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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
Ruth Dunbar
Luther Cressman

Megan Hamilton
Louis Rosenthal
Bowen & Shannon Pope
Kurt Wheeler

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

George Sigmon
Matt Woolner
Mary Ann Skepanski
Kerry
Alice Kahl
Ruth Holmes
Lila Purdy
Damian Cunningham

The Rice Family
The Marvel Family
The Coppa Family
Brandon, Terrel & Family
Joy Limon & Family
Ann & Andy Giancoli
Safety for those traveling

Janet Johns
Michelle Reese
Gary Rosenthal
Diana Long
Burt Reichelt
Peggy Brannan
Lyndsey Fields
Eileen Bednar
Jim Holmes
Kay Kmiecak
Dot Horn
Bonnie & Scott

Garver Elliott
Kyle
Kerry
Ruby
Fred Williams
Tom Klein
Dave Piel
Beverly Johnson
Preston Johnson
Joey Johnson
Jessica Johnson
Mark & JoAnn Geier
Lucille McGuire
Corrie & Mike

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Muriel, grandmother of Tanya Brogan

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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WEEKLY UPDATE
September 20, 2009

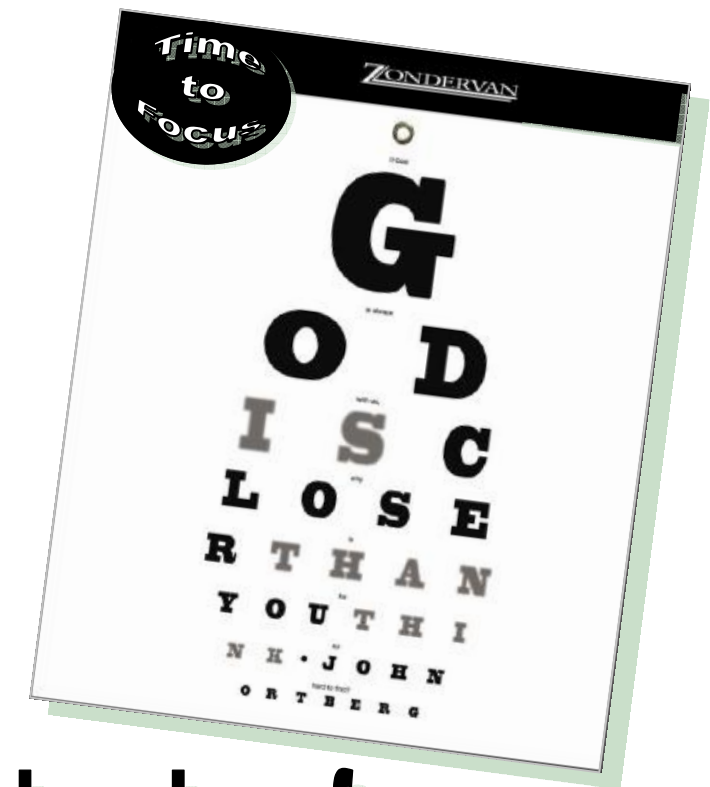


**St. John
Lutheran Church**

**Participate in
a small group!**

Contact:

**SmallGroups@stjohnmd.org for
more information on available groups**



**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"

Be a group leader: 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.

Growing in faith, hope, and love

ITEMS OF INTEREST AT ST. JOHN

Piecemakers News — 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.

Staying on Mission: Next week our pastors are headed to a 2-day Lutheran CORE meeting to learn more about options in response to the recent vote by the ELCA. Members interested in hearing their reflections from the meeting are invited on **Sunday, September 27th at 6 PM** in the sanctuary.

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).

Confirmation NEWS

Flu Shots — Wednesday, September 30th

Mary Kay Fry is making it possible for our faith community to receive the *seasonal* flu shots (not H1N1) once again this year. At a cost of just \$25, the shots will be administered in Room #30 (the room between the stairs and the Fellowship Hall) between the hours of 6:15 and 7:30 PM. If you plan to receive the flu shot this year here at church, please write your name on the list found on the lectern in the church entranceway so that Mary Kay has a good idea about how many units to have on hand for the evening. Please come prepared with exact change or to write a check. If you would like to receive the flu shot, indicate so on the sign up sheet in the church entrance.

New Member Class — If you have been worshipping with us for some time and are now considering making the move to membership, please register for the New Member Class on **Sunday, October 18th** in the Office Meeting Room from 1-3 PM. Call the office or email LindaLester@stjohnmd.org or to register.

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.

SEPTEMBER Readings Reflections

Sunday, September 20

Luke 4:38-44

Jesus was highly sought after for healing, yet what did he see as his primary mission? How could acts of healing support his mission? How could they deter it?

Monday, September 21

Luke 4—Skim this chapter for an overview.

What challenges has Jesus faced as he begins his ministry? Note the themes of teaching and healing. How do various people respond to Jesus?

Tuesday, September 22

Luke 4:38-40

How did Simon's mother-in-law respond after being healed? What can we learn from this about why our actions can be even more powerful than our words?

Wednesday, September 23

Luke 4:39; Luke 5:1-11

Simon welcomes Jesus in his home before he is called as one of Jesus' disciples. After these two miracles, what is he beginning to grasp about Jesus?

Thursday, September 24

Luke 4: 44

What characteristics do you see at work in Jesus? How are these characteristics evident in your own life? How would you like them to be?

Friday, September 25

Luke 4:38-44

How has Jesus' life changed since his temptation (see beginning of Luke 4)? What temptations might he have faced in these new situations? What temptations are you facing today? Ask for his help through prayer.

Saturday, September 26

Luke 4:42

Jesus is obviously busy, yet he takes time to be renewed. How do you discern God's long-range call on your life amidst all the *urgent needs* that surround you? What regular acts of renewal do you build into your day, week, month, and year?

Our Financial Stewardship

| | Actual | *Budget |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Last Week's Gen. Fund Giving | \$9,350 | \$12,283 |
| Year-to-Date Gen. Fund | \$22,486 | \$34,473 |
| * Based on 53 Sundays | | |

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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| 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) |
| Monday September 21st | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM | St. Dysmas Mutual Ministry Team Meeting (Office Meeting Room 'til about 8 PM) Bell Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall 'til about 8 PM) Good Company Rehearsal (Sanctuary 'til about 8 PM) |
| Tuesday September 22nd | 8:00 PM | AA (Fellowship Hall 'til about 9 PM) |
| Wednesday September 23rd | 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM | Men's Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 8 AM) Piecemakers (Fellowship Hall 'til about noon) 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) LWBC Bible Study (Pastor Mike's Office 'til about 8:30 PM) Discernment Discussion Group (Office Meeting Room 'til 8:30 PM) Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft & Sanctuary 'til 8:30 PM) |
| Thursday September 24th | 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 25th | 10:00 AM 3:30 PM *5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 9:00 PM | Women's Fellowship (Room #20 'til 11:30 AM) Organist Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Loft 'til 4:30 PM) Revolve Tour: (St. John Park Reserved 'til about 6 PM on Saturday, September 26th) LWBC Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary 'til about 11 PM) Women's Ministry Team Meeting (Office Meeting Room) Living Water Women's Prayer (Room #20 'til 1 AM) |
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| Sunday September 27th | 9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:15 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM 11:30 AM 1:30 PM 6:00 PM | Liturgical Worship Praise Band run through (Fellowship Hall 'til about 10 AM) Contemporary Worship Sunday School 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) Staying On Mission (Pastors' reflection on CORE gathering) |