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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
Lisa Thompson

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

Doris Fredericks
Bob Rosenthal
Eileen Bednar
Alice Kahl
Melanie & Family
Bonnie & Scott
Garver Elliott

Kyle Shafer
Mary Jo Wessel
Tara Wessel
Nate Wessel
Colson Tackett
Marie Pietsch

Amos & Sallie Thornton

Tom Klein
Dave Piel
Beverly Johnson
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
Earl Lester
The Marvel Family
Brandon, Terrel & Family
Melanie
Lucille McGuire
Megan Estey
Howard Matthews
Susan Coon
Tim
Nicole

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

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Deems Disney, husband of Elizabeth (Betty) Disney; family and friends of Mrs. Ruth Jones, grandmother of Christina Merchant.

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 23, 2009



St. John
Lutheran Church

Congregation Meeting - Tonight at 6 PM

Meeting 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

Urgent Plea for Sunday School Teachers

As we begin registering our children for Sunday School for the coming program year, which begins with Rally Day, September 20th, we are still in need of teachers for **Kindergarten (2), 4th Grade (2) and another to assist with the 3 Year-old class.** Contact the church office if you have questions.

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! If you have questions about confirmation, please contact Chris Irvin at Confirmation@stjohnmd.org. We still need one adult female Confirmation Guide for the incoming 7th grade students. If you want to know more about being a guide, contact Pastor Mike at Mike@stjohnmd.org.

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Growing in faith, hope, and love

ITEMS OF INTEREST AT ST. JOHN

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. 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 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.



The Chapel Choir of St. John Needs YOU!

The Chapel Choir, which sings during the 9 AM service, is currently seeking new members. Rehearsals begin on **Wednesday, September 9th in the choir loft at 7:15 PM**. All that is required is a love of singing sacred music. The ability to read music is not required. Stop by the first rehearsal!

Contemporary Worship times change soon

— On **September 13th**, the Sunday following Labor Day, we will bring Contemporary worship back inside at **10:15 & 11:30 AM**.



SUMMER Readings Reflections

Sunday, August 23 — Identity

Matthew 15: 21-28

Who were the Canaanites and what is *the back story*? What is this woman's hope based on?

Monday, August 24 — Readiness

Matthew 15:21-23; Mark 7:24

Jesus walked about a hundred miles to rest from ministry and yet was quickly interrupted. When faced with unexpected needy people or outsiders, are you more likely to respond like Jesus or the disciples?

Tuesday, August 25 — Persistence

Matthew 15:21-18; Mark 7:24-30

How did this woman show her persistence and what qualities does she demonstrate as she speaks to Jesus? What do you hope for? How will you persist in faith?

Wednesday, August 26 — Testing

Matthew 15:26; James 1:2-8

Jesus may seem harsh communicating that his primary mission was to the Jews. Perhaps he was testing this woman's faith. How do you respond to a faith obstacle? What is the result?

Thursday, August 27— Grace & Faith

John 1:14, 16; Romans 15:8-10

Jesus was Messiah to the Jews, yet his grace is offered for all who believe. For what area of your life do you seek God's grace today? Simply receive this grace and allow your life to change.

Friday, August 28 — Showing Mercy

Micah 6:6-8; 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Who did you encounter yesterday in need of mercy? How did you respond? How does that shape your responses today?

Saturday, August 29— Dependency

Matthew 15:27-28; Psalm 37:3-9

When the woman called Jesus "Lord," he saw her true faith. When do you limit Jesus as your Lord and Master?

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 23rd	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)
Monday, August 24th		
Tuesday, August 25th	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Council Picnic (Off site) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til about 9 PM)
Wednesday, August 26th	NOTE 1:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	NO Wednesday Morning Men's Group (Until September 2nd) 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 27th	7:30 PM 8:30 PM 8:30 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 28th	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)
Saturday, August 29th		
Sunday, August 30th	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)

WAVE & Confirmation begin on Wednesday, Sept. 9th

Family Worship on the 1st Sunday back inside on Sept. 13th

10:15 AM Family & Children and 11:30 AM Family & Youth

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.

Our Financial Stewardship

	Actual	*Budget
Last Week's General Fund Giving	\$9,381	\$12,283
Year-to-Date General	\$585,298	\$626,433

* Based on 53 Sundays

REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

and 7th-9th GRADE STUDENTS FOR CONFIRMATION TODAY!

RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, IS THE START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.