



Mar. 1, 2020

8:08 am

Communion Team

Park Espenschade, Doug Crowe, Gerry Peterson, Karen Donoho

Reader

Park Espenschade

Ushers/Greeters

Bill & Ruth Ann Langlotz, Barry & Brenda Lucas

Media

Jay Cuccia, Tim Rader

Assisting Minister

Marj Espenschade

9:38 am

Communion Team

Andy & Joyce Essel

Reader

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Ushers/Greeters

Dave & Gretchen LeKites

Music

Jason Collier, Judy Lapinski, Rob Sliwka

Media

Mike Bitner, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

John & Rylan Wachter, Susan Liberati

Reader

John Wachter

Ushers/Greeters

Adam Drescher II, Adam Drescher III, Noel White

Media

Sharyn Kearney, Gino Liberati

Assisting Minister

Dale Pickett Jr.

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!

LENT: One Word

Lent is a 40-day season of preparation and journey to the cross following Jesus. Our theme for 2020 is "One Word" as a way to focus on faith and renewal. Share with us your one Word. Words will appear on the purple tapestry on the altar rail. The color for Lent is often purple for royalty and the bruising of a messiah king. Our liturgy for traditional worship is ELW setting 10. There are Lenten gatherings on Tuesdays 10 am (Fellowship Hall) and 7:30 pm (Parlor)

Today's Worship Reading Mark 7:1-15

Jesus is confronted by religious leaders about keeping the rules and traditions. Is Jesus saying there should be no rules? What does it mean to practice one's faith? 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

The last Sunday of every month is SPLASH Sunday

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 8:08 Ushers

The 8:08 Ushers are kind people who attend the early service; we're the ones who greet you at the church door with a welcoming smile. pass out weekly bulletins, and take up the offering and place it in the safe after the service. We also assist with communion and help church members at the altar steps. We are always looking for members, including the youth, to join our ministry. No extra meetings! Please consider joining us! Phyllis Mann. 410-252-1731. Thank you!

Today Caring Paws Outreach

The first Sunday of each month a St. John's Therapy Dog will be in the back of the Fellowship Hall 9-11 am for meet and greet. The comfort dog and 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 eight therapy dogs who make visits to many of our members who could use some cheering up. LuAnn Lundell, coordinator

WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

CFD Kick-off Meeting

Monday, March 30 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join in for the first meeting to discuss 2020 Country Fair Day!

What to do in an emergency...

Reminder that we have three exits from the worship center. In the event of a fire or emergency, use all doors and head to the playground for reunification and safety. Thanks for helping us to welcome all safely and grow as disciples too!

Thank you...

DeBolt Family, for filling oil in candles.

Food Pantry Baskets...

in the Fellowship Hall collect nonperishable items and toiletries for Amazing Grace church in East Baltimore. Peanut butter, spaghetti & cereal appreciated.

Did you know...

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

Lent: One Word

Pick up a devotional from the Welcome Center 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 (100-200 words) on your one word --why it is a focus for you? Email your word to Office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Community Good Friday April 10th

We have nine participating churches in the Four Corners Ministerium coming together in Christian Unity.

11 am Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren
6:30 pm Sweet Air Park

BIG Summer Announcement

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

One traditional worship 9 am

One contemporary worship 10:30 am

Easter Vigil Baptism

Do you know someone who would like to be baptized but would be anxious in front of whole church? The early church welcomed adults in baptism at an "Easter Vigil."

We invite you to consider Sat., April 11th 7pm for an intimate celebration of Baptism and new life in our historic chapel.

Contact Pastor Lisa...

office@stjohnssweetair.org

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.

Welcome to our Spring CFM Intern

St. John's is blessed to welcome Spring CFM Intern, Bridget Flynn, to the Young Discipleship team! Bridget is a Towson University student pursuing a degree in Elementary Education and has many gifts including dance, swimming, and mentorship at St. John's Episcopal Church. Stop in the Children's Theater to say hello, dance and sing along with our newest leader!

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 for 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 until March 8th!

MISSION + MINISTRY

Help Needed for Railing Installation

8am—10am Sat., March 7th

Thanks to Ryan Berg the temporary ramp 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. 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.

Welcome Program March 12th at 12:15 pm for New Members and Members!

Great way to learn more about the church and enjoy a walking tour. Mark a pew card, click in e-loop, or see Pastor Lisa.

Scout Camp Cards Start March 15

Pack 818 is selling Camp Cards and collecting non-perishable food items in the Fellowship Hall. The Camp Cards are a great value. One trip to Safeway can return your \$5 investment. Thank you, Mark Lapinski, liaison.

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 needed food and supplies and to volunteer to serve.

Caring Hands Update: Organic Garden

Gail Southern volunteered to take soil to The Mill for testing. Lee Yoder aims to till in March.

Free Thrivent Financial Workshop

Mon. Mar. 23, 5:30 pm or 7:00 pm

"Savvy Social Security"

Join in the Fellowship Hall Terri Meekins, FIC and featured 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.

Thank you, St. John's

for your incredibly generous investment of \$5,000 and in-kind Home Depot gift cards valued at \$550 to support Saint Bernard Project (SBP) rebuilding and resilience efforts in New Orleans. Fourteen years ago, thousands of Americans stared into the abyss of an unpredictable recovery after Katrina, struggling to understand how to overcome such a tragic event. SBP has rebuilt over 2,100 homes.

—Zack Rosenburg SBP Co-Founder and CEO.

Mark your calendars: NOLA 2021 Mission Trip will be Feb. 6-13.

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

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

Final bids are being reviewed for Council vote March 9th.

The permit office needs information on our septic system in order to release the permit. Alternately, they may also conduct an inspection. The estimate for restrooms, lobby and ramp will hopefully 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 register 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 for 2020.



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#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
Brenda Beall
James Brunner
Marge Burdette
Harrison Carr
Diane Corkran
Dawn Dorrell
Molly Gleason
Mitchell Greene
Deacon Laura Heller
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
Leah Ridenour
Linda Owens-Smith
Katy Stevens and family

Wayne Stolins
Vicki Thomas
Nancy Urban
Melanie Vohs
Dean Watkins
Henry Weaver
Sheila Zimmer

Special needs:

- Prayers for all who are facing poverty, viruses, gangs, and natural disasters.
- Prayers for wisdom for the policy makers.
- Prayers for our search committee for a Director of Adult Discipleship
- Prayers for Danielle Chandler for safety in global missionary travels March 6.
- 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:

- † Contemporary Worship Music Team
- † Altar Guild
- † Media IT Team

Members of the week:

Fred Derrick & Catherine Evans
Riley, Reese and Rhett Jones
Dorothy Diehl

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 (2/23/2020)

8:08...53 9:38...152 11:08...107
Children's Ministry...30 Adult Discussion ...11
TOTAL...342

Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$5,012

Members:

Total members: 376 households
New members : 0
New members by Baptism: 1

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!