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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

Bob & Leora Grinde  
Bowen & Shannon Pope  
Kurt Wheeler

### Friends

Good Samaritan Orphanage,  
in Mbeya, Tanzania  
Living Water Baptist  
Church

Community of St. Dysmas  
Bishop Jerry Knoche  
Those anticipating layoffs  
Those seeking employment  
Those battling cancer  
Those fighting depression  
Those battling addiction  
Those fighting for sobriety

Lawrence Chalfin

Bob Wilson

The Marvel Family

The Coppa Family

Brandon, Terrel & Family

Earl Lester

Mark Wolford  
Melanie & Family

Doris Fredericks

Bob Rosenthal

Eileen Bednar

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Kyle Shafer

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Colson Tackett

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Amos & Sallie Thornton

Tom Klein

Dave Piel

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Preston Johnson  
Joey Johnson  
Mark & JoAnn Geier

Frannie Knisley  
Corrie & Mike  
Peggy Brannan  
Lyndsey Fields  
Peggy Warner  
Doug Warner, Sr.

Ruth Holmes

Lila Purdy

Dot Horn

Gary Rosenthal

Val Albitre

Bob Dom

Diana Long

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

**Birth Announcement:** The church office received word this week, that Gloria Dietrich has a new great-granddaughter! Her name is Julia Marie Zumbrun.

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

**We extend Christian sympathy** to the family and friends of Edwin DeWitt Smith, grandfather of Colby Andersson.

### 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 16, 2009



St. John  
Lutheran Church

## Philippians

Run the Race (Final Week 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, 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

### Agenda items:

- ❖ Approval of August 2008 Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Review Strategic Initiatives for Next Year
- ❖ Approve Fiscal Year 2010 Spending Plan
- ❖ Brief update from Lead Pastor

*"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).

**Confirmation 2009-10 Registration**  
**Attention parents of all 7th-9th graders** — We are asking all families (new and returning) to complete a Confirmation registration form to ensure that we have the latest contact information for each Confirmand and family. Registration forms are available in the church entrance and outdoor worship space. Please complete your registration form and place it in the specially-marked box in the Narthex (or at Outdoor Worship). The first night of Confirmation is September 9th, 7-8:30 PM, (dinner at 6 PM for a small cost). **All parents are required to attend this first night for the All Parents Meeting with Pastor Mike following the opening worship service.** We anticipate making some improvements to this year's Confirmation program that you'll want to know about! Questions? Contact Chris Irvin at [Confirmation@stjohnmd.org](mailto:Confirmation@stjohnmd.org).

**Helping Howard County's Homeless** — The Women's Ministry Team is facilitating donations from our congregation to help local homeless people through partnership with the Route 1 Day Resource Center ([www.daycenter.org](http://www.daycenter.org)). 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**



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# SUMMER Readings Reflections

### Sunday, August 16

Philippians 4:10-11

Paul addresses financial and personal commitment from the church of Philippi. What is Paul's motivation?

### Monday, August 17

Philippians 4:12

What is the stability of your contentment? On what does your behavior indicate that it is based?

### Tuesday, August 18

Philippians 4:13

Remember, Paul writes these words from prison. How do his circumstances and his relationship with Christ impact his contentment? Pray about an area of your life needing strength that can come only from Christ.

### Wednesday, August 19

Philippians 4:14-16

Ministry partnership is an encouragement to both the giver and receiver. What ministry partnerships are meaningful to you? How would you like to grow as an encourager?

### Thursday, August 20

Philippians 4:17-18

What makes a gift *pleasing to God*?

### Friday, August 21

Philippians 4:19-20

God replaces our complaining and worry with joy, peace, encouragement, and hope. Reflect on God's glorious riches in your life.

### Saturday, August 22

Philippians 4:21-23

Note that although he is a prisoner of Caesar, Paul sends Christian greetings from Caesar's household! His circumstances result in a greater purpose. Take a moment now to pray that you receive the grace of Jesus into all of your life experiences.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

<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)
<b>Monday, August 17th</b>		
<b>Tuesday, August 18th</b>	7:30 PM 8:00 PM	LWBC Bible Study (St. John Park 'til about 10:30 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til about 9 PM)
<b>Wednesday, August 19th</b>	NOTE 1:00 PM  7:00 PM 7:00 PM	NO Wednesday Morning Men's Group (Until September) 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 20th</b>	10:30 AM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 8:30 PM	Staff Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about noon) 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 21st</b>	3:30 PM 6:00 PM 9:00 PM	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, August 22nd</b>		St. John Park Reserved for Chris Irvin
<b>Sunday, August 23rd</b>  <b>Annual Meeting of the Congregation TONIGHT at 6 PM in the Sanctuary</b>	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM  1:30 PM 6:00 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) Congregation Meeting (Sanctuary 'til about 7:30 PM)

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### 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**



**thru 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. Tickets are going fast so contact Jean James ASAP at [JeanJames2@verizon.net](mailto:JeanJames2@verizon.net).

### 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	\$8,400	\$12,283
Year-to-Date General Fund	\$574,225	\$614,150
* Based on 53 Sundays		

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!**

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