



# Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway  
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8:30 a.m. – The Well  
(Contemporary Service)  
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

## Sunday, January 10, 2016 – The Baptism of Our Lord

### **FROM THE PASTOR**

#### **CELEBRATE YOUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**

Today our Gospel lesson takes us to the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized. The Baptism of Our Lord is a reminder of the importance of Baptism in the life of every Christian: through drowning in Baptism we are born anew to eternal life. We find identity with the death and resurrection of Jesus. There is a new life that God's Spirit creates in us that identifies us as His child. The experience we share in Jesus' Baptism unites us with Christ and gives us a whole new way of living for time and for eternity. Rejoice in the spiritual blessing your Baptism promises as you walk down a new pathway with Christ this year.

Pastor Schoolcraft

**Service Procedures** During the Renovation of our Sanctuary, Services will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please remember to enter the Fellowship hall quietly and reverently before worship. If you need to talk, please keep it to the School Entry area. Because of the tight space, there will not be a Procession of the cross. It will remain at the altar area. Communion Distribution will be "Pilgrim Style" which means proceed to the center aisle and toward the Altar. Receive the host from the Pastor and the cup from an Elder. Proceed down a side aisle to your seat. Pause to pray and resume the service. During this time the Elders and Pastor will strive to make our worship as reverent as possible. We thank you for your patience, reverence and flexibility during this transition period.

Pastor Schoolcraft and the Board of Elders

**Nursery** is available in the Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45am Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

**Requesting Ushers/Usherettes** needed for the 10:45am service. Please contact Arden Lackey at 336-723-3270. Thank you.

### **Get involved in a Bible Study!**

Bible Study and Sunday School happens every Sunday from 9:45-10:30. Jump in, and **grow** in community and in the Word!

- In the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Schoolcraft
- The Truth Seeker Bible Class will join Pastor Schoolcraft's Bible Class this Sunday, since Dot and Steve will be out of town. Next week we will meet as usual and begin a study of Paul's letter to Philemon

**Adult Information Class** It's not too late to join our class each Monday evening at 6:30p.m. This is an opportunity to learn more about what Lutherans believe and, if you desire, become a member here at St. John's. The theme of the class: "I Have Good News for You" is a review of the chief teachings of the Christian Faith. Any questions please consult with the Pastor.

**Senior Women's Bible Class** meets every Tuesday at 10am in the Room 101. We are starting a new study called "**Coffee with the Savior.**" The purpose of this study is to help you see Jesus as your best friend. You also will learn about Moses, his life relationship to God in responding to the gifts of God. The bag lunch and game day will continue every 4th Tuesday of each month after Bible class. Any questions, please contact Dot Cleary at 336-767-4116.

**Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study** All women are welcome to join us for fellowship and fun! We meet every Thursday in Room 101 during the school year. We are studying Priscilla Shirer's "**Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted.**" Please contact Kerstin Walker at 336-414-7667 for any questions.

**Thursday Evening Bible Study** meets every Thursday evening from 7-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying on Galatians using Martin Luther's Commentary on Galatians. Please bring your Bible and join us. Contact Bill Thorpe at [wthorpe@triad.rr.com](mailto:wthorpe@triad.rr.com) (336-766-1727) with any questions.

### **Blessing Bags**

Do you have your "Blessing Bags" ready to donate today? Please bring your "Blessing Bags" donations to the St. John's School Lobby. There will be a container there to place them in to distribute to the homeless. The Women In Mission will be filling these 'bags' tomorrow night (Monday January 11.) The list of needs is on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board in our 'temporary church area.' If you forgot to bring your items, drop them off by tomorrow night. This is a **Thrivent Action Team** project headed up by Cheryl Wulfert. Please contact her for any questions. Yea Thrivent! Join in and have fun!

**Altar Flowers** During the renovation of the sanctuary, the book to sign up for flowers will be on the divider in the back of the Fellowship Hall. During the week it will be in the church office. There are lots of open dates especially flowers for February. Consider signing up for a date in 2016 to put flowers on the altar and then to take home to enjoy. Just sign your name and indicate what colors you would like or have the florist choose the colors for you. The florist will bill you. This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone or even to celebrate a special occasion. Thank you all in advance.

**Worship for Shut-Ins** is a 30-minute Lutheran broadcast worship service produced new every week by Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. Each service includes music, scripture readings prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is designed to feel one-on-one to the viewer. Each program is closed captioned for the hearing impaired. TV Sunday is at 11:30am TCT network WLXI 43 or online. <http://www.worshipforshutins.org/>

### **FREE TUTORING**

Wednesdays  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

at St. John's Lutheran  
Church & School



**Hispanic Tutoring** We are enjoying growth in the number of Hispanic students and are in need of additional tutors. Please prayerfully consider joining us on a Wednesday! Even one Wednesday a month

would be greatly appreciated. It can be very rewarding to be part of a "Hands & Feet" ministry and we provide dinner at 5:30pm to 6:00 pm and then help the children with their homework. **You do not need to speak Spanish to participate!!**

### **Turner-Hayes Scholarship Fund**

Twice a year, in January and in August, the Board of Elders accepts applications for scholarship awards for the Turner-Hayes Scholarship Fund. Confirmed members of St. John's Lutheran Church, who are enrolled and attending college, are encouraged to apply. The Scholarship award is for \$500.00 and is available twice a year. Applications will be accepted until January 15, 2016. In August 2015, there were 15 successful applicants. Thank you.

### **Member Photos - Who's Who?**

We are looking for someone to take pictures of our new members for our congregation photo display. These could be taken with a camera/phone and printed in our church office or in a store. It will help all of our members get to know each other better. If you like to take pictures call Nancy Golden at 336-712-8076.

**The Junior Youth** will be holding a fundraiser at the variety show on January 22nd. All snacks and drinks will be a \$1.00. Please support the Junior Youth.

**February 14th** from noon to 2 p.m. "Let Me Call You Sweetheart Luncheon" The Junior Youth will be hosting a luncheon to celebrate the OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans). We will have lunch and play board games. There will be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board. Lunch is being provided by a donation from Thrivent.

### **Participation last week, January 3, 2016**

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 63

10:45 a.m. Traditional: 117

7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Service: 32

**Altar Guild for January:** Jackie Downey, Claudia Essbach, and Mary Rochester

### **Ushers for January:**

Larry Bowman, Lisa Little, Bob Sparks and John Williams

### **Crisis Control Items Needed for January**

Toilet Tissue

(Place in basket in back of Sanctuary.)

### **Lock-ups for January**

Don Henderson, Glenn Rullman & Carl Schlotzhauer



**Falcon Newsletter** Are you receiving the school's Falcon Newsletter? This is a bimonthly newsletter and if you would like to receive a copy, please contact the church office to be sure we have your correct email.

Wed 1/13  
 8:30 a.m. School Chapel  
 12:00 p.m. Bulletin & Announcement Deadline  
 5:30 p.m. Hispanic Ministry dinner  
 6:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Tutoring  
 6:00 p.m. Jr Confirmation in Room 101  
 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 1/14  
 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Rm 101  
 6:30 p.m. School PTO Meeting in Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Evening Bible Class in Rm 101

Fri 1/15 Early School Dismissal / Pastor's Day off

Sat 1/16  
 3:00 p.m. Set up for both Services in the Fellowship Hall

Sun 1/17 **Both Services in the Fellowship Hall**  
 8:30 a.m. Well Service w/Communion  
 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class/  
 Children's Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 4:00 p.m. Well Rehearsal



**Happy Birthday to:**

1/11 Vicki Clark  
 1/12 Rob Nelson  
 1/14 Dave Barcio  
 1/16 Chase Hardin

**No Anniversary Announcement this week.**



Sun 1/10 **Both Services in the Fellowship Hall**  
 8:30 a.m. Well Service  
 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class/  
 Children's Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship w/Communion  
 1:00 p.m. Middle/High School Girls Group  
 Operation: Beautiful You  
 4:00 p.m. Well Rehearsal

Mon 1/11  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Information Class /  
 WIM Meeting

Tue 1/12  
 10:00 a.m. Senior Women's Bible Class in Rm 101  
 6:30 p.m. BOSL Meeting



**St. John's Prayer Needs**

*We pray for St. John's congregation and school*  
 Pastor Schoolcraft & Deb  
 Principal Mark Edmiston  
 Director of Admissions Tom Baldwin  
 Our called workers and staff  
 Transitional Task Force  
 Board of Servant Leaders  
 Board of Elders  
 Hispanic Tutoring

*Our District President, John Denninger, for guidance as he prepares a call list of pastors for St. John's.*

*Our Call Committee: Steve Golden, Don Henderson, Jenelle Lanham, Alice Mierisch, Bruce Sawicki, Sarah Strahm, Bill Thorpe & St. John's as we prepare to call a Pastor.*

*We pray for those working to further the Gospel around the world and alleviate hurt in the world:*  
*The Shirk family*

*We remember those who are homebound:*  
*Harry Armstrong Nancy Roberts*  
*Lorraine Buelow Barbara Roggenkamp*  
*Frances Chambers Millie Tetzlaff*  
*Chris Johnston Irene Whitener*  
*Marty Loper Dorothy Zick*  
*Doris Mueller*

*We remember family and friends who are no longer with us, and we ask for your comfort. We pray especially for:*  
*The family of Jim Livengood*

*The family of Riley Bradley*  
*(friends of choir members & School of Art students, Alexandra, Peyton & Isaiah)*

*We pray for those who are fighting cancer:*  
*Aaron Arder Bob Hoisington*  
*Becky Baker Glenda Lackey*  
*Bambi Braun Bill Lonnecker*  
*Joel Christiansen David Penno*  
*George Hill Greg Winn*

*For those recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:*  
*Paul Coverston Hannah Lorenz*  
*Arden Lackey Libby Martin*

*For those serving in our armed forces; for continued safety and extra comfort if serving away from home:*  
*Dallas Darcy Andrew Nelson*  
*Loren Jacobi Brad Rullman*  
*Branden Lackey Jon Tessmann*  
*Tegan Owen Kevin Wilson*

*For Those in Persecution*

The North Korean government has built a counterfeit religion to control its people, a mirror image of Christianity that features their own trinity, their own meeting halls, their own sacred writings and even their own hymns to their god - Kim Il Sung. Following a different deity, like Jesus Christ, is a treasonous act deserving of death. However, North Korean Christians focus on serving Jesus in spite of watchful government eyes and great danger. Pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters in North Korea and that they grow in their faith under very difficult circumstances.

For more information see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

***A Great Place to Grow in Christ***

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

**Rev. Roger P. Schoolcraft,  
Intentional Interim Pastor**

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**Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and  
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**Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for  
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