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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  
Charlotte Bibleheimer  
Lillian Dasher  
Gene & Maria Boritz

Judy Anderson  
Ruth Katzsco  
Bowen & Shannon Pope  
Karl Berland

Kim Rosenthal  
Phyllis Cornwell  
Sylvia Christenson

### Friends

Good Samaritan Orphanage,  
in Mbeya, Tanzania  
Living Water Baptist Church  
Community of St. Dymas  
Bishop Jerry Knoche  
Those anticipating layoffs  
Those seeking employment  
Those battling cancer  
Those battling addiction  
Those fighting depression  
Those fighting for sobriety

Marissa & parents  
Lucille McGuire  
Kendra Czarnecki  
Peggy Warner  
Arschel Morrell  
Mary Lehner  
Krista Ronai  
Jack  
Brian Dennis

William  
Meghan  
Kayleigh  
Dean Hyde  
Eddie Brooks  
The Marvel Family  
Brandon, Terrell & Family  
Tammy Collins  
Eula Armiger  
Joe Armiger, Jr.  
Kathy Mahoney  
Erika Duarte  
Ruthie Peters  
Audrey Roberts  
Sharon Sunder  
Lina Duarte  
Myriam Duarte  
Bonnie & Scott  
Trish Lannon  
Kyle Shafer

Garver Elliott  
Dave & Richard Piel  
Beverly & Preston Johnson  
Peggy Brannan  
Alice Kahl  
Lyndsey Fields  
Eileen Bednar  
Peggy Warner  
Lynne Lentz  
Pete Cobb  
The Smith Family  
Ruby  
Gary Rosenthal  
Betty Schroeder  
Pastor Ingrid  
Jan Case  
Mark & JoAnn Geier

**Birth Announcement:** Aaron & Lisa Haack bring us news of the birth of their second son, Gavin Michael Haack who was born on May 18th. Gavin, big brother Aidan, mom and dad are all doing great.

**We extend Christian sympathy** to the family and friends of the Bianchi and Collier families. Each lost one of their sons just days after high school graduation in a swimming accident this past weekend.

### 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  
June 14, 2009



St. John  
Lutheran Church

## Congregation Elections Today

This morning the annual election will be held by written ballot between 8:45 AM and Noon, except while worship is underway. All confirmed and adult members are eligible to vote. Nominees for Council positions will take office in September and Cemetery Board positions will begin in June. Brief bios of those nominated for Council & Cemetery Board openings can be found at the election table this morning.

# KIDZ KAMP

Kidz Kamp July 13th-17th

here at St. John from 5:45 PM 'til 7:45 PM.

At just \$50 per kamper, the registration fee will cover, dinner, T-shirt, crafts, etc.

**Register early and SAVE!** Family members are invited to eat with the kampers for an extra suggested offering per person. On Friday evening, the kampers will present a brief musical featuring music they will have learned throughout the week's activities. The children are invited to sing a special anthem on Sunday, July 19th and enjoy a picnic immediately following outdoor worship. **Register on line by clicking on the Kidz Kamp icon on the main page of the website.** Mail payment or drop your check in the offering with a notation

that it is for Kids Kamp. Volunteers are needed. Contact Lisa Thompson at [Lisa@stjohnmd.org](mailto:Lisa@stjohnmd.org) for more information about helping with Kidz Kamp.

Kampers registered after June 28th pay an additional \$10.

# Register early and \$ave!

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*Growing in faith, hope, and love*

## ITEMS OF INTEREST AT ST. JOHN

**Book Discussion Group** — We will be discussing Jentezen Franklin's *Right People, Right Place, Right Plan: Discerning the Voice of God*. There will be two opportunities to attend - Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings starting today. The Wednesday evening group will meet from 7-8:30 PM in the office house meeting room. The Sunday morning group will meet from 9:15-10:30 in classroom 20. Both groups are open to anyone. The book is available at local book stores and at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). If you have any questions, contact Mickey at [Mickeyk55@comcast.net](mailto:Mickeyk55@comcast.net) or 410/381-7064.

**Elizabeth House** — Sign up sheets for Elizabeth House are now out for July - December. If you have any questions, please call Ken Cunningham at 410/750-6015, cell 410/274-8701 or email Ken at [ken\\_cunningham@verizon.net](mailto:ken_cunningham@verizon.net). You may also visit Elizabeth House web site at [www.fishoflaurel.org](http://www.fishoflaurel.org).

**Empty Ink Cartridges = CASH** You can get rid of your empty ink cartridges and help the church pay for our office supplies at the same time. All you need to do is bring your empty cartridges to church and place them into the collection receptacle in the Narthex. At Staples we can turn in up to 20 cartridges per month and receive \$3 store credit for each cartridge. That's \$60 in **FREE** office supplies!

**Vacation time will soon be upon us! While you are away...** the work of the church goes on. Summer vacation is a good motivation to sign up for *Simply Giving*® 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, by leaving a message at the office or email him at [Murl@stjohnmd.org](mailto:Murl@stjohnmd.org).

## SUMMER Readings Reflections

### Sunday, June 14

Matthew 13:3-9

Note how the seed and sower remain constant. It is the soil that varies. What happens when the seed falls on each type of soil?

### Monday, June 15

Matthew 13:18-23

What are some of the barriers Jesus identifies in this parable that cause a person to fail to grow spiritually?

### Tuesday, June 16

Matthew 13:10-17; Isaiah 6:9-10

Jesus describes someone not ready to grow as hard-hearted. What has hardened your heart? What helps to soften your heart toward God?

### Wednesday, June 17

Luke 8:13; Jeremiah 17:8;

How do you recognize when the roots of your faith are not growing deep enough? What helps you to till your spiritual soil and prepare for growth?

### Thursday, June 18

Ephesians 3:17; Romans 12:9-13

Loving others helps us grow more deeply into the love God has for us. How will you till your soil by loving others?

### Friday, June 19

Luke 8:14

Even a life with "good soil" can be cluttered with the weeds of busyness and excess. What clutters your life? What obvious "weed" could you pull out of your life?

### Saturday, June 20

Luke 8:15; John 15:5-8

Good soil produces a bountiful crop. Where do you see the results of your growth in Christ bearing fruit in yourself and others?

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Sunday, June 14th</b>	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM  Noon 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Liturgical Worship Book Discussion Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 10:30 PM) Contemporary Worship (First Outdoor Worship) Living Water Baptist Church Bible Study/Fellowship (1 Room at St. John Park 'til about 1 PM) Creation Meeting (Office Meeting Room) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3 PM) STC Cookout (Offsite)
<b>Monday, June 15th</b>	6:00 PM	Ride for Hope (Fellowship Hall 'til about 8 PM)
<b>Tuesday, June 16th</b>	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Council Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about 9 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til about 9 PM)
<b>Wednesday, June 17th</b>	7:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Group (Office Meeting Room 'til about 8 AM) Summer Ensemble Rehearsal (Choir Loft 'til about 8 PM) Book Discussion Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 8:30 PM) Living Water Women's Bible Study (1 Room at St. John Park 'til 8 PM)
<b>Thursday, June 18th</b>	10:30 AM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 8:30 PM	Staff Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about noon) Praise Team Rehearsal (Office Building 'til about 9 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til 9:30 PM) Alanon (Available Classroom 'til about 9:30 PM)
<b>Friday, June 19th</b>	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 9:00 PM	Women's Fellowship (Room #20 'til about 11:30 AM) Organist Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Loft 'til 4:30 PM) LWBC Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary 'til about 11 PM) Living Water Women's Prayer (Room #20 'til 1 AM)
<b>Saturday, June 20th</b>		
<b>Sunday, June 21st</b>	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM  1:30 PM	Liturgical Worship Book Discussion Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 10:30 PM) Contemporary Worship (STC Leading Worship) Living Water Baptist Church Bible Study/Fellowship (1 Room at St. John Park 'til about 1 PM) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3 PM)

**Altar Team** — The Altar Team is in search of a few new members to set up the altar for services. A helper will work with new members until he or she is comfortable setting up by themselves. If you'd like to know more about this ministry team, call Linda Lester at the church office during the week or email her at [LindaLester@stjohnmd.org](mailto:LindaLester@stjohnmd.org).

### Our Financial Stewardship

	Actual	*Budget
Last Week's General Fund Giving	\$11,577	\$12,283
Year-to-Date General Fund	\$473,639	\$503,603

\* Based on 53 Sundays