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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 Katzco
Sylvia Christenson
Bowen & Shannon Pope
Kurt Wheeler

Lisa Thompson
Ruth Dunbar
Luther Cressman
Kaitlyn Warner (B'day)

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

Peggy Warner
Doug Warner, Sr.
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
Janet Johns
George & Laura
Kevin

Barbara Bowen
Students & Teachers
George Sigmon
Matt Woolner
Mary Ann Skepanski
Bonnie & Scott
Garver Elliott
Kyle
Kerry
Peggy Brannan
Lyndsey Fields
Alice Kahl
Eileen Bednar
Ruth Holmes
Lila Purdy
Dot Horn

We pray for those expecting: Charlene and Richard "Lee" Harding are expecting their first child around January 15th; Peter and Amanda Lester are expecting their second child around May 15th.

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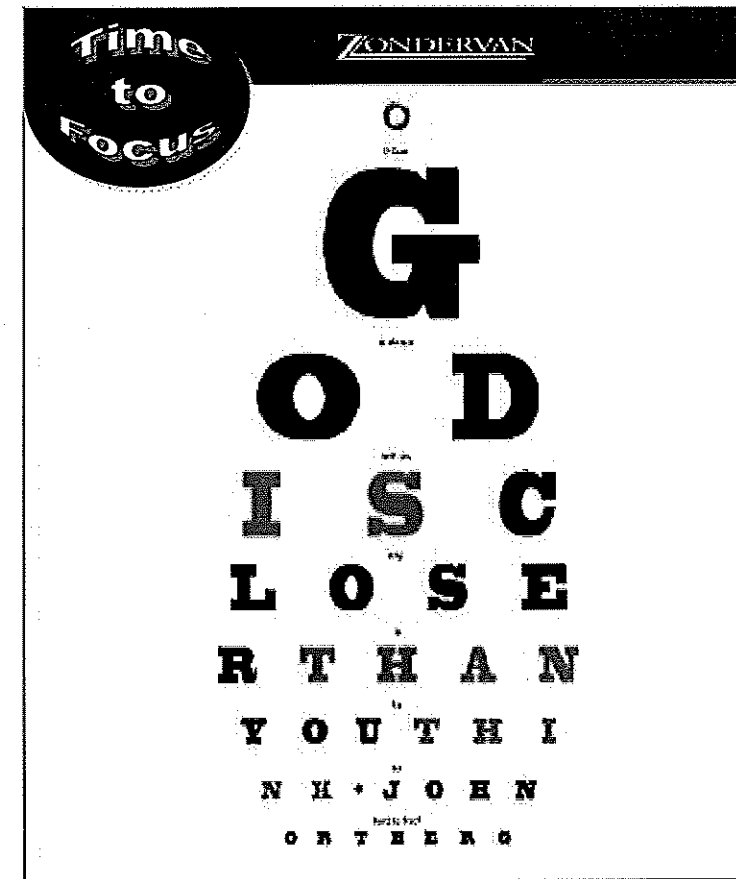
Our Vision:

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
September 6, 2009

St. John
Lutheran Church



Host a
small group
in your home
or at church

Our Fall 6-Week Small Group Series
begins on Sunday, October 4th

Next month we'll start a six-week small group series called
"God is closer than you think"

The group sessions are DVD led with teaching and discussion questions.

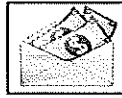
You add the hospitality and encouragement!

Contact Karen Heist if you are willing to facilitate a group.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY - FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th from 8 AM - 1 PM
Proceeds benefit the "Raise the Roof Fund"

ITEMS OF INTEREST AT ST. JOHN

Can you Count? — We're looking for one additional teller team member for the third Sunday of the month from 1-3 PM. Also needed are some teller substitutes for occasional Sunday afternoons or Monday mornings. Contact Karen Heist.



The THEO group will meet for lunch at St. John Park on **Wednesday, September 9th from 11:30 AM 'til about 3 PM.** They traditionally meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at alternating between St. John Park and various restaurants.



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 this week!



Senior Christians Cook Out & Eat In
As the Senior Christians of St. John reconvene after the summer break, they'll be gathering in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, September 16th from 11:30 AM 'til around 2 PM** for a cookout. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Seniors who wish to provide side dishes are asked to notify Betty Thompson at 410/796-7610. All seniors are welcome to attend this event. Direct any questions to Judy Anderson at 410/730-7871.



Piecemakers News — Between May and June, the Piecemakers of St. John have made 13 quilts and 104 layettes which will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. In addition, the Fixsen, Roth, Clemens, Lemich, Karman and Krueger families have generously made 7 school kits, that will be sent with the quilt shipment. The Piecemakers group meets next on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 9 AM**, generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month. For more information contact Linda Chalfin at Chalfs@comcast.net or stop by one of their gatherings to see the quilting magic up close and personal.



Attention all 2009-10 Confirmation Parents
In light of anticipated schedule conflicts with Howard County Back-to-School nights, the **Confirmation Parents Meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 30th, beginning at 7:45 PM**, immediately following the opening worship. Please make plans to attend this meeting as there will be important information shared that evening (e.g., program year schedule).



SEPTEMBER Readings Reflections

Sunday, September 6

1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

Why is it important that we labor fairly and not be a burden to others, especially those we hope to encourage in faith?

Monday, September 7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Consider how the Thessalonians modeled their faith to others. What kind of model of faith are you? How do you plan to grow as a model of faith? Why?

Tuesday, September 8

Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-2

By what standards do you judge success? When have you done something that looked like a failure on the surface but was a success from God's perspective?

Wednesday, September 9

1 Thessalonians 2:3-12

What does *ethical evangelism* look like? What would its opposite look like?

Thursday, September 10

1 Thessalonians 2:3-12; 2 Corinthians 5:20

What qualities from Paul's ministry team are useful for you to apply as an ambassador for Jesus in this world?

Friday, September 11

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:18; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Some Thessalonians misinterpreted that the promise of Christ's return meant they did not need to be self supporting in their community. Why does Paul clarify this issue?

Saturday, September 12

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Which of Paul's commands challenge your attitudes and actions at your place of work? Pray for guidance.

Our Financial Stewardship

	Actual	*Budget
Last Week's Gen. Fund Giving	\$8,961	\$12,283
Year-to-Date Gen. Fund	\$602,857	\$650,999
	* Based on 53 Sundays	

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 6th	9:00 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 1:30 PM	Liturgical Worship Contemporary Worship (LAST Outdoor Worship) Living Water Baptist Church Bible Study/Fellowship (St. John Park 'til about 1 PM) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3 PM)
Monday, September 7th	NOTE	Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 8th	8:00 PM	AA (Fellowship Hall 'til about 9 PM)
Wednesday, September 9th	7:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Wednesday Morning Men's Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 8 AM) THEO Luncheon (St. John Park 'til about 2 PM) Passport to Learning Play Group (Education Wing & St. John Park play area 'til about 4:30 PM) WAVE Dinner (Fellowship Hall 'til 6:45 PM) BASH & Kids Activities (Fellowship Hall & Education Wing) Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft & Sanctuary 'til 8:30 PM)
Thursday, September 10th	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 8:30 PM	Passport to Learning (Ed. Wing 'til 3:30 PM & St. John Park from 2 'til 4:30 PM) Staff Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about noon) Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary 'til about 9 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til 9:30 PM) Alanon (Available Classroom 'til about 9:30 PM)
Friday, September 11th	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM 9:00 PM	Women's Fellowship (Room #20 'til 11:30 AM) Organist Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Loft 'til 4:30 PM) LWBC Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary 'til about 11 PM) Knit & Crochet Group (St. John Park 'til about 9:30 PM) Living Water Women's Prayer (Room #20 'til 1 AM)
Saturday, September 12th	10:00 AM	Property Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about noon)
Sunday, September 13th	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM 11:30 AM 1:30 PM	Fellowship Brunch (Fellowship Hall 'til 12:30 PM) Liturgical Worship Family and Children Worship (STC leading worship back inside) Family and Youth Worship (STC leading worship back inside) Living Water Baptist Church Bible Study/Fellowship (St. John Park 'til about 1 PM) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3 PM)

FAMILY WORSHIP - NEXT SUNDAY!

Children & Families at 10:15 AM

Youth & Families at 11:30 AM

Fellowship Brunch on Family Worship Sunday from 8 AM - 1 PM

A few people are donating to cover college expenses for Father Robert Mbinda's son, Tumaini. If you are interested in helping towards the additional \$1,800 needed for this year, please make your check out to St. John Church and put "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.

These donations are tracked separately from the orphanage funds. Tumaini will begin his second year of an engineering degree in Dar es Salam.

Consider signing up for *Simply Giving* a free electronic transfer arrangement for the mission of St. John. It's easy and confidential for you; and 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.