



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 17, 2016 – The Second Sunday after Epiphany

FROM THE PASTOR

REVEAL THE SIGN! In today's Gospel, John tells us of a miracle by Jesus that is more than a miracle. It is a sign. The changing of water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee was a significant revealing of His power, so powerful a showing that His disciples believed in Him. We have seen our Lord do so much more than change water into wine. Our lives have been changed from futility to promise. Our eternal destination has been changed from hell to heaven. Jesus is more than a miracle worker. He is the ultimate sign giver who reveals the gracious love of God to people on earth. It is our privilege to reveal Jesus, the Sign from God in our daily lives.

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.

The back door to the Fellowship Hall will be locked during worship. Signs are posted to direct worshipers to the proper doors for entry. All sanctuary doors will be locked. The nursery door at the back parking lot will be opened for entry during worship. 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.

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 Seekers Bible Class will begin a short study of Philemon this Sunday in Room 101. Please join us as we examine the effectiveness of our faith in our daily lives.

Junior Youth and Thrivent Action Team will be supplying the "snacks" during today Sunday School/Bible Class time. This will be a fundraiser for the Winter Jam they will be attending on Feb. 27. A free will donation basket will be available for your donations. Thank you for your support!!

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 Lutheran's 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 Room 101. We are studying "**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 Galatians using Martin Luther's Commentary on Galatians. Please bring your Bible and join us. Contact Bill Thorpe at wthorpe@triad.rr.com (336-766-1727) with any questions.

January Friday Small Group study will meet at the Gartley's home on 1/22 at 7pm. We are on chapter 2. Everyone is welcome! Any questions, please contact Kris.

Thank You to everyone who helped prep the sanctuary to get it ready for the renovation. Things are moving quite well. At this point, the plan is to have our first worship services in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 31. In order to achieve this goal, we will need volunteers to help move things back. The first opportunity will be on Friday, January 29 from 6:00pm-9:00pm and the second opportunity is to finish on Saturday, January 30 from 9:00am-12noon (we need to finish before the School's Africa Program in the Family Life Center fills up the parking lot). Please let Pam or Kris know if you are able to help during either or both of these dates. Thank you.

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.

Bible on a Stick

Way to go St. John's! Through your generosity we just gave \$1300 towards the donation of Bibles on a Stick to our troops. We have been notified by Faith Comes by Hearing that they have given just short of 600,000 of these Bibles to our troops in the field. We have helped to spread the Gospel of our Lord to others.

Contribution Statements for 2015

Contribution statements for 2015 are in the back of the Fellowship Hall; please pick them up and save us some mailing expenses. If you have a mailbox in the church office or school, you will find your statement there. Should you have any questions, contact Don Adamick. Thanks.

WIM On Monday night, the Women in Mission with financial help from Thrivent put together 17 "Blessing Bags" for the homeless. Thank you to everyone who donated items. Please take a bag to keep in your car to hand out as needed. The extra items will be given to the Rescue Mission. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Wulfert.

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



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!!**

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 10, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 56
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 92

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

Ushers for January:

Larry Bowman, Lisa Little, Bob Sparks and John Williams

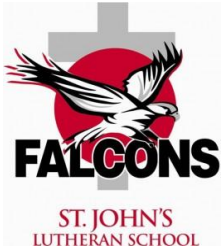
Crisis Control Items Needed for January

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.



Happy Birthday to:

1/17 Nick Kottlowski
1/19 Jim Price
1/19 Eric Westendorff
1/21 Danny Tetzlaff
1/22 Pat Eury

Happy Anniversary to:

1/23 Max & Patricia Eury — 57 years



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

Mon 1/18 Martin Luther King Jr Day
School /Church office closed
6:30 p.m. Adult Information Class

Tue 1/19
9:30 a.m. Pastor @ Circuit Conference
10:00 a.m. Senior Women's Bible Class in Rm 101
7:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting

Wed 1/20
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 & Dinner in Rm 101

Thurs 1/21
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Rm 101
7:00 p.m. Adult Evening Bible Class

Fri 1/22 Pastor's Day off
6:30 p.m. Variety Show
7:00 p.m. Friday Small Group Bible study @
Gartley's home

Sat 1/23
3:00 p.m. Set up for both Services in the
Fellowship Hall

Sun 1/24 **Both Services in the Fellowship Hall**
8:30 a.m. Well Service
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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 Charles Miller (Jan Lundmark's boss)

The family of Sondra Philippart (Nathan Kottowski's former employee music teacher at Cash Elementary)

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

For those recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:
Joy Becker Libby Martin
Paul Coverston Albert Sawicki
Margaret Haaland Karen Scott
Syd Kellogg Rosie Thompson
Hannah Lorenz Arline Urban

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

According to the 2016 Open Door World Watch List (a list of the top 50 countries with the worst record for persecution of Christians) the dominant and growing source of pressure on Christians is "Islamic extremism," but it is not the only source. North Korea is the most difficult place to be a Christian, due to an oppressive government. And pressure on Christians continues to rise in Africa, a trend that emerged in 2012 as the Arab Spring spread across the Arab world. In addition for the first time, India is among the list's top 20. "Christian communities, across many denominations, report an increase of harassment and violence in the last year, including physical violence, arson, desecration of churches and Bibles, and disruption of religious services," said the US Commission on International Religious Freedom about India. Our "brothers and sisters in faith" are under attack in many parts of the world. Pray for their safety, for their steadfastness in their faith, and for their boldness to witness their faith under adverse circumstances.

For more information see the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board.

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

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

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