



Feb. 23, 2020

8:08 am

Communion Team

Peter Frantz, Riley
McWilliams

Reader

Peter Frantz

Ushers/Greeters

Karen Donoho, Linda
Peper, Barry & Brenda
Lucas

Media

Doug Crowe, Tim Rader

Assisting Minister

Noel White

9:38 am

Communion Team

Liza & Thomas DeBolt,
Riley McWilliams

Reader

Liza & Thomas DeBolt

Ushers/Greeters

The McWilliams Family

Music

Jason Collier, Koerbapeale

Media

Mike Bitner, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

Dolores Klass, Riley
McWilliams

Reader

Dolores Klass

Ushers/Greeters

Adam Drescher II, Adam
Drescher III, Noel White,
Nancy Drescher

Media

Sharyn Kearney, 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's Worship Reading Mark 8:27-9:8

Today is considered the grand finale of Epiphany with Festival of Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain revealing his glory as the Son of God. Our liturgy for traditional worship is ELW setting I.

Today's Preacher is Riley McWilliams from our Lay Preacher Team

Riley is part of the Oasis leadership team, helping to plan and set goals for Oasis. He has also been a small group leader with Head to Heart Confirmation and a summer apprentice, creating doorway entrances to welcome children. Riley also helps with Country Fair Day, communion and reading at 9:38 worship. He is currently a junior at Loyola Blakefield and the son of Lisa and Steve McWilliams.

Today is SPLASH Sunday!

We celebrate Baptism on the last Sunday of every month at all worship services.

Today at 11:08 we welcome in baptism: Wallace Tyler Sommer

Welcome Wallace Tyler Sommer born June 22, 2019

Family: Parents Lindsey and Dustin Sommer, and big brother Emmett

Godparents: Amanda Earle and Joshua Sommer

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 29th.

**Today's Coffee Hour sponsored by
Head to Heart 7th-8th Grade Confirmation
Tuesday nights, 6:30-8:30pm**

This dynamic ministry is an interactive and effective way to present the gospel to middle school youth. Multi-media and story telling, and action-oriented fun undergird the solid attraction to this ministry. Small groups are led by adult (and senior high) mentors. Every other Tuesday youth are engaged in a service project or a fun event.

Email Jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org

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 Jothen, Chair at museO@comcast.net. Join us Sun. Feb. 23, 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Ash Wednesday Feb. 26th (1 pm chapel and 7 pm worship center)

Lent is 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.

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 honor of
Ross and Jeanette
Smith's
65th Wedding
Anniversary
Given by the family

Cemetery Update

Spring is coming!
The Cemetery
Committee is
requesting that all
Christmas wreaths
be removed by
March 1st.
Thank you!

Thank you...

DeBolt Family, for
filling oil in candles.

Did you know today's Message will be online?

The Sunday message
is now a part of our
webpage
stjohnssweetair.org
under "NEWS"...
good news that is!

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.

Chicago 2020 HS Mission Trip, July 5-11

Cost of the 2020 Johnstown Mission Trip is \$475. A \$100 deposit is due at registration

Johnstown PA 2020 Middle School Mission Trip, June 21-25

You can also invite friends to join us on this trip. Cost of the 2020 Johnstown Mission Trip is \$475. A \$100 deposit is due at registration to hold a spot.

Youth Mission Dinner Saturday, March 14th 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.
\$20 per person. Tickets on sale now through March 8th!

MISSION + MINISTRY

Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras

5– 7pm Feb. 25th in Fellowship Hall

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

Help Needed for Railing Installation

8am—10am Sat., March 7th

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 to comply to ADA with aluminum railings and non-slip treads.

CPR Class 11 am Mon. Mar. 9th

Join our staff in CPR and AED training. Register with the office. Cost is \$50 made out to *Paramedical Personnel of Maryland*. This is a great opportunity for parents, ushers, anyone! Deadline to register is March 6th.

Amazing Grace Lunch Mission

Tuesday, March 17th 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.

Free Thrivent Financial Workshop

Mon. Mar. 23, 5:30 pm or 7:00 pm
"Savvy Social Security"

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we cover these common questions:

- When should I file for Social Security benefits?
- If I continue to work, how will my benefits be affected?
- Will I pay taxes on my Social Security benefits?

Terri Meekins, FIC and Thrivent Financial professional
Mark Mueller, CFP®, ChFC®, RICP®

Please call Stacey Fegley at (301) 515-3312 or stacey.fegley@thrivent.com to reserve a place for yourself and a guest. Light refreshments will be served.

Caring Hearts Outreach invites all...

"Understanding Dementia, Alzheimer's, Brain Health"

10 am – 12 pm Friday March 27th, in Fellowship Hall

Presenters: Cindy Hilbert-Rayme, RN HNC, & Ellen S. Platt Med, CRC, CCM

Come Support our Lutheran Campus Ministry

Trivia Night and Silent Auction

Sat. Mar 28th Doors (and taco bar!) open at 5:30 pm,

Trivia begins at 6 pm

Epiphany Lutheran Church

4301 Raspe Ave., Baltimore, 21206

Teams of up to 8 persons, \$20/person

Childcare- \$10, \$2 for each additional child

Sign up at: BaltimoreLutheranCampusMinistry.org/trivia-night

Caring Paws Dog Therapy Class

7 week class begins 2 pm Sunday April 5th 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 26th. 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

Deacon Laura Heller will lead

the 33rd annual DEMD Synodical Women's gathering on creation to be held at Augsburg Lutheran Home on Sat. April 18 from 8:30 am-3 pm. Cost \$25 per person if registered by 4/13. To register email office@stjohnssweetair.org.

March 15th, 12:15 pm. Senior Ministry Adult Forum Presents:

Movie "Overcomer". Great movie for all ages.
Light lunch included in Fellowship Hall.

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 to office@stjohnssweetair.org. Council approved a search committee.



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Guest wireless password:
#SingandPray365

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
Jodi Anderson
Brian Bruck
James Brunner
Marge Burdette
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
Michael Mazziott
Bill Moesinger
Jo Morrison
Linda Murphy
The Murphy family
Heike Neisius
Allyson Pipher
Linda Owens-Smith
Katy Stevens and family
Wayne Stolins
Vicki Thomas
Nancy Urban
Melanie Vohs
Dean Watkins
Henry Weaver
John Zelek
Sheila Zimmer

Condolences:

To the family of Eric Zahn, son of Jeff and Marlene Zahn, Eric passed away on 2/1. The Zahns are former members who moved back to Ohio. Cards can be sent to 6695 Liberty Circle, West Chester OH, 45069.

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
- Lord, we pray for all schools, churches, scouts and all organizations for healthy service, best practices, and safe healing especially among your children and adults. We pray for all who serve. We thank you for the gift of trust. Let us strive to maintain safe space for all to learn and grow. Amen.

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:

- † Worship and Music Team
- † Jubilee Singers
- † St. John's Bronze

Members of the week:

Ken & Beverlea Davis
Todd & Stacey Deak,
Cody
Tom & Liza DeBolt,
Kristin, Zachary, Katherine

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 (2/16/2020)

8:08...55 9:38...111 11:08...75
Children's Ministry...35 Adult Discussion ...9
TOTAL...252

Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$6,749

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!