



Mar. 15, 2020

**8:08 am**

**Communion Team**

Linda Walsh & Pastor Lisa

**Reader**

Celaine Montague

**Ushers/Greeters**

Cindy Hilbert-Rayme, Bob Rayme, Luella Leimbach, Henry Miller, Bob & Johneva Mickey

**Media**

Jeff Walsh, Tim Rader

**Assisting Minister**

Linda Walsh

**9:38 am**

**Communion Team**

James Estermyer & Pastor Lisa

**Reader**

Barbara Bushman

**Ushers/Greeters**

The McWilliams Family

**Music**

Jason Collier, Brad Houck, Doug Koerber, Judy Lapinski

**Media**

Mike Bitner, Dan Knott

**11:08 am**

**Communion Team**

Don Zurwelle & Pastor Lisa

**Reader**

Noel White

**Ushers/Greeters**

Bob Shaff, John Derwart, Edward Kiper, John Bruck

**Media**

Mike Bitner, Gino Liberati

**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!

**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.

**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 12:1-12**

We are in Act 5 of the Bible on the life of Jesus. Mark's Gospel shows Jesus teaching in parables, or stories with meaning that make us think. What does this parable mean today?

**We celebrate Baptism on the last Sunday of every month**

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

The next Splash Workshop about Baptism will be held 11 am, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Today's Coffee Hour sponsored by Church Council**

Church Council meets each second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. A term on Church Council is 3 years. The council consists of 12 elected members (4 elected each year), the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, and Pastor. The Treasurer and the Financial Secretary are appointed each year by the Council and are non-voting members. Jim Ritchie, Council President, [office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org).

**Health Ministry Update**

On 3/9, Council recommended we further reduce risk for this season by distributing wafers only (no cups of wine or grape juice). Jesus promises to be fully present as the body of Christ. "For pressing reasons of health, individuals may commune under one element." Application 44C from the *Use and Means of Grace on Word and Sacrament* adopted by the ELCA for guidance and practice in 1997. Communion is a gift of grace, if you would like to come forward by the side aisle, use hand sanitizer, receive a wafer and return to your seat by the center aisle. Receiving a blessing is also a way to participate in communion.

# WORSHIP, MUSIC + ARTS

## Altar Flowers

are given to the  
Glory of God and in  
loving memory of  
Timothy Montague  
Given by  
Celaine Montague

## You are invited...

Barbara Bushman  
and James Estermyer  
are rejoicing and  
invite the  
congregation to their  
candlelight wedding  
Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup>  
5 pm in the Worship  
Center.

## 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

## 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!

## 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. We will offer Tuesday Study 10 am/ 2 pm / 7:30 pm. We are also looking for very short stories (100-200 words) on your one word. Email [Office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:Office@stjohnssweetair.org).

## Easter Vigil Baptism

Do you know someone who would like to be baptized but might be anxious in front of the whole church? The early church welcomed adults in baptism at an "Easter Vigil." We invite you to consider **Sat., April 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm** for an intimate celebration of Baptism and new life in our historic chapel. Contact Pastor Lisa... [office@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto:office@stjohnssweetair.org).

## Renewing Worship Center...**CANCELED**

The Worship and Music Committee has formed 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 [mus-eo@comcast.net](mailto:mus-eo@comcast.net). Next meeting **Sun. March. 22**, 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## Easter Tulip Order 2020

If you would like to place a tulip(s) on the altar for Easter, please complete a form at the Welcome Center and return it to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. Please make your check payable to "**Women of St. John's**" and mark it "Tulips." **Deadline is April 5.** The tulips can be taken after the last service on Easter Sunday

## Community Good Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>

We have 9 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

# YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

## Youth Mission Dinner...

Out of an abundance of caution, we decided to cancel the 3/14 youth mission fundraising dinner. While this is a special event for our congregation, it involves a large crowd in tight-quarters which is not advisable at this time.

Despite this event not being able to occur, we are still hoping to raise the funds that will allow our youth to serve the people of Chicago and Johnstown on our summer trips. Therefore, we are asking that you consider allowing the cost of your ticket to become a donation. If you are unable to do so, please contact me and I will refund the ticket cost. Additionally, our silent auction will hopefully be taking place digitally in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out for the auction as another way to support our trips. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions of concerns! Thanks. Jeremy Morelock Director of Young Discipleship

## 10:30 am Splash Playdate March 19<sup>th</sup> **CANCELED**

In the Church nursery activities to include decorating flower pots and learning how we care for creation. All ages welcome. Snack provided. If the weather permits, we may end with a visit to the playground for some fun in the sun! Contact [megan@stjohnssweetair.org](mailto: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.

# MISSION + MINISTRY

## St. John's Moms-CANCELED

St. John's Moms is a group for moms of all ages to support each other, engage in community and church events, and enjoy fun social time and fellowship together with our kids. Join us today for our monthly meeting at 11:00 am at the St. John's playground (weather permitting, otherwise in Parlor). New faces are always welcome!

## Free Thrivent Financial Workshop...CANCELED

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

## Council President and Pastor have called a Special Congregational Meeting...Look for information in your email

One agenda item: *Expanding our Welcome Entrances* final bid and recommendations from Council  
*If you have not made a gift yet to the capital campaign, please mark a pew envelope.*

## Update Mission: Organic Garden

- Gail Southern volunteered to take soil for testing
- Lee Yoder will till garden in March.
- We will get additional weed barrier (burlap & straw)
- Volunteers needed this summer on Thursdays 6 PM.
- Volunteers are welcome to come on other days.
- We are considering: corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, turnips, romaine lettuce, Sweet Million, cherry tomatoes, broccoli, cabbage.
- We are still considering places to take harvested produce.  
Shalom, Deacon Laura Heller

## Welcome Program March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm for New Members and Members!...CANCELED

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.

## CFD Kick-off Meeting Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

In the Fellowship Hall. Please join in for the first meeting to discuss 2020 Country Fair Day!

## Thrivent Financial Thanks!

Reminder, "Choice Dollars" allocated to Thrivent members in 2019 can be directed to St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church (#4943) to support the mission by 3/31/2020. To date \$28,059 Thrivent Choice Dollars have been directed to St. John's mission. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

## 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.

## Senior Ministry invites all to Sight & Sound's Esther Sat. Aug. 15, 2020

\$50 (includes cost of ticket and bus!) Made out to St. John's (Memo: "Senior Ministry") Bus with 50 seats leaves from St. John's at 9 am Bus will stop for lunch after the show 2 pm  
First come. First serve.

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## Deacon Laura Heller will lead

the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 you register by 4/13. To register email office@stjohnssweetair.org .

## March 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 pm. Senior Ministry Adult Forum: CANCELED

## 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 this position.



3911 Sweet Air Road  
Phoenix, MD 21131



Phone: 410-592-6565  
Fax: 410-592-5868



office@stjohnssweetair.org  
www.stjohnssweetair.org

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  
Bob Barrett  
Brenda Beall  
James Brunner  
Marge Burdette  
Diane Corkran  
Dawn Dorrell  
Molly Gleason  
Gary Greene  
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

Dylan Spencer  
Katy Stevens and family  
Wayne Stolins  
The Tehan family  
Melanie Vohs  
Dean Watkins  
Bob Windsor  
Sheila Zimmer

**Special needs:**

- Prayers for all who are facing poverty, viruses, gangs, and natural disasters, especially Tennessee.
- Prayers for wisdom for the policy makers.
- Prayers for our search committee for a Director of Adult Discipleship
- 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:**

- † Usher Team
- † Greeter Team
- † Country Fair Day Team

**Members of the week:**

John & Joan Derwart  
Cassie Domek  
Karen Donoho  
Jim & Ali Dowla, Macy, Hayden

*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 (3/8/2020)**

8:08...58 9:38...125 11:08...63  
Children's Ministry...31 Adult Discussion ...13  
TOTAL...277

**Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving:** \$5,139

**Members:**

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

**Treasurer's Report: through 2/29/2020**

Unified Budget Offering: \$52,848  
Designated Offering \$10,074  
Net Operating Income \$42,774  
Operating Expenses: \$43,807  
Net Operating Income (\$1,033)

**Feb 2020**

2020  
\$168,315 Sunday Plate, e-Giving, Donations, Hall  
\$46,617 Directed Non-Op (e.g., F&H, DR, Parsonage)  
\$121,698  
\$82,206 Salaries, Utilities, Maint., Tech., Benev., etc.  
\$39,492

**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!**