



Dec. 8, 2019

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!

8:08 am

Communion Team

Ken Ross, Bob Schott

Reader

Ken Ross

Ushers/Greeters

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

Media

Jay Cuccia, Tim Rader

Assisting Minister

Peter Frantz

9:38 am

Communion Team

The DeBolt family

Reader

The DeBolt family

Ushers/Greeters

The McWilliams family

Music

*Abby Connor, Rob Sliwka,
Doug Koerber, Brad
Houck, Jamie Loomis*

Media

Jay Cuccia, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

John Derwart

Reader

John Derwart

Ushers/Greeters

*John Bruck, Jim Bridges, Bob
Shaff, Joan Bridges*

Media

Noel White, Gino Liberati

Assisting Minister

Dale Pickett, Jr.

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

Advent is a season of anticipation. We have the tree, animals gathering and the prophets helping us prepare like Jeremiah 23 for the Act 4 Israel. The prophet prepares us for a branch of King David and a shepherd King who will bring righteousness and safety.

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: Adult Discipleship**

This ministry seeks to enhance the lives of adults, ages 55 and above, by providing fellowship, encouragement, compassion, education and outreach. Adult Discipleship provides fellowship with trips, dinners and forums. Ministry members meet monthly to plan how they can best serve adults of all ages and the community at large. Contact Ileen Greene office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Jeremy Miller ~ Eagle Scout Project, Today 12:30-3:30 pm

Please Help following the Congregational Meeting

Jeremy's project includes cleaning out the back corner acres here at St. John's. Refreshments provided. Rain date is December 15th. (Jeremy will provide baseball caps & work gloves for anyone who doesn't have any). From Jeremy: I am grateful for all the help that I can get.

**Today at 12:30 pm in the Worship Center- Congregational Meeting
40 copies of Mission Plan Letters in Lobby. Please share.**

We are thankful to God for the gift of trust amid multiple transitions to be healthy, creative and pursue our strategic mission. We also realize the congregation has made generous strides this year to stretch for our **Expanding Our Welcome** capital campaign. Even with trimming ten hours on one staff position, the November Mission Plan we presented was over \$700,000 representing a 10% increase. The feedback was that this 2020 budget was still too high for our church at this time. Our highest priority is to rebuild our contemporary worship and help with our various media communications. Council has made a difficult decision to reduce the "Director of Adult Discipleship" to part-time.

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 Now until 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.**

Splash Ministry Holiday Play-Date Thursday, December 19th at 11 am

Join Megan McBee at the Jacksonville Senior Center to enjoy the train garden display followed by pizza lunch, playtime, and Christmas crafts in our church nursery. Open to all ages! Jacksonville Senior Center is located at 3605 Sweet Air Road, Phoenix, MD 21131. Admission is free. Please e-mail megan@stjohnssweetair.org with questions.

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. 10 & 17 in the parlor. Books are available for \$15 at the Welcome Center!

Adult Discipleship invites you:

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| 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

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.

Altar Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my grandparents and Kathy Rocco
Given by Libby Gill

A Bouquet

Is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Doris Koerner
On her birthday.
Given by her family

Thank you to...

Elizabeth Madiary
for helping us update our main first aid kit in the lobby over Christmas Break.

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).

MISSION + MINISTRY

Scout Wreaths

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

Mitten Tree

The tree in the Fellowship Hall is for the collection of coats, hats, scarves, gloves and warm socks. We're also collecting new & gently used toys for Amazing Grace Lutheran Church. Sign-up to deliver on 12/17 office@stjohnssweetair.org

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. 17 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.

Cleaning Party, January 4th at 9 am

Sweet Air Connections is having a cleaning party of the kitchen Saturday 1/4. Our commercial kitchen gets used a couple times a week for ministry year-round! Come and join this sweet kick off.

Thank you...

for your prayers for the Jacksonville family affected by a house fire in November. So far \$200 has been donated by St. John's and St. James' Episcopal Church sent \$300 to help the family with immediate needs and short term transitions! Thanks be to God for love of neighbor!

All Leaders Meeting

Date: January 4, 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.

The Exploratory Land Committee

The committee, with members Jim Kauffman, Joe Connell, Tom Walton and Bryon Lundell, met with Mark Daneker to understand the details of the purchase of the two useable five acre plots the church purchased in 2006. We are beginning to explore ideas on how the church might use the land or generate income from it throughout the year. We are hoping to obtain ideas from the church membership for the group to investigate. If you have an idea, send an email. With blessings, james.kauffman@verizon.net phoenixtreecarejc@gmail.com jtpwalton@comcast.net b.lundell@comcast.net

Informational Program on Order of St. Stephen's Deacon (OSSD) December 28th 11:30 am-3 pm Epiphany Lutheran Church 4301 Raspe Ave. 21206

Our own Dale Pickett Jr. is a candidate in this OSSD program. Come learn more. No strings attached. Lunch will be provided at noon, and afterwards we'll explain to our guests the role we provide as OSSD deacons for our pastors and congregations in our synod. Sherman Canapp OSSD 443-904-7013 scanapp@belairroadsupply.com

Visit the rolling prayer board...

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

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:

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| 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:

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



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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
Linda Arrington
Jack Arsenault
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Partee Boliek
James Brunner
Wendy Caffrey
Donna Copeland
Diane Corkran
Norma Culbertson
Beverlae & Ken Davis
June Dodson
Freda Flury
Gertrude Fox
Mitchell Greene
The Hobbs family
Bob & Maude Holewinski
Anna Koerber
Ray Lawson
Jackie Lober
Jim Marshall
Sandy Matthai
Howard Matthews
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

Members of the week:

Angela Bushan
Barbara Bushman & James Estermyer
Brett & Ericka Butler, Alexander, Blake

Condolences:

To the family of Ruth Honnas on her passing

Special needs:

- All those devastated by natural disasters
- Pastor Sarah & Mychael Wright in this time of transition to a new sense of call.
- Rev. Randy Terry & mission team to Haiti.

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:

- † New Orleans Mission Team
- † Finance Team
- † Cemetery Care

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 (12/1/2019)

8:08...44 9:38...107 11:08...77
Children's Ministry...30 Adult Discussion ...13
TOTAL...258

Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$4,914

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) |

Sunday Plate, e-Giving, Donations, Hall
Directed Non-Op (e.g., F&H, DR, Parsonage)
Salaries, Utilities, Maint., Tech., Benev., etc.
***Unable to meet normal expenses.**

Remember Your Offering Provides A Blessed & Bountiful Harvest