



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, November 6, 2016 – All Saints' Sunday

Pastor's Corner - The celebration of All Saints is one of the oldest traditions in the church. Since the organization of the early church before 100AD, the Church has taken time to acknowledge the saints who had departed to be with the Lord. Over the years this commemoration grew and developed to the Day of All Saints on November 1. Various elements have been added, such as an overnight vigil that began on The Eve of All Saints, another festival of the church which may or may not have roots in ancient paganism. Candlelight services and the naming of the departed along with the ringing of a bell for each one have become part of the regular commemorations of the day. Most of our modern-day elements have their roots in the Church from the time of Constantine in the 300s, from which much of our tradition comes. No matter the form, we take this Sunday and spend time in reflection of the lives of our loved ones now with the Lord and His promise of resurrection for all flesh. Rejoice and be glad, for ours is the Kingdom of God. *Pastor Keith*

Participation last week, October 30, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 78
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 97
Nursery: 3

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 Reg & Carol Koontz.

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 is 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, resuming next Sunday, 11/13, after this morning's special event:

Today during the Sunday school hour we have a special opportunity to gather in fellowship to celebrate All Saints Sunday as we remember St. John's saints who have gone before us. There will be refreshments of fruit, bagels, breakfast casseroles, doughnuts, sweet rolls, OJ, milk, and coffee. The Board of Directors will be providing the food and drink; however, if you wish to bring a breakfast casserole to share, it will be much appreciated. We will also take time to discuss ministry at St. John's with current teams and groups who are serving and an invitation for all members to participate in some positive way to the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our many areas of service. There was an organizational chart passed around last Sunday showing many of the areas we currently have going on at St. John's, but this chart is a work in progress as we identify other areas that are currently functioning or a need which someone can develop for support or outreach. Prayerfully consider how God is using you and could possibly use you in other areas, or if you feel your plate is too full, at this time, then please pray for this work and care for our St. John's support for each other and this community.

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 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.



Today, 11/6

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

Tuesday, 11/8

Pastor at Circuit Meeting

10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study

5-8 p.m. – Tijuana Flats Spirit Night

Wednesday, 11/9

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, 11/10

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

6 – 7 p.m. – PTO Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Adult Instruction

7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study

Friday, 11/11

8:30 a.m. – Veterans Day Chapel Service

Saturday, 11/12

5:30 p.m. – Hayride/Hotdog Roast/Bonfire

Sunday, 11/13

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" Service

9:45 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service with Communion

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

4 – 5:30 p.m. – Junior Youth

Veterans Day Chapel Service is this Friday, November 11th, at 8:30 a.m. Veterans and current service members will be honored. We will be blessing letters to be sent to the VA Hospital in Salisbury and to active airmen recently deployed. In addition to the letters, we will be sending hot chocolate and instant coffee. The congregation is invited to join the school for the service, write a letter, and/or donate the items being collected. Letters and gifts can be dropped off in the Teacher Workroom through Thursday, the 10th. The Chapel offering from the service will be split between the VA Hospital in Salisbury and the purchase of Bibles on a Stick.

Go and Tell! Jesus Christ has come to save! One of the global outreach projects in which St. John's participates is Operation Christmas Child. Since it began in 1993, over 124 million boxes have been delivered to children in need around the world. Literature in the child's own language will be placed inside each box, telling them about the love of God and saving work of Jesus. Brochures can be found at the back of the church or in the church and school offices. If you choose to pack a box, please place it under the Christmas tree on the stage by Wednesday, November 16. If you have questions, please ask Stephanie Guelzow. This is a great way for families to reach out to share God's love and His message of salvation!

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.

Do you know what 25% of a penny equals? Actually, that is a trick question. The gifts you place in the Mite Box at St. John's end up being divided – **75%** stays in the Carolinas District (North & South Carolina plus York, PA area) to support the grants chosen by our delegates. The other **25%** is sent to our national LWML to support the grants chosen on the national level. So much needs to be done and so much is being done. Praise God! Next week we'll tell you about Marilyn Sagehorn's 1942 connection to the beginning of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (now also known as Women in Mission).

WIM News. There will not be a LWML/WIM meeting on Nov. 14th. But.... circle Dec.9th on your calendars for our Advent By Candlelight event. Sign- up sheet will be on board in fellowship hall. Consider hosting a table or just come and enjoy the evening. More info to come.

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.

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.

FREE TUTORING

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

at St. John's Lutheran
Church & School



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!

TIJUANA FLATS Spirit Night: This Tuesday, November 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. Mention St. John's when ordering and the school will receive 20% of sales. Invite friends, neighbors, church members, family. Also, we're permitted to ask all guests to support St John's School by mentioning us when they order.

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.

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. We are just about finished with the annual program to support our troops by supporting the Bible on a Stick program sponsored by Faith Comes by Hearing. We have just three more opportunities to give to this good cause: services on 6 and 13 November and the Veterans Day Chapel on 11 November. So, mark your calendars and give on one of those days. Remember, our donations are matched dollar for dollar.

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 and write for Bible Stick program on it and put either in the collection plate or the basket in the Narthex.

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.



Happy Birthday to:

11/10 – Helen Bredenberg
11/10 – Arden Lackey
11/10 – Beth Myers
11/12 – Cheryl Wulfert
11/13 – Alice Mierisch

Happy Anniversary to:

11/10 – Tim & Carole Istock – 19 years

"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, Travis, Bane, Wade Burlson (Holly Wilson's neighbor), Doris Carroll (Sonya Davidson's mother), Beth Davis (Martha & Larry Musser's daughter), Jackie Downey, Brian Frounfelder (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

Muslims in the Middle East are turning to Jesus in unprecedented numbers. Before the war, it was rare that a Muslim would become a follower of Jesus. The war has changed everything. According to one of the Christian workers of a church in Lebanon, many new converts say they had their doubts about Islam before they converted. "Doubt is many times the key to start a change," says the church worker. Pray that the Holy Spirit continues to create doubt in the hearts of Muslims and that they find Jesus as the answer to their doubts. Pray for those who find Jesus, that they grow in their faith and that they stand up to the persecution they experience.

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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