



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 13, 2016 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Corner The Readings: After the theme of the service is set and the prayer said to help us focus, we turn to the Service of the Word. This part of our worship is where God speaks to us through His Holy Word. We hear three readings on Sundays. Other services the number will vary.

The first reading is usually from the Old Testament, except during the Easter season when it is from the Book of Acts. This reading usually relates very closely to the Gospel of the day, to prove the continuity of thought from the Old Testament to the new. The second reading is from one of the epistles. Some of these letters are read in their entirety week by week during the long season of Pentecost. At other times they are chosen to closely relate to the theme of the day. - *Pastor Keith*

Participation last week, November 6, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 92
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 121
Nursery: 4

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.

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.

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.

A Small Group Advent Bible Study, "God Came Near" by Max Lucado, will meet starting Friday, November 18, at 7:00 in the Youth House. It is a six-session study, featuring DVDs that will be shown on the large screen in the basement. Please bring a snack to share, and enjoy Christian fellowship and preparation for Christmas. Subsequent dates will be determined. This is for everyone, not just the youth.



Today, 11/13

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Junior Youth in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 11/15

Pastor at Circuit Meeting (postponed from last week)
10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. – Elders' Prayer & Praise

Wednesday, 11/16

8:30 a.m. – Chapel
Noon – Bulletin, Calendar & Announcement Deadline
5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Dinner at FLC this week
6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Tutoring
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Preschool Meal & Program in Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. – Christmas Concert Rehearsal

Thursday, 11/17

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study

Friday, 11/18

7:00 p.m. – Small Group Advent Bible Study

Saturday, 11/19

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – School & Fellowship Hall in use

Sunday, 11/20

8:30 a.m. -"The Well" Service with Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service with Holy Communion
2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

Communion will be celebrated at both services next Sunday because it is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the Church Year. We will also be welcoming a group of new members, some by transfer and some by adult confirmation.

Altar Flowers The 2017 flower chart is in the book in the narthex with lots of dates available. Consider signing up for a date in 2017 to put flowers in the sanctuary for both the Well service and the Traditional service. We especially need flowers in January. Sign your name and who they are in memory or honor of. This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion.

Christmas Poinsettias It's that time of year again to sign up for poinsettias for the altar at Christmas. The price is the same as last year, \$13. You may order 1 or many. Please indicate what color you prefer: red or white. The deadline to order these flowers is December 4th. These flowers need to be paid to the church; the florist will NOT bill you! There will be envelopes to use and you may put them in the offering plate. The sign-up sheet is on the board in the fellowship hall.

Advent by Candlelight Our annual Advent by Candlelight event will be held this year on Friday evening, the 9th of December. The program will begin at 6:30 with a short service in the sanctuary followed by refreshments and fellowship in the fellowship hall. All women of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to come. Please consider hosting a table, which involves setting the table with tablecloth, dishes, glasses or cups, silverware and a decoration for the table including candles. If you would like to just attend that is perfectly fine too. Please bring an appetizer OR a dessert to share. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Come welcome the Christmas season with your friends.

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!

Jr. Youth will meet today 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.

Thanksgiving Worship Service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23. At 5:30, we will have a soup supper in the Fellowship Hall. Each family is asked to bring a crockpot of their favorite soup to share for this meal.

Music Notes:

Please join us for the 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.
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.

WIM News. There will not be a LWML/WIM meeting on Nov. 14th.



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!

Please note that this week we will be in the Family Life Center because of the Preschool program in the cafeteria.

DO YOU WHITTLE? Financially we mean, not on wood. With your prayers and "Mite" gifts, we have whittled away the 2015-2017 national LWML Mission Goal of \$2,000,000 to a much lower \$470,000. Praise God! Our deadline is March 31, 2017.

LWML History: Marilyn Sagehorn's mother was in the group of women who met at the LWML organizing convention July 7-8, 1942 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Chicago. See the picture on the bulletin board.

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.

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. Today is the last opportunity to give. 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.

New address: Kay Moose, Heritage Woods, 3812 Forrestgate Dr, #335, W-S 27103. 336-251-3838.

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.



Happy Birthday to:

11/14 – Sam Drouillard
11/15 – Debbie Baranowski
11/15 – Robert Swenson, Jr
11/16 – Isabelle Reynolds
11/19 – Marc Campbell
11/19 – Rusty Neise
11/19 – Megan Sayles
11/19 – Dennis Stewart
11/20 – Jordan Anderson
11/20 – Gary Brake
11/20 – Pam Rosenberger

Happy Anniversary to:

11/14 – Andy & Debbie Sayles – 27 years
11/18 – Dave & Donna Gronewoller – 35 years



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 pray for those who mourn: The family of Jan Plott, including her mother, Thelma Wolf, and sister, Cyndie Anderson, and their families.

We rejoice with those who rejoice: Nicole and Steve Shannon on the birth of Lucas James .

We remember those who are homebound:

Harry Armstrong, Frances Chambers, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, 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, Jerry Linder, Bill Lonacker, 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 Frounfelker (Dot Anderson's son-in-law), Brooke Gartley, 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, Katie Lorenz (Steve's niece), Alice Miles (Steve Lorenz's grandmother), Stan Moeller (Sam Drouillard's cousin), Kay Moose, Leonard Samson (friend of Rich Essbach), Albert Sawicki (Bruce's father), Carl Schlotzhauer, 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

There are three reasons why we should not pray for persecution to end:

1. The church grows in persecution. Throughout the New Testament and continuing today, we see that the church grows exponentially in times of persecution, not despite it.
2. Faith grows in persecution. Our faith is often diminished in times of plenty. God will and does use difficult times to bring us closer to Him, which is our ultimate need.
3. An end to persecution (on earth) is never promised in Scripture. Many promises are given, but persecution ending this side of heaven is not one of them. We may pray for certain things to change or go away, but we echo the Lord's Prayer in this: "Your will be done."

Instead of praying for persecution to end, pray that those facing persecution stand firm in their faith, that they grow in faith, and that they are a witness to those who persecute them.

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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