



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 23, 2016 – The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Corner

Psalm 118:1 English Standard Version (ESV) Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

What a blessing it is to serve such a caring congregation. I can't thank you enough for the outpouring of cards, gifts, well wishes and more cake from you all for Pastors' Appreciation Week/Month. I am truly blessed by all of you. Not every congregation takes such good care of its pastor as you all do. Many go years and even whole ministries without even so much as a thank you. You all are such caring folks and your generosity is such as I have never experienced before. I can only say thank you very much for all that you have done and do for me and my family.

Next week we continue to work through the parts of the liturgy. Stay tuned and tell your friends about St. John's and the congregation. Thank you all again so very much.

Pastor Keith

Participation last week, October 16, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 82
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 103
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 Bob & Anita Hoisington in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

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

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, 10/23

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
3:15 – 6:00 p.m. – Jr/Sr Youth Kersey Valley Maize Adventure

Monday, 10/24

District Pastors' One-Day Conference at Cary

Tuesday, 10/25

10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study
Brixx Spirit Night

Wednesday, 10/26

8:30 a.m. – Chapel
Noon – Bulletin, Calendar & 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, 10/27

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

Sunday, 10/30 – Reformation Sunday

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" Service with Communion
9:45 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service with Communion
2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

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.

Brixx Fund Raiser is this Tuesday, the 25th. Please see the attached flyer that must be presented for St. John's to receive the donation.

Thank you! Thank you to all of you who participated in the breakfast at the Hospice & Palliative Care Center. A special thank you to the group of ladies who got up early this past Monday and helped in the setup of the food. Everyone there was very appreciative and this was a very good servant event. We plan to host another meal in the near future, maybe a lunch or dinner or another breakfast. Serving our Lord and Savior, The WIM at St. John's.

Thanks also to all who came out to hear about Guatemala and Haiti mission work and for your generosity with supplies for the children.

Hayride & Hotdog Roast: The annual **St. John's Family Hayride, Bonfire and Hotdog Roast** will be on Saturday, November 12, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The address of this event is 356 Ketner Road (located behind Forsyth Country Day off of Shallowford Road in Lewisville). Hotdogs and s'mores will be provided. For your comfort, please bring lawn chairs or blankets. The signup sheet is posted in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please see Laura Nelson.

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

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).

The group's November meeting will be held at Claudia Essbach's home, 5126 Dock Davis Rd, Clemmons.

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:

10/25 – Grayson Hepner

10/27 – Jordan McArthur-Maxfield

Jr/Sr Youth Event today – 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, Brian Frounfelker (Dot Anderson's son-in-law), Addie Gartley, Charles Hall (friend of Bob & Anita Hoisington), 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), Christine Mann (Dale & Alice Mierisch's daughter), Stan Moeller (Sam Drouillard's cousin), Albert Sawicki (Bruce Sawicki's dad), Carl Schlotzhauer, Nicole Shannon, Karl Wilk (Jan Lundmark's brother), Thelma Wolf, 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

In Iraq as a whole, the Christian presence has been rapidly declining in the recent decade. In early 1990's 1.5 million Christians lived in Iraq. Today at most there are 250,000 Christians left. It is unknown how many of those live in Mosul. However, the retake of Mosul that began this week has caused many of those who remained to now leave. Pray for the Iraqi Christians, who have been traumatized by years of war and persecution. Our Christian brothers and sisters are hurting!

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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Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and

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Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool

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Contemporary Worship

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