



Weekly News

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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 3, 2016 – The Epiphany of Our Lord

FROM THE PASTOR

A TRANSFORMING DIFFERENCE! In today's Gospel we meet two very different rulers. One is King Herod; the other is King Jesus. One lives in Jerusalem in a palace; the other was born in Bethlehem in a manger. One is powerful; the other is vulnerable. One is wicked; the other is holy. But as different as these two kings are, we see they do have one significant thing in common. They both believe that there is nothing that bloodshed cannot cure. Herod thinks that the blood of the children in Bethlehem will save his kingdom. Jesus knows that His own blood shed on the cross will save the world. At Epiphany, we give thanks for the Kings of kings, who would willingly lay down His life for all nations. What a transforming difference Jesus, our King of kings brings to our hearts and lives. May the Light of Jesus shine brightly in and through you this new year.

Pastor Schoolcraft

Today, January 3 will be the final Sunday in our Sanctuary, **before** the renovation begins. Following the late service, there will be an opportunity for many to help dismantle the chancel area, cover pews and several other projects to prepare the area for our contractors to begin, Monday January 4th.

Sunday, January 10

Both Services in Fellowship Hall! Please remember as you come to church. The Sanctuary will be closed for safety reasons. Thanks!

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" in Room 101. This week, we will discuss what Jesus says about Heaven.

Adult Information Class Begins January 4 – 6:30pm
If you are interested in learning more about what Lutherans believe, or desire to become a member here at St. John's, or would just like to review some of the chief teachings of the Christian Faith, then you might consider signing up for this class. Theme of the Class is "I have Good News for YOU!" We will meet Mondays in January at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up in the church entry, the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board or call or email the church office. 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. We will resume on January 5, 2016.

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. We will resume on January 7, 2016.

Thursday Evening Bible Study will resume on January 7, 2016. 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.

Sanctuary Beautification Renovation Update

The work will begin on Monday, January 4 and will take approximately three to four weeks to complete.

It was our intention to replace the sanctuary roof shingles before the interior renovations began. However, due to circumstances outside of our control (roofer's delay due to the excessive rain over the last few months), this may not happen. Please be assured, the roof is already scheduled and will be replaced, as promised.

Helping Hands Needed: While our sanctuary undergoes renovations in the month of January, your help is needed in setting up the Fellowship Hall for worship on Saturday afternoons, and in resetting it for school use on Sundays after late worship. We'll meet at 3:00 pm on Saturdays for the set-up, and expect to take no more than an hour. Cafeteria set-up on Sundays should also take an hour or less. Many hands make light work, so please let Bruce Sawicki or Mark Meier know if you are able to help on one or more weekends

Altar Flowers- Hurry Don't Miss out!!

The 2016 flower chart is in the narthex with lots of dates available. Consider signing up for a date in 2016 to put flowers on the altar and then take home to enjoy. We especially need flowers in January. Just sign your name and indicate what colors you would like or if you would like the florist to choose the colors for you. The florist will bill you. This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion. Thank you all in advance!

Contribution Statements for 2015

Contribution statements for 2015 will be placed in the Narthex before the end of January; please pick them up and save us some mailing expenses. Should you have any questions, contact Don Adamick. Also, if you have not picked up your contribution envelopes for 2016, please do so. Thanks.

Contribution Envelopes for 2016 Please pick up your 2016 contribution envelopes in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Don Adamick. Thanks.

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/>

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

Hispanic Tutoring starts up again on January 6, 2015. 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. ☺



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.

Participation for Special Services

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service: 68
8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 100
10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service: 76

Participation last week, December 27, 2015

One Service
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 104

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:

- 1/2 Larry Musser
- 1/2 Bob Sparks
- 1/3 Cynthia Anderson
- 1/3 Callie Washburn
- 1/4 Jarod Walker
- 1/7 Lillian Shannon
- 1/8 Justin Price
- 1/8 Ella Shannon
- 1/8 David Wells
- 1/9 Katherine Sayles

Happy Anniversary to:

- 1/07 Arden & Glenda Lackey — 49 years



- Sun 1/3
 - 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 w/Communion
 - 12:30 p.m. Sanctuary Renovation Begins
Lunch provided the Helpers
 - 4:00 p.m. Well Rehearsal
- Mon 1/4
 - School Resumes
 - 6:30 p.m. Adult Information Class

- Tue 1/5
 - 10:00 a.m. Senior Women's Bible Class in Rm 101
 - 6:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting

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

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

- Fri 1/8 Pastor's Day off

Sat 1/9

- Sun 1/10 **Both Services in the Fellowship Hall**
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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 Bryce Hauser
(friend of Clarice George)*

The family of Jim Livengood

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

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

For those recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

<i>Kay Bowman</i>	<i>Libby Martin</i>
<i>Paul Coverston</i>	<i>Mingus Family</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

As ISIS continues to advance across Iraq and Syria, it not only persecutes Christians, but also pushes Muslims toward Christ. Its efforts to create a "pure" Islamic nation are causing a growing number of Muslims to examine their faith more closely and more critically. "Ibrahim Al-Jamil," a pastor in northern Iraq, said he sees evidence on social media and elsewhere on the Internet that Muslims are leaving Islam. He said they are repulsed by what ISIS is doing and increasingly disagree with Islam's teachings. Ibrahim estimates that about 80 % of the Christian converts he has met came to Christ after having a dream about Jesus. Pray that more Muslims see Jesus in their dreams. Pray for those Christian who remain in Iraq and Syria, that God will protect them and that they will boldly witness their new found faith during these perilous times.

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 8th 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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**Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for
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**Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for
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