



# Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103  
[www.stjohnsws.com](http://www.stjohnsws.com)

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 31, 2016 – The Fourth 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/Dedication Sunday will be Transfiguration Sunday on** 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.

### 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?

**One Full-Length Pew** is available to a good home. One of the improvements in Phase I is to have two additional ADA pews. Because of this change, we will no longer need one full-length pew. Please let Pam or Kris if you interested. A donation to the Beautification Fund would be appreciated.

**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.

**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 on Galatians using Martin Luther's Commentary on Galatians. Please bring your Bible and join us. Contact Bill Thorpe at [wthorpe@triad.rr.com](mailto: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, February 7. In order to achieve this goal, we will need volunteers to help move things back. The opportunity will be on Saturday, February 6 at 9am. Please contact Pam or Kris if you are able to help. Thank you.

**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.

**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.



**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!!**

**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.

**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.



**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 school office. Tickets can be picked up the night of the event. Exact change is helpful. If change is needed it will be returned with your tickets.

**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. We're using VolunteerSpot to organize our Sign-ups. Here's how it works:

- 1) Click this link to see our Sign-up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/A3iyxX>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually. There will also be **Sign-up sheets on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board**. For more information please contact Kris Gartley, [kgartley@triad.rr.com](mailto:kgartley@triad.rr.com).

Saturday, February 20, 2016  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**St. John's Family Life Center**

### **Inclement Weather Policy at St. John's**

When it is necessary to announce delays or closings due to bad weather, SJLC will post same on the WX12 website and over radio announcements on WSJS Radio 600AM, here in Winston-Salem. We will also reach out to our membership via email. This policy is for St. John's Lutheran Church only.



### **LIVING LENT as People of the Resurrection**

Each service will focus on a particular word that will Help us live Lent as Easter people. As we look at the Passion narratives of Christ, we will see the significant meaning for us as we see them through the lens of the empty tomb. See the many ways we are always alive in Christ, who died and was raised.

**Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 10.** Our theme word: **PONDER**. Lent is a time to ponder our relationship with God and with one another, to reflect on our unworthiness and discover the love of God seen in the cross and empty tomb. Service will include the receiving of ashes and Holy Communion. Join us each Wednesday at 5:30 pm for supper and plan to worship with us at 7:00 p.m. The Elders will be serving Sloppy Joes, Chips & Sides on Ash Wednesday.

**Participation last week, January 24, 2016**

No services due to inclement weather.

**Altar Guild for February:** Stephanie Guelzow & Renee Henderson

**Ushers for February:** Ryan Davidson, Bob Hoisington, Stephanie Kiel & Holly Richardson

**Crisis Control Items Needed for February**  
Beef Stew (Place in basket in back of Sanctuary.)

**Lock-ups for February** Brad Honeycutt, Nate Kottlowski, 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.

**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](http://www.gofundme.com/falconstage) to donate online, or drop a check off in the office with "New Stage" in the memo. Thank you!



**Happy Birthday to:**

- 1/24 Steve Golden
- 1/27 Isaac Anderson
- 1/27 Butch Roberts
- 1/27 Jenna Wells
- 1/30 Steve Anderson
- 2/1 Morris Crafton
- 2/1 Thelma Wolf
- 2/3 Tina Kottlowski

- 2/4 Leon Lackey
- 2/4 Samantha Pennucci
- 2/5 Tim Nelson
- 2/6 Brienna Peting
- 2/6 Rachel Schmidt

**Happy Anniversary to:**

- 1/27 Scott & Karen Washburn —26 years



- Sun 1/31
  - 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
  - 4:00 p.m. Well Rehearsal
- Mon 2/1
  - 6:30 p.m. Adult Information Class
- Tue 2/2
  - 10:00 a.m. Senior Women's Bible Class in Rm 101
  - 6:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting
- Wed 2/3
  - 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
  - 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs 2/4
  - 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Rm 101
  - 6:30 p.m. Call Committee Meeting
  - 7:00 p.m. Adult Evening Bible Class
- Fri 2/5 Pastor's Day off
- Sat 2/6
  - 9:00 a.m. Set up Services back in the Sanctuary
- Sun 2/7 **Transfiguration of Our Lord /Dedication & Entry Sunday**
  - 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
  - 4:00 p.m. Well Rehearsal



## **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>Arlene Urban</i>
<i>Bob Hoisington</i>	

For those recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

<i>Paul Coverston</i>	<i>Betty Richter</i>
<i>Mallory Golden</i>	<i>Karen Scott</i>
<i>Margaret Haaland</i>	<i>Hayden Spicer</i>
<i>Syd Kellogg</i>	<i>Stuart Anna Spicer</i>
<i>Hannah Lorenz</i>	<i>Rosie Thompson</i>
<i>Libby Martin</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 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

**Rev. Roger P. Schoolcraft,  
Intentional Interim Pastor**

725-1651 x406 (office)  
336-655-5710 (cell)

**Mark Edmiston, Principal**  
**Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and  
Community Relations**  
**Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for  
Contemporary Worship**  
**Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for  
Traditional Worship**