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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

Bowen & Shannon Pope  
Kurt Wheeler  
Bob & Leora 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

Earl Erlander  
Jeanette  
Burt Reichelt  
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  
Brandon, Terrel & Family  
Earl Lester  
Mark Wolford  
Melanie & Family  
Doris Fredericks  
Gary Rosenthal  
Val Albitre

Bob Rosenthal  
Bob Dom  
Peggy Brannan  
Lyndsey Fields  
Peggy Warner  
Eileen Bednar  
Alice Kahl  
Doug Warner, Sr.  
Ruth Holmes  
Lila Purdy  
Melanie & Family  
Bonnie & Scott  
Garver Elliott  
Kyle Shafer  
Mary Jo Wessel  
Tara Wessel  
Nate Wessel  
Colson Tackett  
Marie Pietsch  
Amos & Sallie Thornton

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

**We celebrate the baptism** of Gavin Michael Haack, son of Aaron & Lisa Haack, brother of Aidan Haack.

**We extend Christian sympathy** to Mark and Kristel Groth upon the passing of George Groth.

### 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 9, 2009



**St. John**  
Lutheran Church

## Philippians

### Run the Race (Week 5 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, 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*

**Congregation Meeting - Sunday, August 23rd at 6 PM**

**Meeting packets are available for pickup this morning.**

**Quarterly statements not picked up today will have to be mailed.**

*"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*

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST AT ST. JOHN

**WANTED: Sunday School Teachers** — Many thanks to those who have already blessed us with news that you'll be teaching Sunday School this year! **We are still in need of teachers for Kindergarten (2), 4th Grade (2) and another to assist with the 3 Year-old class.** Contact Lisa Thompson at [Lisa@stjohnmd.org](mailto:Lisa@stjohnmd.org).

**Helping Howard County's Homeless** — After meeting with Ann Dunn, of the Route 1 Day Resource Center (visit their site at [www.daycenter.org](http://www.daycenter.org)), 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. Place donations into the plastic tubs in the entrance to the Education Wing.

### 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. Please contact [JeanJames2@verizon.net](mailto:JeanJames2@verizon.net) for more info.



## SUMMER Readings Reflections

### Sunday, August 9

Philippians 4:2

Two church leaders were caught up in a power struggle. What might it look like if these leaders were to *agree with each other in the Lord*?

### Monday, August 10

Philippians 4:3

What is a Christian's role when others in their faith community are experiencing a conflict?

### Tuesday, August 11

Philippians 4:4-5

Look back through Paul's letter to consider when and why he has repeatedly advised them to "rejoice in the Lord." How will you apply his guidance?

### Wednesday, August 12

Philippians 4:6

This may be a useful verse to memorize. Meditate on each phrase. How does it guide you toward peace?

### Thursday, August 13

Philippians 4:7

Describe when you have experienced peace that comes from God? What role do you have in protecting your heart and mind?

### Friday, August 14

Philippians 4:8

What do you have a tendency to think about? Why does Paul suggest thinking on these things?

### Saturday, August 15

Philippians 4:9

Paul offers his life as a witness. Who is your witness of God's peace? Who is witnessing the peace of God in your life?

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Sunday, August 9th</b>	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)
<b>Monday, August 10th</b>	5:30 PM	Financial Ministry Team Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about 7 PM)
<b>Tuesday, August 11th</b>	9:00 AM 7:00 PM  7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Summer Sensations Camp (St. John Park 'til 3 PM) Executive Leadership Team Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about 8:30 PM) LWBC Bible Study (Room #20 'til about 10:30 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til about 9 PM)
<b>Wednesday, August 12th</b>	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)
<b>Thursday, August 13th</b>	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)
<b>Friday, August 14th</b>	9:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM 9:00 PM	Summer Sensations Camp (St. John Park 'til 3 PM) Organist Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Loft 'til 4:30 PM) LWBC Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary 'til about 11 PM) Knit & Crochet Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 9:30 PM) Living Water Women's Prayer (Room #20 'til 1 AM)
<b>Saturday, August 15th</b>		
<b>Sunday, August 16th</b>	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 (St. John Park 'til about 1 PM) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3 PM)

**Register your child(ren) for SUNDAY SCHOOL beginning NEXT week.**

**The 1st Family Worship is September 13th & Rally Day is September 20th.**

### 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 by email [Murl@stjohnmd.org](mailto:Murl@stjohnmd.org).

### Our Financial Stewardship

	Actual	*Budget
Last Week's General Fund Giving	\$14,116	\$12,283
Year-to-Date General Fund	\$565,825	\$601,867
* Based on 53 Sundays		