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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 Katzsc
Kim Rosenthal
Phyllis Cornwell

Sylvia Christenson
Bowen & Shannon Pope

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

Erika Duarte
Ruthie Peters
Audrey Roberts
Sharon Sunder
Lina Duarte
Bonnie & Scott
Trish Lannon
Kyle Shafer
Garver Elliott
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
Dave & Richard Piel
Beverly & Preston Johnson
Joey Johnson
Jerry Hodge
Priscilla Thomassen
Ken Mabrey
Judy Hildebrand
Joe Armiger, Jr.
Kathy Mahoney
Myriam Duarte
Mark & JoAnn Geier

"Is there any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14)

Laying on of hands and anointing the sick

During the summer months, beginning next week, we will gather in the sanctuary after the 10:45 outdoor service. All who desire personal prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing are invited to participate.

Our Lord, in his earthly ministry, performed many different acts of healing – forgiving of sins, casting out evil, curing physical disease. His disciples also performed similar acts. These practices continued as part of the Church's ministry of healing for many centuries. The laying on of hands was associated with prayers for the work of the Holy Spirit. Anointing with oil is a practice deeply rooted in Biblical faith, but is especially related to the healing of sickness or infirmity. In recent decades many churches have rediscovered the value of this ministry and it seems right to again offer this ministry on a regular basis at St. John Lutheran.

Wedding Announcements: We congratulate Nathaniel ("Nat", son of Shelley & Ken Wolf-ram and grandson of Betty Thompson) & Jessica Wolfram and Ed & Heather (niece of Linda Lester) Darney on their marriages. Both couples *tied the knot* this past Saturday, June 13th. **We extend Christian sympathy** to the family and friends of Edwin Vollmerhausen; family and friends of Mona Schaar, who was a former neighbor and was like a "second mother" to Julie Alzin.

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 21, 2009



St. John
Lutheran Church

Congratulations Pastor Brian

Today we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Pastor Brian's ordination. Be on hand this afternoon immediately following outdoor worship at St. John Park (or in the Fellowship Hall if the weather doesn't cooperate!) as we gather for a time of refreshment, fellowship and an opportunity to personally congratulate Pastor Brian on his 25 years of service to Jesus Christ.

Cards are available in the church entrance this morning on which you can write a special note of congratulations or encouragement. After completing the card, please place it into the box provided. These cards will be compiled into a special keepsake for Pastor Brian to help remember the day.

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 for more information about helping with Kidz Kamp. Kampers registered after June 28th pay an additional \$10.

Register TODAY and \$ave!

Growing in faith, hope, and love

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ITEMS OF INTEREST AT ST. JOHN

Newly Elected Leaders — We are grateful for those who serve on our Council, including Bill Thomas, Joy Wingert and Nestor Rodriguez who will begin their terms in September. See the back page of this publication for a list of our incoming and outgoing Council leaders and contact information. Also, congratulations to Darlene Marden and Dale Fixsen who have been elected to the Cemetery Board.

Welcome to Paul Buker who recently joined our staff as Coordinator of Contemporary Worship. He brings many musical gifts, as well as a heart for reaching out in service to our Lord. We look forward to getting to know Paul and his family!

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. 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. If you have any questions, contact Mickey at 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. You may also visit the Elizabeth House website by going to 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 Murl@stjohnmd.org.

SUMMER Readings Reflections

Sunday, June 21

Matthew 20:1-16

How does this landowner's hiring and compensation practices reflect the way God reaches out to people and invites them into his family?

Monday, June 22

Isaiah 5: 1-7; Luke 23:33-34

Consider what it would be like if God operated on a performance-based approach to our life and faith. Instead, he offers us his grace-based approach. What is your response?

Tuesday, June 23

Luke 18: 9-14

Some Christians work at a performance-based faith. How does this sabotage their spiritual health and affect those to whom they witness?

Wednesday, June 24

1 John 3:1-3; James 2:22

When a person is captured by God's grace and goodness, how is this reflected in his or her daily life?

Thursday, June 25

Philippians 2:13-15

Sometimes we grumble and complain, rather than having gratitude for God at work all around us. Monitor your grumbling today. Where does it come from? Ask God to help you reframe it.

Friday, June 26

Matthew 20:15; 1 Timothy 1:12-17

How has resentment affected your life? In what way does God's love & grace offer you restoration?

Saturday, June 27

James 2: 12-13; 2 Corinthians 1:12

Resentment and judgment change the way we relate to others. Where in your life do you need to invite God to address these attitudes and behaviors?

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 21st	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM Noon 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) Ordination Celebration (Fellowship Hall or St. John Park) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3 PM)
Monday, June 22nd	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Summer Sensations Camp Setup (St. John Park 'til 5 PM) Summer Sensations Camp Meeting for Parents (Fellowship Hall 'til about 9 PM)
Tuesday, June 23rd	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Summer Sensations Camp Setup (St. John Park 'til 5 PM) Lay Pastors Meeting (Room #20 'til about 7:30 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til about 9 PM)
Wednesday, June 24th Creation Festival 2009	9:00 AM 7:00 AM 9:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Summer Sensations Camp Setup (St. John Park 'til 5 PM) Men's Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 8 AM) Piecemakers (Fellowship Hall 'til about Noon) 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)
Thursday, June 25th Creation Festival 2009	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 8:30 PM	Summer Sensations Camp Setup (St. John Park 'til 5 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)
Friday, June 26th Creation Festival 2009	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 9:00 PM	Summer Sensations Camp Setup (St. John Park 'til 5 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) Women's Ministry Team Meeting (Office Meeting Rm 'til 9 M) Living Water Women's Prayer (Room #20 'til 1 AM)
Saturday, June 27th Creation Festival 2009		
Sunday, June 28th Creation Festival 2009	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.

Our Financial Stewardship

	Actual	*Budget
Last Week's General Fund Giving	\$12,345	\$12,283
Year-to-Date General Fund	\$485,984	\$515,886

* Based on 53 Sundays