditional Scouting experience for young men in the fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement, and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. St. John's proudly supports Troop 818. The Boy Scouts meet every Wednesday night at 7pm in the Chapel Hall.

Jeremy Miller ~ Eagle Scout Project

The project has been approved by our Property Committee with gratitude. St. John's purchased the back acres of property from Harry Kogelschatz, a retired contractor, in 2008. In the back corner we found old construction debris. Jeremy proposed cleaning out of the back-corner acres. A dumpster for co-mingling of debris is needed and a front-end loader. Jeremy's deadline is his birthday 12/23/19. His parents, Bill and Jennifer were married at St. John's and they've all moved back to the area recently from PA.

From Jeremy: If you can help me that day that would be great, the clothing requirements are:

- Long sleeved shirt
- Long pants
- crew-type socks
- work shoes (best choice is steel-toe boots, but this is not mandatory)
- Hat (for sun protection)

Work gloves (I will bring baseball caps and work gloves for anyone who doesn't have any). I will provide light refreshments and snacks (pizza/ doughnuts). Hopefully, there will be at least a dozen volunteers to make the work go quickly. I plan to work ahead of that date at the site to ensure that we have an organized and efficient event. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I have to admit that I find myself leaning on others who have the expertise and leadership that I have not learned yet (and of course praying helps too!). I am grateful for all the help that I can get. Rain date would be 12/15. ~ Jeremy

Thank You...

Dear Friends,
Thank you so very much for your prayers, calls & cards during my recent health issues. Your prayerful support is most appreciated. I also wish to thank Pastor Lisa and Pastor Sarah for their visits.

Ernie & Gail Nuetzel

Help wanted

with main first aid kit: we have learned that the products in our first aid kit are expired. We are looking for a volunteer to sort through and get us up-to-date. Email Office at office@stjohnssweetair.org

Visit the rolling prayer board in the Fellowship Hall that creates a system to connect people across age groups to pray for one another.

Weather or Not...

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).

YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

Keep on Your Calendar...

Christmas Eve rehearsal will be on Sunday, 12/22 from 12pm-2pm with pizza for Christmas program "Jesus and the Grumpy Donkey" (3 pm December 24th in worship center) .

Toy Drive November 24th-December 16th

We're collecting new and gently used toys for families in need. Donation drop off boxes are in the Fellowship Hall thanks to Mackenzie Platt and Abby Mummert. Questions? Contact Megan McBee at megan@stjohnssweetair.org. * **Please no stuffed animals or teething toys.**

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Advent Conspiracy

In a world that starts to advertise for Christmas shopping early in November, we can easily get lost in the to-do lists, spending, & hustle & bustle without connecting to the story of Jesus' birth. Advent Conspiracy explores making Christmas more meaningful as we live the story. Join Pastor Sarah for a 4 week conversation of this book and the 4 main themes of Advent Conspiracy--Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More & Love All. Tuesdays 7:30 pm on Dec. 3, 10 & 17 in the parlor. Books are available for \$15 at the Welcome Center!

Help put out Cemetery Wreaths Dec. 7 at 9 am

The cemetery committee always places wreaths on the cemetery for the Christmas Season. This year Pack 818 worked with the Veteran's committee to make Christmas crosses for our Veterans in the cemetery. There are over 65 veterans buried in our cemetery.

Adult Discipleship invites you:

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	Advent Conspiracy Book Study (Parlor)

WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

Worship with our brothers and sisters

Earlier this month, the people of Jerusalem Lutheran Church (717 Wheeler School Road, Whiteford, MD 21160) voted to conclude their ministry as a congregation. A Service of Holy Closure will be held on Saturday, December 7 at 3 p.m., with a luncheon beforehand.

Christmas Eve Schedule

10 am Traditional Historic Chapel
1 pm Traditional Historic Chapel
3 pm Family Service in Worship Center
5 pm Contemporary in Worship Center
8 pm Traditional in Worship Center

December 29 Unity Service 10am

Bring a bell to RING in the new year and prayers for newly elected council members. Special highlights for children and a shout out to college students. Stay for the 11 am potluck (staff will bring lasagna) with a special presentation of Christmas Karaoke.

Poinsettias

\$8 per plant. Order forms available at the Welcome Center beginning this Sunday. Turn into the offering plate or the church office. Deadline to order is December 15th.

MISSION + MINISTRY

Last Sunday to Order DR Gift Cards

Consider them for Christmas presents or just for your normal shopping at restaurants, grocery stores and many other shops. A percentage of all sales goes to support supplies and medicines for our next mission trip. Also, we are selling Home Depot Cards to be donated to the NOLA team for their next mission. We'll be in the Fellowship Hall between services until 12/1. Cards will be available on 12/8. Questions, lindawalsh@comcast.net or 410 804 9182.

Order NOLA Holiday Cookie Dough TODAY

The 2020 New Orleans Mission Team will be making and selling homemade Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal, Snickerdoodle and Sugar Cookie dough for the holiday baking season. They make great gifts. Each \$12 decoratively wrapped container holds enough dough to make about 3 dozen cookies. Orders will be taken in between services today in the Fellowship Hall. Cookie Dough will be delivered on Dec. 8th after all 3 services. 100% of all proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to re-build homes and restore lives in New Orleans.

Scout Wreath Sale Begins TODAY

Scouts are selling wreaths outside the church to support Troop 818. We are so thankful for all the volunteers, packs, troop and Eagles Scout projects!

December 8th at 12:15 pm in the Worship Center a revised 2020 Mission Plan will be presented to the Congregation

Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation for the birth of Christ. Thank you for sharing joys and concerns during our earlier Fall Congregational Meeting on the Mission Plan which was tabled pending further review and discernment. Council has met several times to review feedback from the congregation and work through options. More updates will be provided.

Mitten Tree

The tree in the Fellowship Hall is collecting coats, hats, scarves, gloves and warm socks. We're also collecting new & gently used toys for Amazing Grace Lutheran Church.

Caring Paws Outreach

The First Sunday of each month, a St. John's Therapy Dog will be in the back of the Fellowship Hall 9-11am for meet & greet. The comfort dog & 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 8 therapy dogs who make visits to many of our members who could use some cheering up. This introduction of our therapy dog outreach coincides with St. John's Advent Animals theme too! LuAnn Lundell, coordinator.

Watch for Advent Animal Devotions

Do you get our e-Loop? Mark a pew card with your email if you don't. Feel free to share!

Mission Haiti, December 14-21

Rev. Randy Terry is part of a 2nd annual mission trip to Haiti Dec 14-21. This ministry involves building a new church in the mountains and sharing Christmas with children in the orphanages. Thank you for your prayers and considering one of the ornaments on the tree in the Fellowship Hall to support this mission.

Amazing Grace

Tuesday Dec. 16 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 the Fellowship Hall.

All Leaders Meeting

Date: January 5, 2020
New Time: Noon-4 pm
Location: Hereford Library Upper Room
16940 York Rd, Hereford, MD 21111

All leaders, staff and representatives from committees are invited as we review our Strategic Mission 2020 and Mission Plan. We will talk about worship, discipleship and property.

Country Fair Day 2019 Thanksgiving Report

It is the season of thanksgiving and mission! The 2019 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 this year has been a percentage guide (non-budgeted items). Looking forward to 2nd Saturday in October 2020.

50% St. John's Lutheran \$13,500

50% Mission \$13,500

TOTAL MISSION: \$27,000!

Breakdown St. John's Mission partners:

Troop 818	\$ 300
Amazing Grace Lutheran Baltimore	\$3000
Youth Mission Teams	\$1500
Dominican Republic Team	\$1500
NOLA Team	\$1500
VBS St. John's	\$ 500

Breakdown Outside Missions:

Free State ChalleNGe Academy	\$2500
Carroll Manor Rec	\$ 200
Jacksonville Volunteer Fire	\$ 250
Beans and Bread Catholic Charities	\$ 500
Augsburg Lutheran Village	\$ 500
St. Dysmas Lutheran Prison Ministry	\$ 500
Lutheran Mission Society	\$ 250
M.Div Tuition Rev. Randy Terry LU	\$ 500



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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 Arsenault
Darrell Bledsoe Jr.
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Partee Boliek
James Brunner
Wendy Caffrey
Donna Copeland
Diane Corkran
Norma Culbertson
Beverlae & Ken Davis
June Dodson
Gertrude Fox
Mitchell Greene
The Hobbs family
Bob & Maude Holewinski
Ruth Honnas
Anna Koerber
Ray Lawson
Jackie Lober
Barry Lucas
Jim Marshall
Sandy Matthai
Bob Mickey
Bill Moesinger
Tony & Valerie Montone
Jo Morrison
The Murphy family

Charles Napfel
Heike Niesius
Ernie Nuetzel
John Phelps
Mary Prime
Claire Sigwart
Wayne Stolins
Warren & Ann Theill
Kathleen Wajer

Members of the week:

Bob Breiner
Jim & Joan Bridges,
Ellen Bruck
John & Kathy Bruck
Welcome Norah Hope! She was born on 11/21 at 8:17pm, 7lbs. 13 oz. and 21 inches. Her proud parents are Jeremy & Samantha Morelock.
Scott & Michelle Schober are blessed with grandchild number 4— Stella Sophia Schober arrived safely 11/26.

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:

- † Funeral Buffet Team
- † Garden Ministry
- † Dominican Republic Mission Team

Special needs:

All those devastated by natural disasters
All affected by acts of violence
Turmoil in Haiti

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 (11/24/2019)

8:08...54 9:38...115 11:08...63
Children's Ministry...15 Adult Discussion ...12
TOTAL...247

Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$6,879

Members:

Total members: 382 households
New members : 37
New members by Baptism: 9

Treasurer's Report: through 10/31/2019

	Current Month	YTD
Sept. Unified Budget Offering:	\$73,941	\$613,858
Designated Offering	\$33,259	\$121,265
Net Operating Income	\$40,682	\$492,593
Operating Expenses:	\$50,047	\$518,857
Net Operating Income	(\$9,365)	(\$26,264)
		*Unable to meet normal expenses.

Remember Your Offering Provides A Blessed & Bountiful Harvest