



Feb. 16, 2020

**8:08 am**

**Communion Team**

*Marj Espenschade, Bob Schott*

**Reader**

*Marj Espenschade*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Tom & Emily Walton, Kris Walton & Chris Fullem*

**Media**

*Jeff Walsh, Tim Rader*

**Assisting Minister**

*Linda Walsh*

**9:38 am**

**Communion Team**

*Liza & Thomas DeBolt*

**Reader**

*Liza & Thomas DeBolt*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Jean Essel, John Phelps*

**Music**

*Jason Collier, Abby Connor*

**Media**

*Jay Cuccia, Dan Knott*

**11:08 am**

**Communion Team**

*Julie & Dale Pickett, Jr.*

**Reader**

*Julie Pickett*

**Ushers/Greeters**

*Gino Liberati, John & Joan Derwart, Mike Comeau, Robert Breiner*

**Media**

*Jay Cuccia, Gino Liberati*

**Assisting Minister**

*Joel Grove*

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's Worship Reading Mark 6**

Epiphany is the season of light revealing who Jesus is. Our liturgy for traditional worship is ELW setting 1.

**Today's Preacher is Jeremy Morelock, Director of Young Discipleship:**

In the Fall of 2019 Jeremy Morelock shared with council that he was discerning a call to ordained ministry. The Bishop of our Delaware Maryland Synod, Bishop Bill Gohl, has recognized Jeremy's many gifts for ministry and encouraged him to consider this possibility. Pastor Lisa Arrington whole heartedly agreed since he completed his Master of Divinity and was preaching, teaching, planning and leading worship regularly with St. John's. Jeremy and the Council affirmed this discernment and together we would learn what would be involved with the call to Word and Sacrament through St. John's as his home church.

Jeremy met with the candidacy committee in late November. The committee accepted him into the candidacy process and asked to convene a **Theological Review Panel (TRP)** to review the way forward. Since Jeremy already has an MDiv (the standard pastoral degree), the TRP would decide a nontraditional path to ordination. The TRP met just before Christmas to interview Jeremy. Their recommendation was for entrance into rostered ministry and they require two classes: one on **Lutheran Theology** and one about **Leading Lutheran Worship**, Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), as well as a few smaller learning activities (such as funerals and weddings).

Jeremy was able to complete two intensive classes at **United Lutheran Seminary (ULS)** Philadelphia campus in January! CPE will be a much larger commitment for Jeremy. CPE involves working as a chaplain at a hospital. Usually, CPE pastoral candidates do this over a summer with a 40-hour work week. Due to summer being Jeremy's busiest time of ministry, he will need to do the extended version which involves a 12-hour shift once a week plus on-call weekends. He currently has reached out to a hospital in York, PA about this opportunity and hopes to begin CPE in the Fall. Finance approved \$4,488 from the Pettijohn fund for 2020 to cover the expenses of the two classes at ULS related to Jeremy's candidacy process.

**The last Sunday of every month is SPLASH Sunday**

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. The next splash workshop about Baptism in 2020 will be held 11 am, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

# WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

## Renewing Worship Center - First Meeting Sun. Feb. 23rd 12:15 pm

The Worship and Music Committee is forming an exploratory group to examine the role of the worship space in enabling "Dynamic and Engaging" Worship. Open to all. Interested individuals are encouraged to direct comments and suggestions and questions to Michael Jochen, Chair at [museO@comcast.net](mailto:museO@comcast.net). Join us Sun. Feb. 23, 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## Coming Soon for Lent: One Word

Ash Wednesday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> (1 pm and 7 pm worship) marks the beginning of a 40-day season of preparation and renewal for the journey to the cross. We are each invited to look for One Word that helps us focus on faith. Will your word be "balance"? "prayer"? "health"? "listening"? We will offer Tuesday Word groups all day so you can discern with others. We are also looking for very short stories on your word and why it is a focus for you. Email your stories and word to [Office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:Office@stjohnssweetair.org).

## BIG Summer Announcement

Council approved a proposal from Worship & Music to launch the new **summer worship schedule** Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day.

One traditional worship 9 am

One contemporary worship 10:30 am

Goal: unity and stewardship

## Altar Flowers

are given to the  
Glory of God and in  
loving memory of  
Carl Leimbach  
Given by  
Luella Leimbach

## Did you know today's Message will be online?

The Sunday message  
is now a part of our  
webpage  
[stjohnssweetair.org](http://stjohnssweetair.org)  
under "NEWS"...  
good news that is!

## Today's Coffee Hour sponsored by Adult Discipleship Tuesdays 2 pm

Tuesday Bible Study  
is open to all. There  
have been wonderful  
teachers over the  
year. Park Espen-  
chade is currently  
teaching the class. In  
his retirement he  
went to Gettysburg  
Lutheran Semi-  
nary. He loves his-  
tory, languages and  
current events. The  
class has been grow-  
ing and you are invit-  
ed to drop in any  
Tuesday!

## Did you know...

we have devices for  
hearing impaired in  
the back of the  
church?

# YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

## Voyagers (Pre-K-3rd Grade)

Meet in the Lower Level Children's Theater for Sunday morning Children's ministry during 9:38 worship.

## Pier 456 (Grades 4-6)

Each Sunday at 9:38 am, youth can join "Pier 456" where they can hang out, have conversations on topics of faith and pray for each other. Intern Sophie Bates.

## Pilot Internship ideal for college student

Council approved a pilot internship for Children and Family Ministry. Three hours a week primarily for dynamic Sunday opening and assisting Megan McBee. Runs March – May. Email [megan@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:megan@stjohnssweetair.org).

## 2/20 Splash Play Date

10:30 am in the Church Nursery we will explore all the ways God builds us up! Activities to include block towers, LEGO Duplos, and other fun "building" activities. All ages welcome. Snack provided. In the event of snow, the play date will be rescheduled to Thursday, February 27th---check your email for any changes due to weather. Contact [Megan@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:Megan@stjohnssweetair.org)

## Youth Mission Dinner Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

A classy evening featuring plated dinner, silent auction, live dessert auction and more at Long Green Gardens!  
Supporting our Johnstown and Chicago Mission Teams.  
Tickets on sale February 16th - March 8th!

# MISSION + MINISTRY

## Amazing Grace Lunch Mission

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> meet at St. John's at 10:30 am and return about 2:30 pm. Email loop has sign up link to donate food. Place items for the food pantry in the box in Fellowship Hall.

## Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras

**5– 7pm Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall**

NEW: popsicle pancakes and origami Lent box station  
Free will offering benefits Dominican Republic Mission.

## Help Needed for Railing Installation

Thanks to Ryan Berg the temporary ramp was built as an Eagle Scout project. We are looking for 7 volunteers to help make the ramp fully safe and comply to ADA with aluminum railings and non-slip treads.

## CPR Class 11 am Mon. Mar. 9

Join our staff in CPR and AED training. Register with the office. Cost is \$45 made out to *Paramedical Personnel of Maryland*. This is a great opportunity for parents, ushers, anyone! Deadline to register is March 6.

## Caring Hearts Outreach invites all...

**“Understanding Dementia, Alzheimer’s, Brain Health”**  
10 am – 12 pm Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>, in Fellowship Hall  
Presenters: Cindy Hilbert-Rayme, RN HNC, & Ellen S. Platt Med, CRC, CCM

## Caring Paws Dog Therapy Class

7 week class begins 2 pm Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> in Chapel Hall  
Register now for our Dog Therapy Class of 2020  
Cost: \$175 Made out to “St. John’s”. Graduation celebrated at our Blessing of Pets and Stuffed Animals Fri. 7pm July 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact LuAnn Lundell.

## Expanding our Welcome Update

Check out the floor samples at the Welcome Center. The final drawings are out to bid. We had almost 15 contractors recommended over the year. Baltimore County is asking if an asbestos/hazardous material survey of the church and fellowship hall has been conducted. The permit office needs this information in order to release the permit. They may also conduct an inspection. Hopefully work for restrooms, lobby and ramp will start this spring! We are relying on pledges (\$350K+) in addition to what was approved with the Emma Carroll Endowment and St. John’s Endowment.

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## Register for the 2020 Sip and Paint

“Indescribable” 2 pm February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Word + Wonder = Wonderful.  
Bring a friend. Free will offering.

## Pilot Project:

### Lay Preaching Team 2020

Meet 6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.

## Senior Ministry Adult Forum Presents:

*“More than just prescribing medicine”*

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 12:15 pm Fellowship Hall. All Welcome, Light Lunch with St. John’s Members: Dr. Malik Kelly, Dr. Linda Walsh, and Dr. Park Espenschade

## NEW POSITION: Director of Adult Discipleship

We are looking for a part time servant leader who is organized, creative, and effective for engaging adults in various forms of adult discipleship. Send resumes [office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org)  
Council approved a search committee for 2020.

# THANK YOU

"A heartfelt thank you to everyone in the congregation for your prayers, cards and calls during my recent 27-day hospitalization and subsequent recuperation in New York. I certainly felt the healing strength of the Lord and am grateful for everyone's support. Special thanks to Pastor Lisa, for not only reaching out to me, but to my family, keeping all of us in a positive frame of mind. When I returned home, I was greeted with mail over-flowing with get well cards, thinking-of-you cards and even Christmas cards! What a blessing to have such an outpouring of faith and love during my recovery."

Thank you sincerely,  
Howard Matthews



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**Lead Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Lisa Arrington

**Director of Adult Discipleship**

Open

**Director of Music & Organist**

Michael Chambers

**Director of Young Discipleship**

Jeremy Morelock

**Director of Contemporary Worship & Communication**

Jason Collier

**Children's Ministry Coordinator**

Megan McBee

**Pier456 Intern**

Sophie Bates

**Nursery Leader**

938/1108

Leah Hunt

**Nursery Helpers**

Sarah Bartlett

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  
Brian Bruck  
James Brunner  
Harrison Carr  
Diane Corkran  
Dawn Dorrell  
Molly Gleason  
Mitchell Greene  
Mary Haley  
Zach Hinegardner  
Sue Hladik  
The Hobbs family  
Ray Lawson  
Michelle Lizardo & family  
Jackie Lober  
Bill Moesinger  
Jo Morrison  
The Murphy family  
Heike Neisius  
Allyson Pipher  
Linda Owens-Smith  
Katy Stevens and family  
Vicki Thomas  
Nancy Urban  
Melanie Vohs  
Dean Watkins

Henry Weaver  
John Zelek  
Sheila Zimmer

**Condolences:**

To the family of Peter Verkouw, who was buried at St. John's next to his in-laws, the Reichter's.

**Special needs:**

- Prayers for our Jewish siblings in the midst of anti-Semitic attacks
- Prayers for our search committee for a Director of Adult Discipleship
- Prayers for the distress in Puerto Rico, Australia and the Middle East
- Prayers for the violence in Baltimore and the rest of the state
- Prayers for those with addictions

**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:**

- † 1824 Young Adult Ministry
- † Youth and Family Ministry Team
- † Church Council

**Members of the week:**

Sue Currence  
Mark & Susan Daneker  
John & Sally Dausch

*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 (2/9/2020)**

8:08...72 9:38...98 11:08...69  
Children's Ministry...13 Adult Discussion ...9  
TOTAL...252

**Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving:** \$8,350

**Members:**

Total members: 376 households  
New members : 0  
New members by Baptism: 0

**Treasurer's Report: through 1/31/2020**

	Jan 2020	2020
Unified Budget Offering:	\$115,467	\$115,467
Designated Offering	<u>\$36,543</u>	<u>\$36,543</u> Sunday Plate, e-Giving, Donations, Hall
Net Operating Income	\$78,924	\$78,924 Directed Non-Op (e.g., F&H, DR, Parsonage)
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$38,829</u>	<u>\$38,829</u> Salaries, Utilities, Maint., Tech., Benev., etc.
Net Operating Income	<u>\$40,096</u>	<u>\$40,096</u>

**Project Welcome Expansion Approved**

Estimated Cost as of 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  
Pledges to date \$301,166  
No pledge but made donation \$31,275  
Pledges + Memorials + No pledge w/donations \$379,602

**Your Generosity Shows In Everything We Do!**