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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

Gene & Maria Boritz
Judy Anderson
Ruth Katzsco
Sylvia Christenson

Karen Henderson
Bowen & Shannon Pope
Kurt Wheeler
Bob Grinde

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 fighting depression
Those battling addiction
Those fighting for sobriety

Marjorie Webster
Edwin Webster
Judy Merson
Dorothy Kerwin
Linda Siciliano
Ruth Costa
Cindy & Family
Melanie, Emily & Ashley
Kevin
David Lohr

George Groth
Sonja Ashner
Dan & Gretchen Henderson
Kyrie King & Family
Ellie Thomas
Rebecca Hersh
Chiquita Durham
Earl Erlander
Jeanette
Burt Reichelt
Peggy Brannan
Lyndsey Fields
Peggy Warner
Eileen Bednar
Alice Kahl
Lynne Lentz
Mindy
Melanie
Cindy & Family
Kevin
Tom Klein

Dave Piel
Beverly & Preston Johnson
Joey Johnson
Mark & JoAnn Geier
Frannie Knisley
Corrie & Mike
Marge Mattocks
Lawrence Chalfin
Bob Wilson
The Marvel Family
The Coppa Family
Earl Lester
Mark Wolford
Melanie & Family

We pray for those expecting: Charlene and Richard "Lee" Harding are expecting their first child around January 15th.

Baptized last Sunday: Miles Logan Breitenbach, son of Mark & Katie Breitenbach.

We extend Christian sympathy to Dawn Wolfe upon the death of her husband this past week. Dawn is a co-worker of Lisa Terry.

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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 2, 2009



St. John
Lutheran Church

Philippians

Run the Race (Week 4 of 6 Week Series)

Do you desire joy beyond measure, perseverance in the race of life, a servant's heart, hope for the future, a peace that is beyond human understanding, and lasting contentment? Look no further than St. Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. Paul points in the direction all of these may be found; in the person of Jesus Christ.

Today, Hope for the Future — Paul hungered to know Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection. Knowing and believing that we will be raised to eternal life in his name is essential if we are to live lives of deep surrender to God's will. How does that confidence influence how you live today? *Philippians 3:1-4:1*

August 9th, Peace Through Prayer — Conflict in a church can arise in many levels. Sometimes it's theology, others personality or who gets to decide for the church. Paul addressed it in the church in Philippi. What do you think happens in the heart of God in these situations? *Philippians 4:2-9*

August 16th, Contentment in All Things — Paul gave himself to something bigger and greater than himself. His life had significance beyond itself. He was not free from worry, pain or limitations, but he was content. What do you have in Christ that no person or situation can ever take from you? *Philippians 4:10-23*

"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, 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.

Growing in faith, hope, and love

ITEMS OF INTEREST AT ST. JOHN

Read through Philippians — We continue our current sermon series that takes us through Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. Follow the daily reading schedule and consider the reflection questions listed at right. The reading is short and easy, with so much to apply to our lives. Enjoy!

Helping Howard County's Homeless — After meeting with Ann Dunn, of the Route 1 Day Resource Center, the Women's Ministry Team decided to facilitate donations from our congregation to help local homeless people. The following items are urgently needed: men's underwear, men's pants, XXL and above, men's T-shirts, women's underwear, and women's plus size clothing only (they currently have plenty of smaller sizes for women), sunscreen, razors, shaving cream, large shampoo and body wash and diapers.

Family Camping

Plans are in place for the annual St. John's camping trip to Cunningham Falls State Park from **Friday, September 11th through Sunday, September 13th**. Most people will arrive at their camp sites on Friday afternoon and leave on Sunday morning or early afternoon. If you would like to participate in this year's St. John Family Camping event, look for the information sheet on the table in the church entrance or at either entrance during outdoor worship.



Revolve Tour 2009

is coming to Baltimore the weekend of **September 25 – 26!** Revolve tour is an event sponsored by the Women of Faith and is geared toward girls 11 – 17. It is a Friday night and Saturday event for only \$62.00 and that includes a lunch on Saturday. We have already purchased a group of tickets, but they are going fast. If interested, contact JeanJames2@verizon.net for more information.



Please pickup your Quarterly Statements of Giving to save the expense of mailing them.

SUMMER Readings Reflections

Sunday, August 2

Philippians 3:1-2

Rejoice in the Lord. Paul reminds the Philippians to keep Christ as the main thing, above any of their religious disagreements. Why would this point be important enough for Paul to repeat?

Monday, August 3

Philippians 3:3-0

Paul interjects the argument that given his background no one would be more justified as faithful than him, yet he valued only his relationship with Christ. In what ways do today's Christians mistakenly *put confidence in the flesh*?

Tuesday, August 4

Philippians 3:10-12

Paul, this hero of faith, knew he still had much spiritual growth ahead in order to take hold of all that Jesus had for him. How are you *pressing forward*?

Wednesday, August 5

Philippians 3:13-14

What do you need to let go of from the past? What do you need to strain toward? Ask the Lord for his help and guidance in this.

Thursday, August 6

Philippians 3:15-17

Read and contemplate these verses carefully. What wisdom do they offer you today?

Friday, August 7

Philippians 3:18-21

Verse 19 points us to see the truth about our lives, to recognize our need for Jesus. Where do you particularly need his power to be at work in you?

Saturday, August 8

Philippians 4:1

What does standing firm mean for you in this season of your life? Who will help you stand firm?

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 2nd	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 AM) Contemporary Worship (Outdoors, weather permitting) Living Water Baptist Church Bible Study/Fellowship (Fellowship Hall 'til about 1 PM through the Summer) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3 PM)
Monday, August 3rd	7:00 PM	High School Planning Team/THING Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about 8:30 PM)
Tuesday, August 4th	9:00 AM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Summer Sensations Camp (St. John Park 'til 3 PM) Living Water Bible Study—thru Aug. 11 (Room #20 'til 10 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til about 9 PM)
Wednesday, August 5th	NOTE 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	NO Wednesday Morning Men's Group (Until September) Summer Sensations Camp (St. John Park 'til 3 PM) Passport to Learning Play Group (Fellowship Hall and Education Wing 'til about 3 PM) Summer Ensemble Rehearsal (Choir Loft 'til 8 PM) Book Discussion Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 8:30 PM)
Thursday, August 6th	9:00 AM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 8:30 PM	Summer Sensations Camp (St. John Park 'til 3 PM) Praise Team Rehearsal (Studio 'til about 9 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til 9:30 PM) Alanon (Available Classroom 'til about 9:30 PM)
Friday, August 7th	9:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 9:00 PM	Summer Sensations Camp (St. John Park 'til 3 PM) Organist & Special Music 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)
Saturday, August 8th	10:00 AM	Property Team Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til noon)
Sunday, August 9th	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 1:30 PM	Liturgical Worship Book Discussion Group (Room #20 'til 10:30 AM) Contemporary Worship (Outdoors, weather permitting) Living Water Baptist Church Bible Study/Fellowship (Fellowship Hall 'til about 1 PM through the Summer) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3 PM)

Congregation Meeting - Sunday August 23rd at 6 PM

Meeting packets will be available for pickup next Sunday.

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 *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 by Murl@stjohnmd.org.

Our Financial Stewardship

	Actual	*Budget
Last Week's General Fund Giving	\$10,447	\$12,283
Year-to-Date General Fund	\$552,873	\$584,443
* Based on 53 Sundays		