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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

Everyone comes before Christ carrying a heavy load. Daily we pray for the hurts and the hopes of all who are touched by the mission & ministry of St. John. This week we pray especially for:

Members

Thelma Heber
Gloria Allen
Charlotte Bibleheimer

Lillian Dasher
Ruth Katzsco
Sylvia Christenson

Barbara Vinson
Kim Rosenthal

Friends

Good Samaritan Orphanage,
in Mbeya, Tanzania
Living Water Baptist Church
Community of St. Dymas
Those traveling overseas
Those anticipating layoffs
Those seeking employment

Those battling cancer
and depression

Marcia Dyer
David Hahn
Dan Dunbar

Cherie & George Baron
Shaun Dunbar
Pam Morrison

Mary Ann Skepanski
Jean Theobald
Barbara Ellinger

Jimmy Nunnally
Elizabeth Letmate
Simone Eichner

The Botkin Family
The Schellhaas Family & baby
Cierra & Michael (travel)

Peggy Brannan
Alice Kahl

Mary Kecken
Dot Horn
Ruth Holmes (B/day)

Ashley
Ingrid & Manfred
Charlie Meushaw

Ted Dugan
Simone Eichner
Darlynn Jones

Ray
Kyle

David Kwiatkowski & Family

Joe
Kathy
Marian Jones

Bonnie & Lauren
Nancy
Bonnie & Scott

Kyle
Garver
Bud & Laura

Erik Dickover
The Marvel Family
The Coelho Family

Mary Jo Wessel
Nate Wessel

Colson Tackett
Tara Wessel
Jerry Wessel

Gail
Ninsiima Bandio
Jennifer Taylor

Ed Lindt
Gary Rosenthal
Bob Dom

Mike Rzepiennik
Beverly Johnson
Preston Johnson

Joseph Johnson
Jessica & Pandora Johnson
Janet Johns

Corrie & Mike
Tom Klein
Ron Lechner

Paul Donahue
Lucille McGuire
Neil Dello Russo

Jean Gosa
Bob & Frannie Knisley
Ann Neat

Fred and Lucy
JoAnn & Mark

*Due to space constraints, names remain on the prayer list for a period of 3 weeks.
If you would like to have someone listed beyond 3 weeks, please submit another
prayer card as you see their name getting closer to the beginning of the list.

We pray for those expecting: Melanie and John Tindale are expecting the birth of their second child around September 2nd.

Vacation time is upon us!

While you are away...the work of the church goes on. Summer vacation is a good motivation to sign up for a free electronic transfer arrangement for the mission of St. John. It's easy and confidential for you; consistent for our ministry. Pick up an enrollment form and return envelope in the church entry or for more information about the *Simply Giving* program, contact our Business Manager, Murl@stjohnmd.org.



Our Vision:

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ,
Growing in Faith, Hope & Love

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit." *Matthew 28:19*
"faith, hope, and love abide" — *1 Corinthians 13:13*

WEEKLY UPDATE
August 29, 2010



St. John
Lutheran Church

Summer Sermon Series Wraps Up The Greatest Sermon Ever; The Sermon on the Mount

Even non-Christians have heard of the *Sermon on the Mount*. Christians have heard many sermons on it, but still find parts of it hard to understand—and hard to apply in our lives. John Stott puts it this way: "The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best-known part of the teaching of Jesus, though arguably it is the least understood, and certainly it is the least obeyed." Let's study it again. Perhaps we will find new treasures as well as old.

God's Inclination

Our God is a benevolent parent. Sometimes in the midst of daily living, it's really hard to see or understand what He's up to. Then we get ambushed by His Grace.

Matthew 7:7-11

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Bring your children to 10:15 Worship for a Rally Day celebration on September 12th

Plan to attend the 10:15 service, September 12th with your child(ren). The beginning of the service will be set aside for the young ones, and they'll play an important role in introducing and interacting with a special new friend! If you haven't already registered your child(ren) for Sunday School, please do so today.

After the children's section of the service wraps-up, parents will be encouraged to take their little ones their classrooms to sign-in and meet their Sunday School teachers.

**WAVE dinners and activities begin
Wednesday, September 15th**
Growing in faith, hope, and love

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ITEMS OF INTEREST AT ST. JOHN

It's time to register your student for Sunday School! Even if you registered him and/or her last year! Please pick up a Sunday School Registration form in the church entrance, from an outdoor worship greeter or download the PDF from the website. Place completed forms in the basket provided.

Middle & High School Youth, beginning September 12th, gather on Sundays, 10:15-11:15 AM, at St. John Park for fun activities, faith conversations, and friends—new and old. We will meet in a mixture of large group and small groups in similar ages. We will cover many relevant teenage topics. If any adults or college students are interested in learning more about this ministry and possibly assisting with it, please contact Pastor Mike.

Confirmation Registration Begins for 2010 — 7th & new 8th-9th graders: You are invited to join in the Confirmation fun on Wednesdays this school year, beginning Sept. 8: large and small group activities, servant events, and a great retreat! You can even begin your Wednesday evenings with dinner (the whole family is invited!) at the church for a small cost. Complete the registration form, which can be found on the table in the church entrance or from a greeter during outdoor worship. You may give the completed form directly to Chris Irvin or drop it into the offering plate/basket and they'll see that it gets to the office. If you have questions, please e-mail Confirmation@stjohnmd.org.

Fall Sermon Series — Integrity: The Courage to Face the Demands of Reality. It is more than simple honesty. It's the key to success. A person with integrity has the — often rare — ability to pull everything together, to make it all happen no matter how challenging the circumstances. The sermon series will explore the strong Biblical support for the six qualities of character that define integrity. For those who would like to discuss these concepts on a deeper level, Pastor Brian will lead a six week Sunday evening exploration of Dr. Henry Cloud's book of the same title. It's not too early to buy a copy for your summer reading list! **Note: You must read the book to participate in the evening class.**

Pub N Talk — A monthly meet-up where people can discuss church, God, and other theological topics in a relaxed setting. Meetings are held at Ellicott Mills Brewing Company (downstairs), 8308 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD. This is a great opportunity to invite along a friend or friends to join the group! **The next meeting tomorrow, August 30th from 6:30 PM until about 8 PM.** For additional information you can view the official **Pub N' Talk** Facebook page or contact John Tindale via email at John@JohnTindale.com. We will be discussing the Augsburg Confession. Please sign up so we know how many people to expect. We maxed out the basement area last month and may need to reserve a larger space.

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SUMMER Readings Reflections

Sunday, August 29
Matthew 7:7-11

We began our study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount considering the ways in which we are blessed through our need for God. We conclude our study with assurance of his ever-present relationship with us. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus? What will help you develop it?

Monday, August 30
Matthew 7:7; Psalm 24:7

Seeking and asking towards God is not about a list of requests you present to him. While it is fine to turn to God for your needs and desires, how does you "seeking" reflect your interest, devotion, and trust in God?

Tuesday, August 31
Matthew 7:8; Matthew 14:28-31

Jesus challenges us to be people of bold faith. What would you believe Christ for if your faith was bold? Why does your faith falter?

Wednesday, September 1
Isaiah 58

God knows our hearts when we "seek" and "ask" in a way that does not submit to his authority or receive his grace with gratitude. What indicates our sincerity towards Him?

Thursday, September 2
Matthew 7:9-11; Romans 8:14-15

God is Abba, "Daddy," a loving and compassionate parent who longs to give us all that is best for us. What circumstance in your life might you receive more constructively if you remembered that your needs have been provided by your loving daddy?

Friday, September 3
James 5:13-15

What prayer do you need to lift up today *in faith*? Take this moment to pray.

Saturday, September 4
2 Peter 1:17; Ephesians 1:3-6

Who are you in the eyes of God? Meditate on this knowledge and give him thanks.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 29th	6:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Living Water Baptist Church Morning Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 7:30 AM) Liturgical Worship Sunday School Teacher Meeting (Room #20 until 10:30 AM) Classroom setup immediately following the meeting.
	10:45 AM 11:30 AM 11:45 AM	Contemporary Worship outdoors for the summer Living Water Baptist Church Fellowship (St. John Park 'til about 5 PM) Meeting for Parents, Guides and Confirmands (Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:45 AM Worship Service) Room #20 (Reserved 'til about 3 PM)
	Noon 1:00 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	Living Water Baptist Church Worship (Sanctuary & St. John Park 'til 3 PM) Iglesia Evangelica Casa de Dios Worship (Sanctuary 'til 9 PM) Living Water Baptist Church Women's Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 6 AM)
	Monday, August 30th	11:00 PM Living Water Baptist Church Women's Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 6 AM)
	Tuesday, August 31st	7:00 PM 8:00 PM 11:00 PM
Wed., September 1st	7:00 AM 11:00 PM	Men's Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 8 AM) Living Water Baptist Church Women's Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 6 AM)
Thur., September 2nd	9:00 AM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 8:30 PM 11:00 PM	Passport to Learning NOT Back to School Picnic (St. John Park 'til 4:30 PM) Band Rehearsal (Studio 'til about 9 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til 9:30 PM) ALANON (Classroom in Education Wing 'til 9:30 PM) Living Water Baptist Church Women's Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 6 AM)
Friday, September 3rd Schools Closed for Professional Development	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 5:00 PM 11:00 PM	Women's Fellowship (Room #20 & Nursery 'til 1:30 AM) Organist Rehearsal (Choir Loft and Sanctuary 'til 5 PM) Living Water Baptist Church Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary-8 PM) Living Water Baptist Church Women's Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 1 AM)
Sat., September 4th	7:00 PM	Iglesia Evangelica Casa de Dios Worship (Sanctuary 'til 9 PM)
Sunday September 5th	9:00 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	Liturgical Worship LAST Contemporary Worship outdoors for the summer Living Water Baptist Church Fellowship (F/H 'til about 5 PM) Living Water Baptist Church Worship (Sanctuary & F/H 'til 3 PM) Iglesia Evangelica Casa de Dios Worship (Sanctuary 'til 9 PM) Living Water Baptist Church Women's Prayer (Sanctuary 'til 6 AM)
Monday, Sept. 6th Labor Day Holiday		Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

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St. John's Family Camping — This event is geared to families and children or youths who must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. The dates for Family Camping are **Friday, September 17th through Sunday, September 19th (2 nights)**. Each family should contact Cunningham Falls State Park in Thurmont, MD 301/271-7574 to reserve your site. **Sites are still available in the Houck Area. After you reserve your site,** contact Jonathan Egan at 410/796-1153 or by email at eeigor@gmail.com to ensure that you are not inadvertently left out of any group information or activities. Pick up a brochure today for more details.

Fly Fishing Clinic — In preparation for the Family Camp or anyone who might be interested in learning more, Pastor Brian and Frank Braden will offer this basic introduction to fly fishing on Sunday, September 12th at 4 PM in St. John Park. If you don't already have your gear, there may be a few extra sets with which to practice and learn, but we

can't count on outfitting everyone if there's a crowd. Wal-Mart™ has intro level sets from \$25.00 to \$30.00 while Bass Pro has nicer ones from \$80.00 to \$125.00. From there you can spend thousands on high end gear, but don't do so until you know what you really want and are deeply committed to the sport. An eight to nine foot 5wt rig is good for our area. You'll learn the basics of poles and reels, casting, using wet and dry lines and flies, and knots. At the Family Camp we'll concentrate on reading a river and understanding the best places to look for trout.

Handbell Choir — The choir needs an additional ringer to fill out their complement. Please contact Susan McKenzie at 410/465-1848 for further information.



14th Annual Women's Retreat "Trusting in God's Will" is now full! If you would like to be put on a waiting list for possible cancellations, please complete a form and forward it to Phyllis Cornwell at pcbeachbum4@gmail.com.