



Weekly News

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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 27, 2016 – First Sunday of Advent

Participation last week, November 20, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 92

10:45 a.m. Traditional: 102

Nursery: 2

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.

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 will resume on January 4, 2017, because of Thanksgiving Eve and Advent worship services on Wednesday 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, 11/27

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Christmas Concert

Tuesday, 11/29

10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Advent Bible Study at Youth House

Wednesday, 11/30

8:30 a.m. – Chapel

Noon – Bulletin, Announcement & Calendar Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Pre-service Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Advent Worship Service

8:15 – 9:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 12/1

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study

Saturday, 12/3

4:00 p.m. – Caroling to shut-ins, followed by Chili Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, 12/4

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" Service with Holy Communion

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

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

Join the Advent Bible Study at the Youth House this Tuesday, 11/29, at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a snack to share.

Advent Worship Service is this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Supper in the fellowship hall will precede the service at 5:30. The Women in Mission will be serving a variety of favorite soups this Wednesday. On December 7, the Fellowship Ministry Team will be serving ham, sweet potatoes/roasted potatoes and green beans. The Elders will serve the December 14 meal.

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 one or many. Please indicate what color you prefer: red or white. The deadline to order these flowers is December 4. 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.

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.

Soup, Soup, Soup ... Volunteers are needed for the Nov 30th Advent Meal hosted by the Women In Mission. Call Mary Rochester if you can cook, set up, serve, clean up . (Please note the date change!)

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. Childcare will be provided. 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 dessert to share. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Come welcome the Christmas season with your friends.

“JESUS CHRIST ABOVE ALL”
... PHILIPPIANS 2

This is the theme for the LWML convention in Albuquerque, NM. Join us the last week of June 2017 in New Mexico!!

Music Notes:

Please join us for the Christmas concert this evening 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. Suggested donation is \$10 per person.

Choir rehearsals November 30, December 7 and 14 will be at 6:30 and then from 8:15-9:15 p.m. because of the Wednesday evening Thanksgiving and Advent worship services.

Frances

Bible on a Stick Contributions hit a new high! St.

John's really came through for our troops this year, donating just over \$2,800. Since our donation will be matched dollar for dollar, that means over 200 Bibles on a Stick will be made available to the troops and also to their families.

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).



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!

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.

Christmas Caroling to the Shut-Ins and a Chili

Dinner: Christmas is quickly approaching, which means there will be lots of *hustle and bustle* to get ready for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Please mark your calendars for December 3rd to go Christmas Caroling to our loving shut-ins. Caroling will begin at 4:00 p.m. (in the Fellowship Hall) and will end with hot chocolate and a chili dinner (in the Fellowship Hall). EVERYONE is invited ... singles, couples, youth and families. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Meier.

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.

Many ways to support the school:

Christmas Scrip is coming soon! Are you planning to start your Christmas shopping soon? Are you interested in helping to raise money for St. John's PTO? Well, you can do both with our offline Scrip orders! The Scrip program allows you to buy gift cards to the stores that you plan to shop at, while giving a percentage back to PTO, and it's all at no additional cost to you! for example, if you buy a gift card to Walmart, you pay \$25, get a gift card with \$25 on it, and PTO earns a percentage. Order forms can be found in the back of the church, in the school lobby, or see Melissa Edmiston or Stephanie Guelzow for more information. Order deadlines are Sunday, December 4 (delivery on December 11) and Sunday, December 11 (delivery on December 18). Contact Melissa Edmiston at melissa.edmiston@stjohnsws.org for more information.

Link your Lowes Foods card to our school. You can now link your Lowes Foods card to St John's and we get a portion of your purchases of Lowes private label items. You can link up to 3 schools. <https://rewards.lowesfoods.com/Account/SelectCard?mode=CartToClass> to sign up. Thanks so much from the PTO!

Honey Baked Ham. Please check out the fundraising page at https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraiser/St_Johns_Luthern_School_PTO. Note that the misspelling of Lutheran is the way the page is set up.



Happy Birthday to:

11/28 – Sean Gartley
11/29 – Kay Bowman
11/30 – Frank Longman
12/2 – Sean Peting
12/3 – Clarice George
12/3 – Brian Long
12/4 – Myranda Bane



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, Kay Moose, Gene Rapier, Millie Tetzlaff, Susan Thorpe, Irene Whitener, Thelma Wolf, 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, Arden Lackey, 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, Mary Barcio, Wade Burlson (Holly Wilson's neighbor), Beth Davis (Martha & Larry Musser's daughter), 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), Dave McCombs (Rich & Claudia Essbach's friend), Stan Moeller (Sam Drouillard's cousin), Leonard Samson (friend of Rich Essbach), Carl Schlotzhauer, Karl Wilk (Jan Lundmark's brother), Thelma Wolf, Dorothy Zick, Natalie Zitzelsberger (Dale & Alice Mierisch's granddaughter)

For the Pennucci Family as they go through the adoption process of a 9-year-old daughter, Valerie.

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

When it comes to persecuting those who believe in the Savior, North Korea is at the top of the list.

According to over 11,000 defectors from N. Korea:

1. the only houses of worship in North Korea are in Pyongyang, and those are for decoration and to show to tourists;
2. there is zero religious freedom in North Korea;
3. the punishment for practicing any religion not sanctioned by the government is death.

Those thoughts are tragic, but defectors who were interviewed also said that 80 percent of the people taken into custody by the government simply disappear. It is estimated that 75 percent of the Christians who are arrested are executed.

Pray for our brothers and sisters in N. Korea, that they remain steadfast to our Lord and Savior throughout their time of persecution.

This information comes from the Lutheran Hour daily devotions.

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.