



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 24, 2016 – The Third Sunday after Epiphany

FROM THE PASTOR

ARE YOU LISTENING? Our response to the proclamation of the Gospel is central to our lives. The hometown relatives and neighbors of Jesus heard Him proclaim in person that He was the fulfillment of the plan of God announced by the prophets. He had come among them as God in person. He personally comes among us today in Word and Sacrament. Day by day and week by week the Scripture is fulfilled in our hearing, inviting our response of faith and faithfulness in our witness and service. Are you really hearing Jesus with your heart?

Pastor Schoolcraft

Entry Sunday is tentatively set for Next Sunday, January 31. Dedication Sunday is set for Transfiguration Sunday, February 7. Holy Communion will be celebrated in both services that day. (Always contingent that our Renovation will be completed.)

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

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 worshippers 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

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, meeting in Room 101, will continue the study of Philemon. Today we will discuss the issue of slavery in the world today. What is our responsibility as Christians to deal with this problem?

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 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.

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-12pm. 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.



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!!**

WIM 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.

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.

At St. John's Lutheran School, every child gets a chance to shine. And for decades, one of the ways kids have gotten their moment in the spotlight has been through St. John's spring musicals, talent shows, Christmas programs, and other stage shows. But the time has come to buy new staging, and we need your help in order to continue giving children opportunities to praise God with their theatrical talents. Will you help us? Our goal is to raise \$3500 between now until the opening of this spring's Middle School musical, with the dream of announcing on opening night (March 18) that in 2017, St. John's students will get to perform on a brand new stage! Please help us make this dream come true, strengthening the musical and dramatic arts programs at St. John's Lutheran school for years to come. Visit our www.gofundme.com/falconstage to donate online, or drop a check off in the office with "New Stage" in the memo. Thank you!

Scholastic Book Fair We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair during our Lutheran Schools Week, January 25-29 from 7:30am to 5:30pm. Please join us and buy some books for your children or grandchildren.

Grandparents Day is Friday, January 29 and we could always use some "adoptive" grandparents for the children here whose grandparents live too far to attend. If you can help by being an "adoptive" grandparent, be in the Fellowship Hall by 7:30am to

go eat breakfast with a student or two. Following breakfast, there will be a special chapel service for our Grandparents and their grandchildren. You can still come and enjoy chapel on Friday at 8:30am even if you are not a grandparent. Following chapel, feel free to stay and join us for the 3rd thru 8th grade annual Bible Bee. We're looking forward to see many of you during this exciting week!

Participation last week, January 17, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 59
 10:45 a.m. Traditional: 63
 Nursery: 3

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



FALCONS
 ST. JOHN'S
 LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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:

1/24 Steve Golden
 1/27 Isaac Anderson
 1/27 Butch Roberts
 1/27 Jenna Wells
 1/30 Steve Anderson

Happy Anniversary to:

1/27 Scott & Karen Washburn —26 years



Both Services in the Fellowship Hall

Sun 1/24
 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
 4:00 p.m. Well Rehearsal

Mon 1/25 Lutheran Schools Week
 7:30 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair
 12:00 p.m. February Newsletter due
 6:30 p.m. Adult Information Class

Tue 1/26 Lutheran Schools Week
 7:30 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair
 10:00 a.m. Senior Women's Bible Class in Rm 101
 6:30 p.m. BOSL Meeting

Wed 1/27 Lutheran Schools Week
 7:30 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair
 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 /
 Jr Confirmation & Dinner
 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 1/28 Lutheran Schools Week
 7:30 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair
 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Rm 101
 7:00 p.m. Adult Evening Bible Class

Fri 1/29 Lutheran Schools Week
 7:30 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair &
 Grandparents Breakfast
 8:30 a.m. Special Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Set-up Services back in the Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Friday Small Group Bible study @
 Gartley's home

Sat 1/30
 9:00 a.m. Set up Services back in the Sanctuary

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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:

<i>Harry Armstrong</i>	<i>Nancy Roberts</i>
<i>Lorraine Buelow</i>	<i>Barbara Roggenkamp</i>
<i>Frances Chambers</i>	<i>Millie Tetzlaff</i>
<i>Chris Johnston</i>	<i>Irene Whitener</i>
<i>Marty Loper</i>	<i>Dorothy Zick</i>
<i>Doris Mueller</i>	

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

The family of Judson Baldwin (Tom Baldwin's father)

The family of Charles Miller (Jan Lundmark's boss)

The family of Dicy Pinson (Eva Pegram's mother, neighbors to Jack Fordham)

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

<i>Aaron Arder</i>	<i>Glenda Lackey</i>
<i>Becky Baker</i>	<i>Bill Lonnecker</i>
<i>Bambi Braun</i>	<i>David Penno</i>
<i>Joel Christiansen</i>	<i>Greg Winn</i>
<i>George Hill</i>	<i>Arline Urban</i>
<i>Bob Hoisington</i>	

For those recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

<i>Joy Becker</i>	<i>Libby Martin</i>
<i>Paul Coverston</i>	<i>Betty Richter</i>
<i>Margaret Haaland</i>	<i>Karen Scott</i>
<i>Syd Kellogg</i>	<i>Rosie Thompson</i>
<i>Hannah Lorenz</i>	

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

<i>Dallas Darcy</i>	<i>Andrew Nelson</i>
<i>Loren Jacobi</i>	<i>Brad Rullman</i>
<i>Branden Lackey</i>	<i>Jon Tessmann</i>
<i>Tegan Owen</i>	<i>Kevin Wilson</i>

For Those in Persecution

On January 16-17, 2015 the Niger churches in West Africa experienced the worst attacks in their history in the aftermath of the Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris. Hundreds of angry Islamists ransacked more than 100 Christian properties and churches in Niger. The motive was said to be anger at the presence of Niger's president and five other African heads of state in Paris on January 11, in what was perceived to be support for an "anti-religious" magazine. The "memorial" issue of Charlie Hebdo, showing Muhammad weeping, triggered protests, which quickly turned into anti-Christian violence. Reconstruction on the churches has now officially begun. Pray that the reconstruction efforts continue. Pray for the safety of Christians in Niger. Pray that our brothers and sisters in faith continue to witness God's love in a nation where they are definitely in the minority, comprising only a small fraction of the 17 million population.

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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