



# Weekly News

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336-725-1651

8:30 a.m. – The Well

(Contemporary Service)

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

## Sunday, January 14, 2018 – Second Sunday After Epiphany

### Upcoming 2018 Directory

An updated directory will be available by the end of January. If you want to be included in the newest directory (and you aren't in the current one) or if you have any changes to your address, phone number or email please let Kerstin know. By Email: [churchsecretary@stjohnsww.org](mailto:churchsecretary@stjohnsww.org) or place your information in my mailbox.

### REMINDER:

**If you signed up for a poinsettia please remember you need to pay the church for it. The florist we used does not bill individuals. Thank you.**

### Pastor Tom out of Office

Pastor Tom will be off this week. If you have a need or emergency, please contact your elder or a BOD member. Thank you to everyone for your prayers for Casey these past 5 weeks. She has healed significantly and will return to work next week. Thank you, Jesus.

### Cancer Ministry Prayer Service

Are you on a Cancer Journey? Come to our Prayer Service **TODAY at 5:00pm** Guest Speaker following the service.

### Announcement of New and Departing Elders:

We would like to take the opportunity to recognize and thank our departing Elders, (from last Fall). Dave Barcio, Don Henderson, Bruce Sawicki. We thank them for their dedicated service.

We would also like to take the opportunity to introduce our new Elders, Larry Bowman and Rob Schwabe. We welcome them to our Elders team, and thank them for their service.

With the flurry of activities, this is our first opportunity to **install our new Elders at the 10:45 AM service on Sunday 1/28/2018**. We hope that, when you see them, that you will take the opportunity to thank our new Elders as well as our departing Elders for their service.

### Altar Help Needed

Help! Our Altar Guild is very short handed. If you would like to serve the church in this way, please see Clare Adamick or let the church secretary, Kerstin Walker, know of your interest. Thanks.

### Bible on a Stick

Last year St. John's supported the "bible on a stick" program managed by Faith Comes by Hearing. We donated over \$2800 to this cause, which allowed the organization to send a bible stick to one soldier for each \$25 donated. **We will support this program again the first two weeks in January 2018**. What we collect will be sent to Faith by Hearing and they will send out the sticks to military chaplains, who will then share them with soldiers. To date almost 900,000 Bibles on a Stick have been given to our service members. We cannot choose the soldier. Each stick has the New Testament and a number of Psalms on it. In addition, for each Bible Stick sent to a soldier, he or she will receive a card for a free MP3 Audio Bible for spouses and children. The entire military family can be blessed in this way.

Each bible stick has been designed in conjunction with the military such that they are not too obtrusive. They are black, run on an included AAA battery, have ear buds and are easy to operate. Should you wish to look at one, there will be one at the church secretary's desk or see Don Adamick. There will be a video at the desk too. Should you wish to support the program, you may write a check to St. John's and clearly identify in the Memo part of the check that the donation is for the Bible Stick program, or put cash in an envelope (include your name) and write **For Bible Stick** program on it and put either in the collection plate. Even though it requires \$25 for each bible stick there is **no implication** that one has to contribute that much; our donations will be pooled and sent to Faith Comes by Hearing, as we did last year.

To find out more about Faith Comes by Hearing check this web site:

<http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/military/military-outreach>

Additionally Faith Comes by Hearing is telling the famous story of the Four Chaplains of WWII fame. As we commemorate the 75th anniversary of their heroism, we remember the 2,000 chaplains of today that provide sustaining words through the Bible on a Stick program. Check the video out at

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOG\\_4Mo2acM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOG_4Mo2acM)

If you have any questions on the program, contact Don Adamick.

### **Flowers for 2018**

The 2018 flower chart is in the narthex. Consider signing up for a date in 2018. **Only 1 more spot is needed for January.** There are **several spots in February and March** that need to be filled. This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion.

### **Would you like 2018 Envelopes?**

If you are a member, regular worshiper or frequent guest and would like offering envelopes for 2018 please indicate on the attendance pad in your pew.

### **CITY WITH DWELLINGS – HOT CHOCOLATE NEEDED!**

City with Dwellings is a group of Winston-Salem churches that provide overflow shelters for the homeless during the months of December – March. St. John's partners with St. Timothy's Episcopal Church to provide items for their women's shelter. At the moment they are in need of boxes or cans of hot chocolate to hand out at the buses that transport the homeless to the overflow shelters. Each night, volunteers are handing out over 100 cups of hot chocolate. Volunteers state that this fellowship time before they are taken to the homeless shelters is a very important part of their ministry. St. John's through an action team grant from Thrivent has purchased 300 bus tokens to help with bus transportation costs. **A basket marked Hot Chocolate for City with Dwellings is in the back of the church.** Please help us with this need. Also if able, please sign up for volunteer time to check in the women at St. Timothy's. This can be done at [www.citywithdwellings.org](http://www.citywithdwellings.org). Our congregation will be providing lunch bags one time during the months ahead. Thanks so much for your help. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Burke.

**Camp Linn Haven Weekend** – Save the date!  
October 5-7, 2018 – See Martha Burke for any questions.

### **Inclement Weather Policy:**

When it is necessary to announce delays or closings for worship or church activities due to bad weather, St. John's Lutheran Church will post the revised schedule or cancellation on the TV WXII Channel 12 scroll and website. Also, there will be a radio announcement on WSJS Radio – 600 AM. Members will be alerted as well via email and the phone tree.

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

Twice a year, in January and August, the Board of Elders accepts applications for scholarship awards from the Turner-Hayes Scholarship Fund. Confirmed members of St. John's who are enrolled in and attending college are encouraged to apply. The award of \$500 is available each of these two times. The application needs to be submitted by the end of January.

**Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study** is studying "God is in the Laundry Room" - 8 sessions about seeking God. We meet in the Music Room and begin at 10:00 a.m. with coffee. All ladies are invited to join in the study

of God's Word. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month there bring a sack lunch for Games Day after class! Call Dot Cleary at (336) 767-4116 with any questions.

**The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets at 10:00 a.m. in room 101 (Extended Care Room). All are welcome to join in to study Beth Moore's "Entrusted", a study of 2 Timothy. They will be viewing the videos that go along with the study. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Sawicki at [@kb-promotions.net](mailto:@kb-promotions.net) or #336-744-5733

### **Thursday Evening Bible Study**

Everyone is welcome to attend. We resumed meeting on January 4, 2018. You may park at the lower end of the parking lot and enter through the outside door of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Contact Bill Thorpe at [wthorpe@triad.rr.com](mailto:wthorpe@triad.rr.com) with any questions.

**Crisis Control for January:** Toilet Tissue. The collection basket is in the Narthex.

**Altar Flowers Today** are given to the Glory of God by Larry & Kay Bowman.



### **Today, 1/14**

8:30 a.m. "The Well" with Holy Communion  
9:30 am. Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 am. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
4:00 pm. - Well Rehearsal  
**5:00 pm – Cancer Ministry Service**

### **Tuesday, 1/16**

10:00 am – Senior Bible study

### **Wednesday, 1/17**

Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline  
5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal  
6:00 p.m. – Tutoring  
7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, 1/18**

9:30 am – Prayer Warriors  
10:00 am – Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study

### **Next Sunday, 1/21**

8:30 am. - "The Well" with Holy Communion  
9:30 am.- Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 am -.Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
2:00 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
4:00 pm. - Well Rehearsal

**Music Notes:** **Actively looking for new members for the Adult Choir!** Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:15. The Sunday morning schedule is a bit complicated. Group I meets at 9:00 for warmup and touchup. These

singers then go to Sunday School. Group II, the non-Sunday School singers, meets at 10:00 and has the same warmup and touchup. At 10:25, the two groups meet in the Chancel and run the anthem. I'm looking forward to an exciting year! *Frances*

## FREE TUTORING

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

at St. John's Lutheran  
Church & School



This ministry could not happen without the support of our awesome volunteer tutors! Please join us in being the "hands and feet" of Jesus to our neighbors! Come one Wednesday a month or as often as you like! **You do not need to speak Spanish to participate!!**

Please let us know if you would like to join us or if you have any questions, contact Kris Gartley, Kathleen Sawicki or Cheryl Wulfert. Hope to see you there!

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Opportunities

St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry invites ALL members to make OR give OR request a *Prayer Shawl* or *lap-afghan* for a friend, family member, co-worker or acquaintance in need of a tangible reminder that they are loved by God and "wrapped" in prayer for divine healing, comfort, hope and strength. **There is no cost for the shawl.** If you'd like to make a shawl, lap-afghan or tags, or know someone who you'd like to receive one, please contact Ann Carney (336-602-1232) or Katie Goad (336-924-6977).

**Next meeting** – January 21, 2-4pm at Claudia Essbach's home

**Ushers Needed** Volunteers are needed to usher on Sundays at the 10:45 services. It's a very easy job. You get to greet members and visitors at worship. Please contact Arden Lackey (336-723-3270) or Holly Wilson (410-245-8680) if you are willing to assist. Thank you.

### Ways to support the school:

#### **Upcoming Spirit Nights:**

Wednesday, January 31,  
11:00am – 11:00pm at Buffalo Wild Wings

**Shine Time Car Wash** on Hanes Mall Blvd by Hobby Lobby will give the school 20% of each sale when you punch in the fundraising code of #2929.

**Link your Harris Teeter** VIC card - #2929

**Link your Lowes Foods card to our school.** You can now link your Lowes Foods card to St John's and the school gets a portion of your purchases of Lowes private label items. You can link up to 3 schools.

<https://rewards.lowesfoods.com/Account/SelectCard?mode=CartToClass> to sign up. Thanks so much from the PTO!



### Happy Birthday to:

1/16 Dave Barcio  
1/16 Chase Hardin  
1/17 Nick Kottowski  
1/19 Jim Price  
1/19 Eric Westendorff

**Intercessory Prayer Warriors:** A group of people led by Katie Goad meets weekly from 9:30 – 10:00 on Thursday mornings to pray collectively for our St. John's Family. All church members are invited to meet in the Sanctuary during this half hour to pray for our congregation.

**The Telephone Prayer Chain** is another prayer opportunity. Please call Dot Cleary (336-767-4116) or Martha Tegeler (336-774-6772) if you would like to receive or be a part of this service. You may also call with prayer requests.



### St. John's Prayer Needs

Prayer requests can be emailed to Dale Mierisch at [wb9szl@triad.rr.com](mailto:wb9szl@triad.rr.com).

We pray for St. John's congregation and school

*Pastor Thomas Clocker*

*Principal Mark Edmiston*

*Director of Admissions Tom Baldwin*

*Our called workers and staff*

*Frances Burmeister*

*Michael Zeoli*

*Board of Directors*

*Board of Elders*

*Hispanic Tutoring*

*Our Board of Directors: Tim Nelson Chairman; Adam Orsborn, Vice-Chair; Nathan Kottowski, Secretary; Judy Meisinger, Education; Jeff Goad, Finances & Facilities*

We remember those who are shut in:

*Harry Armstrong, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Marilyn Sagehorn, Millie Tetzlaff*

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Deedee Bement (Brendyn Gronewoller's mother-in-law), Marsha Braun (Doris Braun's daughter), Joel Christiansen, Jack Fordham, Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father) Katie Goad, Rod Gorham, Geri Gorham, (Rod Gorham's mother), Eva Hammacker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Mason Lankford (22-month-old child known by Meg Lorenz), Jerry Linder, Bill Lonneckner (friend of the Essbachs), Dave Lundmark, Laura McNeil (friend of Dale & Alice Mierisch), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), Gene Rapiere, Deb Schoolcraft, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban

For those undergoing/recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

Clare Adamick, Tom Baldwin, John Bredenberg, James Covington, Morris Crafton, Tim Gartley, RJ Hamby (Joan Happel's son-in-law), David Henderson (Gary & Nancy Brake's nephew & Stephanie, Hannah, Maddie & Abby Kiel's cousin), Jayme (5 mos. Old known by Tom Baldwin's Sister-in-Law), Jan Lundmark, Alice Mierisch, Justin Riley (Carl Schlotzauer's grandson), Michael Riley (Anita & Bob Hoisington's nephew), Jacki Rullman, Katie Stevens (Debbie Baronowski's daughter), Whytonia (friend of the Shannon's), Natalie Zitzelsberger (Dale & Alice Mierisch's granddaughter)

For those serving in our armed forces; for continued safety and extra comfort if serving away from home:

Dallas Darcy, Loren Jacobi, Branden Lackey, Dylan McArthur-Reed, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Natasha Peting, Allie Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

Persecution Prayer:

Praise God! Around 2000 Christians in Mosul openly celebrated Christmas. This was due not only to the defeat of ISIS, but also to a display of unity between the Syriac Catholic and the Syriac Orthodox Churches. In addition, a group of young Muslims helped to clean up the church and prepare it for the celebration after it had been desecrated and damaged during the ISIS occupation of Mosul. Both Christians and Muslims working together put up Christmas trees at various locations in the city. One priest stated, "Change is starting. No one expected Mosul would celebrate Christmas in this way." Thank God for the change in atmosphere in Mosul. Pray that Christians will feel that they can return to their homes. Pray that they will continue to witness Jesus to their Muslim neighbors.

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

Elder Assignments

Member/families

Bob Burke -----Adamick – Braun (A-Bra)  
Steve Anderson-----Bredenberg – Deranamie (Bre-Der)  
Rich Essbach -----Dongre – Gartley (Do-Ga)  
Rich Essbach -----Genevie – Henderson (Ge-Hen)  
Larry Bowman-----Hepner –Kinsman (Hep-Kin)  
Dave Lundmark -----Koontz – Lorenz (Ko-Lor)  
Mark Meier -----Lovejoy – Patterson (Lov-Pa)  
Mark Meier -----Pegram – Roggenkamp (Pe-Rog)  
Dale Mierisch -----Rosenberger – Strahm (Ros-Str)  
Rob Schwabe-----Swenson – ZumMallen (Sw-Z)

Participation January 7, 2018

8:30	70
10:45am	88
Nursery	3

**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.

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203,  
revclocker@gmail.com  
Mark Edmiston, Principal  
Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and  
Community Relations  
Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool  
Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for  
Contemporary Worship  
Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for  
Traditional Worship**

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday,  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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