



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 30, 2016 – Reformation Sunday

Pastor's Corner - Reformation Celebration

Blessed Reformation to you all. 499 years ago something that began as a request to debate has turned into a rather radical way of looking at God and our relationship with Him. It also was the beginning of the roots of our denomination and opened the door to allow for many different expressions of Christianity from the church of the time, the Catholic Church.

Martin Luther asked that 95 points of theology be debated, with the idea of reforming the Catholic Church. The nailing of these points, or theses, on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg was how the invitation to discussion was made public. This sounds odd to us, but it was the community bulletin board of the day. The invention of the printing press at almost the same time led to the spread of these points throughout the Catholic Church of Europe and ignited the people to throw off the complete rule of the Church of Rome and adopt the ideas Luther proposed. Because of the basic thesis of these points of debate, we know that God is only as far away as our request, and confession doesn't have to be in the presence of the pastor or priest. Grace is the free gift of salvation from God and can't be earned or bought. The Bible is the rule and norm of all things of faith. Faith itself is a gift that originates from and is powered by God Himself. Because of this simple request to debate, our world and how we understand faith and God is forever changed. What a blessing for us. *Pastor Keith*

Participation last week, October 23, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 83
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 103
Nursery: 5

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 Meg & Steve Lorenz in honor of Hannah's Baptismal birthday.

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

Ushers for November:

John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman

Altar Guild for November:

Gayle Barcio, Kae Elliott, Mae Elliott, Sue Frake, Ted Frake, Stephanie Guelzow

Crisis Control Items Needed for November:

Cooking oil

Lock-ups for November: Don Henderson, Bob

Hoisington, Wes Walker

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

Coffee? Many thanks to volunteers who have made sure we have hot coffee on Sunday mornings. Yes, we take this service for granted that coffee will be freshly made every Sunday. Did you know the coffee pots also need to be cleaned and put away after the Bible Study hour? If you drink coffee and would like to help be of service in this way, please let Bruce Sawicki or Don Henderson know. If you are willing once or twice a month, that may be enough, depending on how many volunteers there are. Thank you for considering this.

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 Kottowski, 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, 10/30

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

Tuesday, 11/1

10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. – Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, 11/2

8:30 a.m. – Chapel
Noon – Bulletin, Calendar & Announcement Deadline
No Hispanic Ministry this week
6:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. – Christmas Concert Rehearsal

Thursday, 11/3

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

Sunday, 11/6

Daylight Savings Time Ends

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

Do you have some Mites? No, not bugs in your bed! We're talking about the coin mentioned in the Bible story of the Widow's Mite. Next Sunday we will again have the opportunity to support mission efforts. Today that would mean pennies, nickels ... maybe those \$5 bills with the purple accents! Many Lutheran Ladies' Aid societies used a box to gather funds in support of local and synodical ministries. The original 1928 Lutheran Women's Missionary Endeavor included 92 Ladies' Aid societies giving \$6,651.31! More next week.

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

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

Set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night before you go to bed for the end of Daylight Savings Time.



Hispanic ministry will not meet this Wednesday, November 2, but will resume on the 9th.

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:

11/1 – Chuck Plott
11/2 – Scott Washburn
11/3 – Meredith Johnson
11/3 – Gavin Morris
11/4 – Stephanie Moore
11/5 – Kathy Hayes

Jr. Youth will meet Sunday, November 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall to make Christmas gifts that will be given to the shut-ins during the caroling event. Snacks will be provided.

The PTO wants to sincerely thank the members of St. John's for their support with both the Trunk or Treat and the Fall Carnival. We appreciate the donations of candy, the willingness to provide a trunk, and the members who stepped up to drive the shuttles and direct traffic during the Carnival. There are countless other ways the saints of St. John's support us, and we deeply appreciate it. God Bless You All!! *Nancy Daniels, PTO President*

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 Hammacker (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, Wade Burlson (Holly Wilson's neighbor), Doris Carroll (Sonya Davidson's mother), Beth Davis (Martha & Larry Musser's daughter), Brian Frounfelker (Dot Anderson's son-in-law), Charles Hall (friend of Bob & Anita Hoisington), Bobbi & Dean Hoegemeyer (friends of Rich Essbach), Michael Hoisington (Bob & Anita's grandson), Vickie Hutto, Doris Jones (Steven Shannon's grandmother), Bob King (friend of Holly Wilson), Mary Lee (Clarice George's mother), Mick Long, Christine Mann (Dale & Alice Mierisch's daughter), Stan Moeller (Sam Drouillard's cousin), Leonard Samson (friend of Rich Essbach), Albert Sawicki, Arlene Sawicki (Bruce Sawicki's dad & mom), 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

Afghanistan is one of the least reached and most restricted nations on earth. However, God is at work and His Word is spreading, even though it is very difficult for Christians to meet for worship. Young believers often drive around for hours so they can pray and sing worship songs in the privacy of their vehicles. Pray that our brothers and sisters grow in their faith. Pray that they

witness to family members and friends. Pray that their hearts are open to God's truth.

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 Community Relations

Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool

Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship

Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship