



St. John's
LUTHERAN
Church & School

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 27, 2019 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor Tom's Day Off

Will be Monday's – Please refrain from disturbing Pastor. Please contact an Elder if a need arises.

This week Pastor will be out of the office from **Monday, Jan. 28 – Wednesday, Jan 30.**

St. John's Average Sunday Worship Attendance

2012 -191; 2013 – 187; 2014 – 177; 2015 – 164; 2016-178; 2017 – 165; 2018 – 160. That's down over 30% in the last six years. Invite a friend or neighbor to worship.

Retirement Giving

The law is now permanent that allow donors age 70 ½ and older to withdraw up to \$100,000 each year from the total of all their IRA accounts tax-free if they give the money directly to a charity. Any distribution to charity counts towards the donor's required minimum distribution from their IRA accounts even though the charity, and not the donor, is the recipient. Previously charitable gifts from an IRA were taxed as regular withdrawals.

If you have an IRA and are 70 ½ or older, this law offers a great opportunity for you to make a gift to St. John's Lutheran Church & School. This gift (1) will not be taxed as a regular IRA withdrawal and (2) if you are not dependent on income from your IRA, you will be able to meet your minimal distribution requirement without being taxed on the withdrawal.

Daddy Daughter Dance

This year St. John's Lutheran Church and School's Daddy Daughter Dance will be **February 16, 2019** Please join us for a night of food, photos, fun, and great memory making. Don't miss the chance to show her how special she is!

To purchase tickets please complete the pre-order form and deposit it with payment in the box in the church or school office. Tickets can be picked up the night of the event. Exact change or checks only please.

This is not only a night of fun; it is a great opportunity for outreach into our community so invite your family and friends!

Help is needed with preparation (decorating, mailings, music, planning, and food donations). Also, we need help the night of the event. **Sign-up sheets are on the Board in the Fellowship Hall.** Or sign up electronically Type in

this link to see our SignUpGenius.com:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849ACA723A3F94-stjohns2> For more information please contact Kris Gartley, kgartley@triad.rr.com.

Warning

A very popular Christian book at the moment is titled "The Circle Maker". It is filled with twisted theology and very much in the "name it – claim it" camp.

Senior Youth Sub Fundraiser

The Senior Youth are doing a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering. We are going to be making sub sandwiches for **Super Bowl Sunday. (February 3)** They are \$7 each and you will have a choice of Ham, Turkey or Italian and Cheddar, Provolone or Monterey Jack cheese. You can pick them up that Sunday for the game or for lunch that week. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Next Scrip Order

Next order will be **Sunday, February 3, 2019.** See Rachel Orsborn if you have any questions.

Opportunity Scholarships

St. John's will be hosting an informational seminar on the **Opportunity Scholarship Program on Feb. 2 from 11:00am – 1:00pm.** If you have school age children, please come. If you know anyone with school age children (**PS-12th grade**) please let them know.

The government has scholarship money available (if you qualify) for all families considering private education, not just for one year, but every year through 8th grade. Often these scholarships cover nearly the entire cost of tuition! Lots of folks think they cannot afford private (St. John's!) education for their children. With the Opportunity Scholarship Program – they can!

Save the Date – Montgomery Baby Shower!

Everyone is invited to attend a baby shower for Michaela Montgomery! The shower will be held after 2nd service on **Sunday, February 10, 2019.** Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Michaela is registered on Amazon, Target, & Buy, Buy, Baby.

Money to the SED

If you are interested in knowing how the money we send to the SED District is used, there is an information sheet in the back.

Bible on a Stick

Once again St. John's has an opportunity to come through for our troops, those who are defending us in over 100 countries. Last year we donated \$1275 to Faith Comes by Hearing and it was matched for a real total of \$2590! **We are over \$1,000 so far. Way to go St. John's!**

Thank You!

Our thanks to Mrs. Jessica Shea and her class for removing and putting away the Chrismon trees from the Altar. They also put them up. What a blessing they are! The wreaths outside and the Chrismons were removed by: Larry Bowman, Kay Bowman, Jackie Downey, Mary Rochester, Claudia Essbach, Sandra Linder, and Clare Adamick. Thanks to all.

A beautiful Nativity set appeared under one of the trees on the Altar during the holidays. No one seemed to know who owned it but it was commented on and enjoyed by many. The other "white" Nativity is owned by Fran Johnson and was also enjoyed by all. Thanks for the loan of these beautiful sets.

Camp Linn Haven Weekend

Save the date! We have a long weekend this year! **Friday, May 24 – Monday, May 27.** See Martha Burke if you have any questions.

Reserving Space at St. John's

If you are planning on having an event at St. John's please come into the church office and check with Don Henderson or Kerstin Walker. Make sure your event is written on the calendar along with times and what room you will be using.

Flower Chart for 2019

The 2019 flower chart is in the book in the narthex. Consider signing up for a date. **February sign-ups are needed now!** This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone, or to celebrate a special occasion. Thank you to everyone that signed up in 2018.

Statements for 2018

Statements are in the back of the narthex. Please pick them up so we can avoid mailing costs. Thank you!

Cancer Group Session

The Cancer Ministry Group Session will meet Monday, January 21, in the Conference Room at 10:30am. You are welcome to come join us for insightful conversation and caring fellowship.

Cancer Ministry Team

We invite you to join us and Cancer Companions as we battle cancer one prayer at a time. We're just one week away from 40 days of cancer prayers.

Registration is easy! Simply text the word 'CANCER' to 57838 and you will be on the list to receive a prayer video from prominent Christians throughout the course of the 30 day challenge.

Adult Sunday Bible Study

All are welcome to Pastor Tom's Adult Class on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:30am. In the Fellowship Hall. You do not need to attend every Sunday (for "keep up"). Stop in whenever and as often as possible!

Fruit of the Spirit notecards

Get your St. John's Lutheran Banner notecards. These cards are based on the banners hanging in the church. Each card features a graphic of a "Fruit of the Spirit" banner on the front. There are 9 cards and 9 envelopes in each box. They are blank inside for note writing. Each card has a description of the design on the back.

Cards are only \$10 and they make great gifts. Please see Kerstin in the church office or during bible study to purchase a box. All proceeds go to St. John's Lutheran Church and School.

LWML KayWos Cloth Sale

KayWos Cloth Sale! "Cleans anything from stoves, windows, cars, stainless, and removes bugs, grease, fingerprints and dust" Never use a window cleaner again. The cost of the cloth is \$5. This is sponsored by the LWML. See display in the Fellowship Hall or call Dot Cleary #336-767-4116 for an order.

Small Group Sunday Bible Class

The Small Group Bible Study Group will continue to explore God's love for us as described by John in his epistles. If you have no plans for 9:45 am on Sunday, please join our lively discussion.

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study 0000000

We will begin again on January 8, 2019. All Women are invited to the Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study meeting in the Library (off the cafeteria) for coffee and study, led by Dot Cleary.

On the 4th Tuesday of each month we will stay for sack lunch and games. Call Dot Cleary for any questions. #336-767-4116

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. we meet downstairs in the 8th Grade/Science classroom. You may enter from the front parking lot through the 7th Grade/Math classroom. Please join us. For more information, please contact Bill Thorpe (wthorpe@triad.rr.com) or Rich Essbach (rhcessbach@triad.rr.com).

Adopt-A-Student Program

There are several children at St. John's who receive need based discounts due to their inability to pay full tuition. These funds do not go to the family or student. The parents/guardians continue to pay what they have

been paying. The funds cover the lost income at St. John's from the discounted tuition. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the new Adopt-A-Student Program! Envelopes are in the back of the church.

Crisis Control for January: Beef Stew, you may drop off your canned goods in the basket in the narthex. **Thank you for your December contributions of 73lbs!**

Altar Flowers Today – no donation



Sunday, 1/27

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion
9:30 p.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
2:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

Tuesday, 1/29

10:30 a.m. – Senior Bible Study

Wednesday, 1/30

Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal
6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Tutoring

Thursday, 1/31

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors
7:00 p.m. – Thursday Evening Bible Study

Sunday, 2/3

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion
9:30 p.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

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

Ways to support the school:

Spirit Nights:

Tues. Jan 29 – 5-10pm – Jason's Deli (Hanes Mall Blvd.)
Tues. Feb. 26 – 4-7:30pm – Honky Tonk Smokehouse (Jonestown Rd.)

Scrip gift cards. Next physical gift card order will be placed **Sun.Feb 3rd.** If you have any questions, please

contact Rachel Orsborn at 402.960.2721 or scrip@stjohnsws.org.

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. Thank you from the PTO!



Happy Birthday to:

1/27 Butch Roberts
1/27 Jenna Wells
1/30 Steve Anderson
1/30 Luke Lovejoy
1/30 Noah Lovejoy
2/1 Morris Crafton
2/1 Thelma Wolf

Intercessory Prayer Warriors:

A group of people led by Rich Essbach 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.

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: Adam Orsborn Chairman; Tim Nelson, Steve Lorenz, Jeff Goad,

We remember those who are shut in:
Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Marilyn Sagehorn, Millie Tetzlaff

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:
Joel Christiansen, Val Chumney, (daughter of Dave & Jean Rudolph former members), Mary Deakle, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Jeanette Dyson, Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father), Katie Goad, Melody Hawkins, (Nancy Livengood's cousin), Bob Hoisington, Bob Jordan, (Jamie Deal's uncle), **Jay Keller**, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Rebecca Perry, (Stacey Perry- school secretary's, mother-in-law), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), Gene Rapier, Deb Schoolcraft, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban, Frank Williams (Sarah Williams' husband).

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

Travis Bane (Cyndi Bane's son), Asher Bracken, (grandson of Renee & Don Henderson), Breanne Bracken, (Renee & Don Henderson's daughter), Morris Crafton, Danny Collins, (friend of Nicole Shannon), Elizabeth, (Charla Adams' niece), Teddy Deranamie, Brooke Gartley, Chris Gwaltney, (Debbie Baronowski's son), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Christine Karim, (friend of Rich Essbach), Sandy Lyles (Gwen Clocker's friend), Don Marzke, (Bruce Sawicki's Brother-in-Law) Peter Morlock, (friend of Essbach's), Uncle Steve Morrison & family (Pastor Clocker's son-in-law's uncle), Karl Mount, (Dot Cleary's son-in-law), Jean Nelson (Tim Nelson's mom), Florence Renken (John Renken's wife), Butch Roberts, Jacki Rullman, Ron Semple, (Beth Meier's stepfather), David Sablich, (friend of Rich Essbach), Mary Schulze (friend of Gwen Clocker), Millie Tetzlaff, Zeldia Wilson, (toddler friend of Meg Lorenz), **Lauren Zick, (grand-niece of Rob & Kathy Schwabe).**

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, **Steven Thorpe, deployed last week overseas**, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

Persecution Prayer:
Based on its latest annual survey of 150 countries, Open Doors International estimates that at least 245 million Christians experienced "high" levels of persecution in 73 countries in 2018. This is up from 215 million in 58 countries in the previous year. Persecution comes from a variety of sources: nationalistic governments, radical Islamic militias, drug cartels, family, friends, fellow

villagers, work colleagues, local police, and legal systems to name a few. Pray for those who are experiencing persecution, whatever that source might be. Ask God to strengthen their faith so that they stand firm in the face of such persecution.

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

Elder Assignments

Member/families

Bob Burke -----	(A-Bra)
Steve Anderson-----	(Bre-Der)
Rich Essbach -----	(Do-Ga)
Rich Essbach -----	(Ge-Hen)
Larry Bowman-----	(Hes-Kie)
Bill Thorpe-----	(Ko-Lor)
Mark Meier -----	(Lov-O)
Mark Meier -----	(P-R)
Dale Mierisch -----	(S)
Rob Schwabe-----	(T-Z)

Participation January 20, 2019

8:30	67
10:45	111
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 8th 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.
ChurchSecretary@stjohns.org