



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, October 16, 2016 – The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Corner

The Gloria or the singing of "This is the Feast" comes immediately after the Kyrie. We actually join the ranks of heaven in two places during the service and this is one of them. We rejoice in the confidence we have in God as providing not only our salvation but also providing for everything that sustains us in this life. It is a divine thank you and we rejoice in the love of God toward us for being such a bountiful provider. The Gloria is also the song that the angels sang over the hills of Bethlehem when Christ was born. It is truly the words of heaven and we incorporate them into our worship. It is a song of pure rejoicing. Some days we may not feel so joyful, but the words are uplifting and comforting knowing that we join our loved ones in heaven every time we sing these words. Rank upon rank of heavenly hosts lead this chorus of praise. What a wonderful comfort to know that we join such a large and powerful host in praise of the living God.

Pastor Keith

Participation last week, October 9, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 94
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 120
Nursery: 4

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

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Gayle Barcio in honor of her and Dave's wedding anniversary.

Pew Pads Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

Ushers for October:

Bob Hoisington, Holly Richardson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel

Altar Guild for October:

Mary Rochester, Sarah Strahm

Crisis Control Items Needed for October:

Boxed dinners (like Hamburger Helper)

Lock-ups for October:

Don Adamek, Don Henderson, Carl Schlotzhauer

Get involved in a Bible Study! Bible Study and Sunday School happen every Sunday from 9:45 - 10:30. Jump in, and **grow** in the Word!

- Adult class in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Less, studying the book of Romans

This morning we welcome Mark & Megan Mantey, who serve with the LCMS in Uganda. They will present information about their work during the adult Bible class this morning, and during Chapel this coming Wednesday.

Children's Sunday School also meets from 9:45 – 10:30.

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the After School Room, #101. The study "Mirror Mirror," Reflections on God's Word by Susan Senechal will continue to encourage you to dig into Scripture, make personal application of God's Word on your own life and help you see yourself as He sees you. We will continue having 4th Tuesday sack lunch and board games after the Bible study. We invite all ladies to join us as we study God's Word. Call Dot Cleary at 336-767-4116 with any questions.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the After School Room, #101. All women of St. John's and their friends are invited to join us for our weekly gathering of fellowship and study. We meet weekly through the school year. This year we will be studying Priscilla Shirer's "The Armor of God". If anyone has any questions please contact Kerstin Walker (336) 414-7667.

Youth Confirmation Class: This class meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Instruction Class meets in the sixth grade classroom at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Thursday Evening Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. in the eighth grade classroom (downstairs). You can enter from the parking lot. The source for the continuing study of Galatians will be Luther's Commentary on Galatians. Contact Bill Thorpe for additional information.

If anyone is not currently receiving emails for the Board of Directors' minutes and updates and would like to be included in the group email for this, then please send requests to Nathan Kottlowski, secretary to the Board of Directors, at misterkaye43@aol.com. Thanks. Otherwise, approved minutes and board announcements are posted on the church bulletin board.



Today, 10/16

Dedication of Prayer Shawls at both services
2:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

Monday, 10/17

8:00 a.m. – Women in Mission to Hospice to serve breakfast
6:30 p.m. – Board of Directors

Tuesday, 10/18

10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Biscuitville Fundraiser
7:00 p.m. – Elders' Prayer & Praise

Wednesday, 10/19

8:30 a.m. – Chapel
Noon – Bulletin & Announcement Deadline
5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Dinner
6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Tutoring
6:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. – Christmas Concert Rehearsal

Thursday, 10/20

No School – Teachers' Conference

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. – Adult Instruction
7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study

Friday, 10/21

5:00 – 7:30 p.m. – School Carnival

Sunday, 10/23

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" Service
9:45 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service with Communion
4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
3:15 – 6:00 p.m. – Junior & Senior Youth to Kersey Valley Maize Adventure

Altar Flowers – There are openings in December. Please sign in the book in the narthex if you would like to have flowers in memory or in honor of someone. Thank you.

Board of Directors will meet Monday, the 17th, at 6:30 p.m.

Elders' Prayer & Praise is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

No School Thursday, the 20th, due to Teachers' Conference.

Music Notes:

Like to sing but cannot make a long commitment to rehearsals? We are inviting the community (and you, too!) to join us in a Christmas concert to be held on Sunday, November 27 at 7:00 P.M. Featured works are the Vivaldi *Gloria* (the Song of the Angels) accompanied by a small orchestra, along with some seasonal carols. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30. Each singer is asked to contribute \$10 to help cover the cost of sheet music. Hope to see you and hear you! Regular choir rehearsals will be at 6:30, preceding the Christmas concert rehearsals.

Frances

Breakfast at Hospice & Palliative Care tomorrow, October 17

Do you want to help? Please meet at church at 8 a.m.

Opportunity for Service: We are looking for a couple of people to assist with maintaining the church's Facebook page. If you are interested, please see Pastor Keith.

A Set of Keys was turned in to the church office. If you are missing keys, please identify them so we can return them to the rightful owner.

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), Dot Cleary (336-767-4116) or Katie Goad (336-924-6977).

Biscuitville Fundraiser is this Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. The Biscuitville Restaurant at 2125 Silas Creek Parkway will be open Tuesday evening for its annual Breakfast After Dark fundraising event. Just mention St. John's to the cashier, either inside the restaurant or at the drive-thru, for our school to receive 20% of proceeds.

Fall Carnival! Friday, October 21, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Lots of games, giant slide, great food, silent auction, bake sale, ice cream, inflatable obstacle course and more. Overflow parking and shuttle service from Twin City Baptist Church on Ebert St.

FREE TUTORING

Wednesdays
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

at St. John's Lutheran
Church & School



Hispanic ministry meets Wednesday, with the light meal at 5:30 and tutoring at 6:00 p.m.

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!



Happy Birthday to:

10/17 – Jessica Shea
10/19 – Nancy Golden
10/20 – John Bredenberg
10/20 – Ann Carney
10/20 – Beth Hardin
10/20 – Nicole Shannon
10/21 – Jack Williams
10/23 – Jeanette Allred

Happy Anniversary to:

10/17 – Larry & Martha Musser – 29 years

Jr/Sr Youth Event on Sunday, October 23 – Kersey Valley Maize Adventure in Archdale. Meet at St. John's at 3:15; return at 6 p.m. Cost is \$12.00 general admission. Bring additional money for snacks and drinks.

Get Your St. John's Cookbook! Support St. John's and enjoy a GREAT resource by buying the anniversary cookbook today! It includes a free digital download version of all 335 recipes! Visit the church office Monday thru Thursday from 9am-3pm or purchase one between services on Sunday mornings. Books are \$15. Funds will help purchase a new stage and new church banners. These make wonderful gifts! Contact Lydia.k.ingram@gmail.com for more information.

Bible on a Stick. Last year St. John's supported the "Bible on a Stick" program managed by Faith Comes by Hearing. We donated over \$1000 to this cause, which allowed the organization to send a BibleStick to one soldier for each \$25 donated. We will support this program again this year. 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. We cannot choose the soldier. Each stick has the New Testament and a number of Psalms on it. In addition, for each BibleStick 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 BibleStick 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 BibleStick program, or put cash in an envelope and write for BibleStick program on it and put either in the collection plate. Even though it requires \$25 for each BibleStick 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.

BY INTRODUCING THE PROGRAM IN OCTOBER ALL DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR. OUR PROGRAM THIS YEAR WILL END ON NOVEMBER 13.

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

<http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/military/military-outreach>. If you have any questions on the program, contact Don Adamick.

"St. John's Prayer and Care Notes" are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch Email- wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include "St. John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.



St. John's Prayer Needs

We pray for St. John's congregation and school

Pastor Less and Family
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

Please be sure to extend your heartfelt thanks to these folks as you see them around the St John's campus. Praise God for the talented people that we have at St John's.

Our Board of Directors: Steve Golden, Chairman, Bill Thorpe, Vice Chairman, Nathan Kottlowski, Secretary, Judy Meisinger, Dot Anderson.

We remember those who are homebound:

Harry Armstrong, Frances Chambers, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Jan Plott, Gene Rapier, Millie Tetzlaff, Susan Thorpe, Irene Whitener, Dorothy Zick

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Barb Aron (Ann Carney's sister), Becky Baker (Martha Tegeler's daughter), Duke Bledsoe (Jane Davidson's brother), Bambi Braun, Joel Christiansen, Laura Ference (friend of Rich & Claudia Essbach), Jack Fordham, Katie Goad, Eva Hammaker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, JoAnn Klein (Kathy Schwabe's cousin), Glenda Lackey, Bill Lonnecker, Steve Miller, David Penno (Linda Pennucci's brother), Gene Rapier, Mike Timms, Arline Urban, Judy Winkler (Alice Mierisch's sister-in-law), Debbie Wright (friend of the Baldwins)

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

Jeanette Allred, Debbie Baranowski, Wade Burlson (Holly Wilson's neighbor), Doris Carroll (Sonya Davidson's mother), Ted Frake, Addie Gartley, Bobbi & Dean Hoegemeyer (friends of Rich Essbach), Vickie Hutto, Doris Jones (Steven Shannon's grandmother), Bob King (friend of Holly Wilson), Mary Lee (Clarice George's mother), Stan Moeller (Sam Drouillard's cousin), Chloe Mount (Dot Cleary's granddaughter and Bruce and Kathleen Sawicki's niece), Albert Sawicki (Bruce Sawicki's dad), Carl Schlotzhauer, Nicole Shannon, Dorothy Zick, 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, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Allie Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Kevin Wilson

Persecution Prayer

If you could be sentenced to 80 lashes (or even death) for drinking wine during Holy Communion, would you commune? Many who leave Islam and convert to Christianity face this dilemma. Pray for our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters, particularly 3 Iranians who will be in court October 15 facing the possibility of six years in prison for drinking communion wine among other charges.

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 Dr. Keith G. Less, Pastor

Office Hours

7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday & Wednesday

7:30 a.m. -1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday

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