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

George Sigmon  
Matt Woolner  
Mary Ann Skepanski  
Kerry  
Alice Kahl  
Ruth Holmes  
Lila Purdy  
Tom Klein  
Dave Piel

Beverly Johnson  
Preston Johnson  
Joey Johnson  
Jessica Johnson  
Mark & JoAnn Geier  
Lucille McGuire  
Corrie & Mike  
Damian Cunningham  
The Rice Family  
The Marvel Family  
The Coppa Family  
Brandon, Terrel & Family

Bonnie & Scott  
Garver Elliott  
Kyle  
Joy Limon & Family  
Ann & Andy Giancoli  
Peggy Brannan  
Lyndsey Fields  
Eileen Bednar  
Jim Holmes  
Kay Kmiecak  
Dot Horn  
Safety for those traveling

Melanie  
Megan Estey  
Howard Matthews  
Susan Coon  
Tim  
Nicole  
Janet Johns  
George & Laura  
Kevin  
Barbara Bowen

**We extend Christian sympathy** to the family and friends of Earl Lester, father of Gary Lester. Mr. Lester went home to the Lord last Sunday following a long illness.  
**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.

**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*

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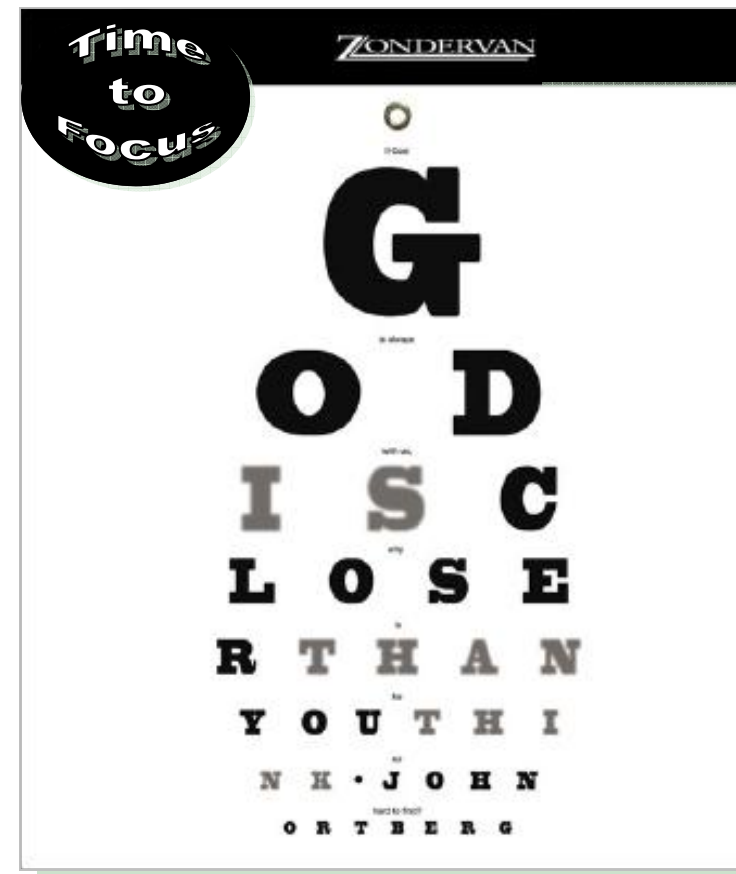
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**WEEKLY UPDATE**  
September 13, 2009



**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.

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH  
in the Fellowship Hall 8 AM - 12:30 PM  
Proceeds benefit the "Raise the Roof Fund"**

*Growing in faith, hope, and love*

# ITEMS OF INTEREST AT ST. JOHN

**Can you Count?** — We're looking for one additional teller team member for the **4th Monday of the month from 9:30-11:30 AM**. Also needed are some teller substitutes for occasional Sunday afternoons or Monday mornings. Contact Karen Heist.



**The Chapel Choir of St. John Needs YOU!** The Chapel Choir, which sings during the 9 AM service, is currently seeking new members. Rehearsals are held on **Wednesdays in the choir loft from 7:15 'til about 8:30 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](mailto: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).



**Many thanks to Living Waters Baptist Church** for supplying the beautiful flowers each week. This special gift from them is in thanks to the community of St. John for sharing our worship space with their congregation.

## SEPTEMBER Readings & Reflections

### Sunday, September 13

Matthew 19:13-15

What can Jesus' love for children teach you about his love for you? In what area of your life do you need to receive his love and grace?

### Monday, September 14

Matthew 18:1-6

Examine your behavior in various settings. Is it *childlike* and *childish*?

### Tuesday, September 15

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Select a phrase from this passage for meditation. Write it down and reflect on it throughout the day. Why is it significant to you? What does it teach you about the Lord?

### Wednesday, September 16

John 5:39-40; John 7:32-44

Jesus welcomed everyone to come to Him, but the religious leaders were skeptics. In what ways do you hesitate to come to Jesus?

### Thursday, September 17

Matthew 19:13-16

Why is the question (v 16) that follows Jesus' remarks about the children so significant?

### Friday, September 18

Matthew 5:18-20; Matthew 19:14

Explain what Jesus was getting at with these two contrasting points. How can you apply it to your life today?

### Saturday, September 19

Psalms 25: 1-6

God's love for you is abundant and will never let you down. Pray for someone who needs to trust Jesus and receive his love.

### Our Financial Stewardship

	Actual	*Budget
Last Week's Gen. Fund Giving	\$13,131	\$12,283
Year-to-Date Gen. Fund	\$13,131	\$11,987
	* Based on 53 Sundays	

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 13th	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 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)
Monday, September 14th	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall 'til about 8 PM) Good Company Rehearsal (Sanctuary 'til about 8 PM)
Tuesday, September 15th	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Council Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about 9:30 PM) AA (Fellowship Hall 'til about 9 PM)
Wednesday, September 16th	7:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Men's Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 8 AM) Senior Christians Cookout (Fellowship Hall '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) LWBC Bible Study (Pastor Mike's Office 'til about 8:30 PM) Discernment Discussion Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 8:30 PM) BASH & Kids Activities (Fellowship Hall & Education Wing) Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft & Sanctuary 'til 8:30 PM)
Thursday, September 17th	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 8:30 PM	Passport to Learning (Ed. Wing 'til 4:30 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 18th	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 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) Living Water Women's Prayer (Room #20 'til 1 AM)
Saturday, September 19th		
Sunday, September 20th	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM 11:30 AM 1:30 PM	Liturgical Worship Contemporary Worship Sunday School — Rally Day! Contemporary Worship Living Water Baptist Church Bible Study/Fellowship (St. John Park 'til about 1 PM) Living Water Baptist Church (Sanctuary 'til about 3 PM)

**Scholarship:** 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.

**Simply Giving:** 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](mailto:Murl@stjohnmd.org).