

Compassion Center News and Update

The Compassion Center is off to a great start for October with 80 visitors just last week, and over \$600 for the month! We've also had a couple of prayer requests and several caring encounters. Please keep the Center in prayer.

Thanks to everyone for the abundance of donations that we've received recently. We still need Women's Plus Winter clothes. Our next Sunday donation date will be **November 1**, after the worship service.

Once again, the Center is signing-up families for the **Christmas Service Event**. Information is forthcoming about how you can help provide these families with Christmas gifts and food. Our goal is to provide for 20 families, with plans for St. John members to sponsor **10** of those families. (The other 10 families will be sponsored by churches/individuals from Maryland.)

Thanks to the individuals who volunteered to fill-in this week and next week! We're good! God be praised.

Grief Ministry News

Grief ministry has been happening at St. John throughout the pandemic! If you are grieving or know someone who is, please share our information with them. We are holding in-person meetings in the Fellowship Hall and people can also participate in the sessions through ZOOM. Meetings are **Mondays at 7pm and Tuesdays at 1:30pm**. Please contact Denise Wright for more information; Denisedsg@comcast.net

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

If you would like to pack a shoebox, there are a few left on the table in the Narthex. You can pick one up with no contact; or have someone else pick one up for you. Copies of shopping suggestions are in the Narthex, or this website will provide ideas and information: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>. The suggested donation to cover the shipping of the shoebox is \$9. Please return the packed shoeboxes by Sunday, **November 8th**. Thank you!

Meals Ministry Coordinator Needed

St. John blesses its members with meals when they are recovering from illness or surgery, birth of a baby, or other life events. We need a volunteer to coordinate those who are willing to prepare meals for others. Please contact the church office at 717.840.0382 or stjohn-yorkpa@comcast.net if you'd like to learn more about how you can help. Thank you.

Sermon Series

As we enter a new phase and begin to reopen, the Church has a chance to ask: What have we learned about ourselves? and What can we do differently? In this series we will be challenged to examine different perspectives about who we are as Christians in an ever-complexed world. And in that complexity, we will look at who we are called to be as God's people.

October 18th Am I Playing Offense or Defense? **1Sam 17:4,10-11,32,45,48-49**

October 25th Am I in Love with Jesus or _____? **Exodus 20:1-6**

Thank you!

Thanks to Troop 28 and Michael Sindlinger for renovating the outdoor chapel area on the church grounds. The renovation was part of Michael's Eagle Scout Project. Be sure to check it out when arriving or leaving the church.

Hurricane Delta Relief

For those who wish to help with hurricane relief donations, please send checks to: Grace Lutheran Church, Attn: Pastor Huesmann, 6601 N. 9th Ave., Pensacola, FL 32504.



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