



St. John's
LUTHERAN
Church & School

Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

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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 7, 2018 – The Baptism of Our Lord

Altar Help Needed

Help! Our Altar Guild is very short handed. If you would like to serve the church in this way, please see Clare Adamick or let the church secretary, Kerstin Walker, know of your interest. Thanks.

Bible on a Stick

Last year St. John's supported the "bible on a stick" program managed by [Faith Comes by Hearing](http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com). We donated over \$2800 to this cause, which allowed the organization to send a bible stick to one soldier for each \$25 donated. **We will support this program again the first two weeks in January 2018.** What we collect will be sent to Faith by Hearing and they will send out the sticks to military chaplains, who will then share them with soldiers. To date almost 900,000 Bibles on a Stick have been given to our service members. We cannot choose the soldier. Each stick has the New Testament and a number of Psalms on it. In addition, for each Bible Stick sent to a soldier, he or she will receive a card for a free MP3 Audio Bible for spouses and children. The entire military family can be blessed in this way.

Each bible stick has been designed in conjunction with the military such that they are not too obtrusive. They are black, run on an included AAA battery, have ear buds and are easy to operate. Should you wish to look at one, there will be one at the church secretary's desk or see Don Adamick. There will be a video at the desk too.

Should you wish to support the program, you may write a check to St. John's and clearly identify in the Memo part of the check that the donation is for the Bible Stick program, or put cash in an envelope (include your name) and write **For Bible Stick** program on it and put either in the collection plate. Even though it requires \$25 for each bible stick there is **no implication** that one has to contribute that much; our donations will be pooled and sent to Faith Comes by Hearing, as we did last year.

To find out more about Faith Comes by Hearing check this web site:

<http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/military/military-outreach>

Additionally Faith Comes by Hearing is telling the famous story of the Four Chaplains of WWII fame. As we commemorate the 75th anniversary of their heroism, we remember the 2,000 chaplains of today that provide

sustaining words through the Bible on a Stick program. Check the video out at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOG_4Mo2acM

If you have any questions on the program, contact Don Adamick.

Flowers for 2018

The 2018 flower chart is in the narthex. Consider signing up for a date in 2018. **Only 2 more spots are needed for January.** This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion. A special thank you to everyone who signed up this past year.

Last minute donations 2017

If you have any last minute contributions for 2017, **please make sure any check is dated no later than December 31, 2017** and put in the offering plate no later than the **January 7, 2018 service.**

Would you like 2018 Envelopes?

If you are a member, regular worshiper or frequent guest and would like offering envelopes for 2018 please indicate on the attendance pad in your pew.

CITY WITH DWELLINGS – HOT CHOCOLATE NEEDED!

City with Dwellings is a group of Winston-Salem churches that provide overflow shelters for the homeless during the months of December – March. St. John's partners with St. Timothy's Episcopal Church to provide items for their women's shelter. At the moment they are in need of boxes or cans of hot chocolate to hand out at the buses that transport the homeless to the overflow shelters. Each night, volunteers are handing out over 100 cups of hot chocolate. Volunteers state that this fellowship time before they are taken to the homeless shelters is a very important part of their ministry. St. John's through an action team grant from Thrivent has purchased 300 bus tokens to help with bus transportation costs. **A basket marked Hot Chocolate for City of Dwellings is in the back of the church.** Please help us with this need. Also if able, please sign up for volunteer time to check in the women at St. Timothy's. This can be done at www.citywithdwellings.org. Our congregation will be providing lunch bags one time during the months ahead. Thanks so much for your help. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Burke.

Camp Linn Haven Weekend – Save the date!
October 5-7, 2018 – See Martha Burke for any questions.

Incllement Weather Policy:

When it is necessary to announce delays or closings for worship or church activities due to bad weather, St. John's Lutheran Church will post the revised schedule or cancellation on the TV WXII Channel 12 scroll and website. Also, there will be a radio announcement on WSJS Radio – 600 AM. Members will be alerted as well via email and the phone tree.

Turner-Hayes Scholarship Fund

Twice a year, in January and August, the Board of Elders accepts applications for scholarship awards from the Turner-Hayes Scholarship Fund. Confirmed members of St. John's who are enrolled in and attending college are encouraged to apply. The award of \$500 is available each of these two times. The application needs to be submitted by the end of January.

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study is studying "God is in the Laundry Room" - 8 sessions about seeking God. We meet in the Music Room and begin at 10:00 a.m. with coffee. All ladies are invited to join in the study of God's Word. On the 4th Tuesday of every month there bring a sack lunch for Games Day after class! Call Dot Cleary at (336) 767-4116 with any questions.

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in room 101 (Extended Care Room). All are welcome to join in to study Beth Moore's "Entrusted", a study of 2 Timothy. They will be viewing the videos that go along with the study. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Sawicki at @kb-promotions.net or #336-744-5733

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Everyone is welcome to attend. We resumed meeting on January 4, 2018. You may park at the lower end of the parking lot and enter through the outside door of the 7th grade classroom. Contact Bill Thorpe at wthorpe@triad.rr.com with any questions.

Crisis Control for January: Toilet Tissue. The collection basket is in the Narthex.

Altar Flowers Today are given to the Glory of God by Larry & Kay Bowman.



Today, 1/7

8:30 a.m. "The Well" with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
4:00 pm. - Well Rehearsal

Tuesday, 1/9

10:00am – Senior Bible study

Wednesday, 1/10

Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline
5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal
6:00 p.m. – Tutoring
7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 1/11

9:30 am – Prayer Warriors
10:00 am – Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study

Next Sunday, 1/14

8:30 am. - "The Well" with Holy Communion
9:30 am.- Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 am -.Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
4:00 pm. - Well Rehearsal

Music Notes: Actively looking for new members for the Adult Choir! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:15.

The Sunday morning schedule is a bit complicated. Group I meets at 9:00 for warmup and touchup. These singers then go to Sunday School. Group II, the non-Sunday School singers, meets at 10:00 and has the same warmup and touchup. At 10:25, the two groups meet in the Chancel and run the anthem. I'm looking forward to an exciting year! *Frances*



This ministry could not happen without the support of our awesome volunteer tutors! Please join us in being the "hands and feet" of Jesus to our neighbors! Come one Wednesday a month or as often as you like! **You do not need to speak Spanish to participate!!**

Please let us know if you would like to join us or if you have any questions, contact Kris Gartley, Kathleen Sawicki or Cheryl Wulfert. Hope to see you there!

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).

Next meeting – January 21, 2-4pm at Claudia Essbach's home

Ushers Needed Volunteers are needed to usher on Sundays at the 10:45 services. It's a very easy job. You get to greet members and visitors at worship. Please contact Arden Lackey (336-723-3270) or Holly Wilson (410-245-8680) if you are willing to assist. Thank you.



Ways to support the school:

Upcoming Spirit Nights:

Wednesday, January 31,
11:00am – 11:00pm at Buffalo Wild Wings

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. Thanks so much from the PTO!



Happy Birthday to:

1/7 Lily Shannon
1/8 Justin Price
1/8 Ella Shannon
1/9 Amber Baldwin
1/9 Katie Sayles
1/11 Vicki Clark
1/12 Scott Keller

Happy Anniversary to:

1/16 Dale & Alice Mierisch (47 years)

Intercessory Prayer Warriors: A group of people led by Katie Goad 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: Tim Nelson Chairman; Adam Orsborn, Vice-Chair; Nathan Kottlowski, Secretary; Judy Meisinger, Education; Jeff Goad, Finances & Facilities

We remember those who are shut in:

Harry Armstrong, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Marilyn Sagehorn, Millie Tetzlaff

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Deedee Bement (Brendyn Gronewoller's mother-in-law), Marsha Braun (Doris Braun's daughter), Joel Christiansen, Jack Fordham, Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father) Katie Goad, Rod Gorham, Geri Gorham, (Rod Gorham's mother), Eva Hammacker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Mason Lankford (22-month-old child known by Meg Lorenz), Jerry Linder, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Dave Lundmark, Laura McNeil (friend of Dale & Alice Mierisch), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), Gene Rapier, Deb Schoolcraft, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban

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

Clare Adamick, Tom Baldwin, John Bredenberg, Casey Apted, (Pastor Tom's daughter), James Covington, Morris Crafton, Tim Gartley, RJ Hamby (Joan Happel's son-in-law), David Henderson (Gary & Nancy Brake's nephew & Stephanie, Hannah, Maddie & Abby Kiel's cousin), Jayme (5 mos. Old known by Tom Baldwin's Sister-in-Law), Jan Lundmark, Alice Mierisch, Justin Riley (Carl Schlotzauer's grandson), Michael Riley (Anita & Bob Hoisington's nephew), Jacki Rullman, Katie Stevens (Debbie Baronowski's daughter), Whytonia (friend of the Shannon's), Natalie Zitzelsberger (Dale & Alice Mierisch's granddaughter)

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, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

For those who mourn: The Stevens and Baronowski families who mourn the death of Katie & Chris's infant daughter Riley Elizabeth Stevens.

The Mingus family who mourn the death of Lisa's mother, Patsy Robertson.

Persecution Prayer:
How did Christians under pressure for their faith celebrate Christmas? It depends on where they are located. Refugees in Lebanon were for the most part dependent on local Christians to organize the Christmas events. Lebanon has absorbed more than a million refugees from conflicts in nearby Syria and Iraq. Many of these are Christians, who have fled general violence or direct targeting. These Christian refugees feel their losses more keenly at Christmas, because their families are scattered and they are celebrating in a ways that feel alien to them. Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters during this holiday season, that they find peace that passes all understanding. Pray that the circumstances change in their own nations, so that they can return home to religious freedom.

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

Elder Assignments

Member/families

Bob Burke -----Adamick – Braun (A-Bra)
Steve Anderson-----Bredenberg – Deranamie (Bre-Der)
Rich Essbach -----Dongre – Gartley (Do-Ga)
Rich Essbach -----Genevie – Henderson (Ge-Hen)
Larry Bowman-----Hepner –Kinsman (Hep-Kin)
Dave Lundmark -----Koontz – Lorenz (Ko-Lor)
Mark Meier -----Lovejoy – Patterson (Lov-Pa)
Mark Meier -----Pegram – Roggenkamp (Pe-Rog)
Dale Mierisch -----Rosenberger – Strahm (Ros-Str)
Rob Schwabe-----Swenson – ZumMallen (Sw-Z)

Participation December 31, 2017

8:30	62
10:45am	85
Nursery	2

December 31 – New Year's Eve

7:00pm	42
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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@stjohnsww.org