



**St. John's**  
**LUTHERAN**  
Church & School

## Weekly News

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8:30 a.m. – The Well  
(Contemporary Service)

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

### Sunday, December 1, 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### The Night Before Advent

'Twas the night before Advent  
When all through God's House  
Not a heart wasn't stirring, not a heart wasn't roused.  
His people wrapped around His Word with awe,  
Awaiting wonders & the fresh grace of God.

The children were anxious for His Story to start,  
these Visions of love dancing loud in their hearts.  
And God in His glory, & us, in Jesus Christ,  
settled only for a Christmas all about Christ.

When out on the streets, the frenzy came with a clatter,  
In hearts, Joy sprang up, centred on Who matters.  
Away from the stresses, we flew like a prayer,  
Simply opened our hands & made room to prepare.

For the Light of the World to warm every dark space,  
a lustre of hope cupped in every cold place  
Till what to our wandering hearts should appear,  
Murmurings of a King and Love drawing near.

In a Book of Old Pages, so Living & True,  
you can hear Jesus whisper, I'm coming for You.  
Through Every Story, The King fiercely came,  
And He beckons you, woos you, and calls you by name!

"You're Beloved! You're Chosen! You're God's Special  
Child!

You're Wanted! Draw Nearer! Experience the King's  
Smile!"

From Creation's first star to manger's bright light,  
Unwrap His Love Story till He holds you Christmas night  
He spoke all Love's Word, then became Word in the Skin  
And filled every heart that would welcome Him in

And laying Himself down into manger's straw,  
He's Your Immanuel, With Us is God.  
Advent unwraps wonder, the greatest gift ever dreamed,  
so come let's adore Him, the One who redeemed  
all the willing and wanting with this Advent Awe,  
a sacred, slow Unwrapping of a season of God. .

~ @annvoskamp [www.TheGreatestChristmas.com](http://www.TheGreatestChristmas.com)

#### Wednesday Night Advent Worship

Will focus on Jesus Christ as the Light who has come  
into the world. Please join us **Wednesday, December 4,  
11, and 18 at 7:00pm.**

#### Holiday Worship Services

**Advent Mid-Week** – Wed. Dec. 4, 11, 18 – 7:00pm

**Christmas Eve** – Tues. Dec. 24 – 6:30pm & 8:00pm

**Christmas Day** – Wed. Dec. 25 – 10:00am

**New Year's Eve** – Tues. Dec. 31 – 7:00pm

#### St. John's Christmas Festival

Don't miss the Christmas Festival at St. John's on  
**Sunday, December 8 from 4-7 pm.** There will be a  
Christmas Pageant, Vendors Fair for gift purchasing,  
special music, crafts for the kids, food, fun and  
fellowship. The SJL Christmas Festival will be great fun  
for all ages.

Vendors are needed. If you are interested in having table  
space to promote your business or to sell crafts or other  
goods for holiday gift giving this is an easy way to do it.  
Please contact Kris Gartley for more information. Also  
see the vendor registration form below.

#### Mite Sunday – Today!

December Mission Grant – "God's Word Changes  
Everything" - \$95,000 – Lutheran Bible Translators.  
Bible translation is the cornerstone of the proclamation of  
the Bible. It inaugurates the arrival of the clear Gospel to  
all communities of the world.

Christians in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere have  
requested us to work through the LBT to assist with  
God's work to communicate the Gospel clearly to whom  
they are called to proclaim the mighty works of God.

We will soon be celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
Martin Luther's translation of the Bible into the German  
language, commonly spoken by his people. So as we  
bring our "mites" forward today pray for all those  
assisting in the spread of God's Word in many  
languages.

#### Poinsettia Sign-Up – Today!

HEADS UP EVERYONE!! Time to sign up for poinsettias  
for the altar again. **Deadline this year is December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Please put your payment (**\$13**) in the envelope that is  
attached to the sign-up sheet and put in offering plate or  
give to Kerstin in the office. The florist will NOT bill you.  
The sign-up sheet is on the board in the fellowship hall.  
Thank you!

### Operation Christmas Child

St. John's collected 113 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child! These shoeboxes will soon begin an incredible journey to places all over the world delivering "Good News and Great Joy"! We exceeded our goal, so THANK YOU school and church families!

### Sanctuary Lighting

During the week of **Dec. 9-13<sup>th</sup>**, Honeycutt Electric will have lift equipment in the sanctuary. They are replacing the inside of the light fixtures with ones that will provide better lighting at less expense in electricity. **Be careful!** If you are in our out of the sanctuary those days.

### Chairs for Sale! Great Deal!

We have purchased 8 new chairs for the conference room in the church office. If you have ever been in there for any reason, you know why!

Generous members have already bought 4 chairs. Only 4 left! Get one before they're gone!

Great price! Regularly \$189, now only \$89! If you would like to purchase a chair write "chair" on the bottom line of your check and put it in the offering plate or see Dot Anderson.

### Roof Update

Work began last week on the new roof for the Middle School wing. It should be completed by the end of this week. Anything "additional" that you put in your offering will certainly help with this expense. (approximately \$35,000). Fortunately we have the cash on hand to make this necessary repair.

### Voters Meeting

There will be a brief voters meeting, **Sunday, Dec. 8**, immediately following late service (Noon). One item agenda: Approval of a \$75,000 SMART Loan from LCEF. This is a one-year, interest-free loan. We will use the funds to pay for the new Middle School Roof and to replace the 5 A/C school units still left to be done.

Why a loan? One reason. It allows us to pay the contractors but spread out the cash flow impact to our accounts. We will pay back 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the loan each month.

In order to make sure we can pay in 12 months we are setting aside \$75,000 from savings, just in case. However, we are in a position to do this without using savings!

Again, no interest, it will allow us to spread out over 12 months the expenses for these two projects.

If you have any questions prior to Dec. 2, please contact Pastor or any BoD member. Thank you.

### Zezo Fiber Kaywus Cloth

Now available for \$5! Kleans Anywhere With Out - Streaks! We it, wring it, wipe any surface. Use only water. Stoves, computers, TV's, mirrors, etc. See Dot Cleary, any LWML member or pick up in church office.

### Lock-up help needed

We are in need of a few more people to help with our weekly Sunday lock-up schedule. Someone who attends 2<sup>nd</sup> service would be the most beneficial. Please let Jeff Goad, Don Henderson, or Pastor know if you could help.

### Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings

Thursday, Dec. 19 – 6:00pm

### Trellis (Hospice) items needed:

Here is a list of items that are needed at Trellis. There is a basket in the lobby of the school.

- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Toothbrush
- Dried Fruit
- **Chips/snacks**
- **Chapstick**
- **Keurig Coffee pods**
- **Mixed Nuts**

### Hispanic Ministry

Please join us on Wednesday evenings (5:30 – 7:00pm) in being the "hands and feet" of Jesus to our neighbors! We offer a light meal at 5:30pm followed by tutoring at 6pm. Come one Wednesday a month or as often as you like! **You do not need to speak Spanish to participate!**

### Amazon Smiles Reminder

Remember to link your Amazon account to the St. John's account and Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price of eligible products to St. John's.

### Altar Flowers needed

We have some open Sundays in **December** for Altar flowers. There is a book in the back of the narthex where you can sign up for flowers. You will be billed by the florist. This is a great opportunity to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one.

### Tuesday Morning Senior Women's Bible Study

We will be taking a break from our study of Timothy Titus. We will be using the book "**The Women of Christmas – Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna**" starting November 19. We will continue to have "sack lunch & games" on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month after class. **We will be taking a 2 week break over Christmas.** You are all invited to join us! Any questions contact Dot Cleary - #336-767-4116.

### Thursday Evening Bible Study

**Suspended until January 9, 2020.** Contact Bill Thorpe or Rich Essbach for more information.

### Sunday Mornings 9:45 in Fellowship Hall

Please join Pastor Tom and others for some time in God's Word. Lessons are fairly "self-contained" so you don't have to make it every week to keep up so....Drop in any Sunday!

### Fruit of the Spirit notecards

Get your St. John's Lutheran Banner notecards. Cards are only \$10 and they make great gifts. Please see Kerstin in the church office or during bible study to purchase a box. All proceeds go to St. John's Lutheran Church and School.

### Sunday Small Group Bible Class

The Sunday Small Group Bible Class will begin a study of demon possession and spiritual warfare in America today. Join us for this discussion.

### Bible Study Opportunities at St. John's

#### **Sunday's**

- 9:45am - Pastor Tom's Class (Social Hall)
- 9:45am - Dot Anderson's Class (Teachers Workroom)

#### **Tuesday's**

- 10:00am - Senior Women's (Library)

#### **Thursday's**

- 7:00pm - Adult Bible Study

**Crisis Control for November:** Saltine Crackers - Thank you for your October donations of 65 lbs.!

**Altar Flowers Today** - Are given to the Glory of God



### **Sunday, 12/1 - Mite Box Sunday**

8:30 a.m. - "The Well" with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. - Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
12:15 p.m. - Confirmation Class

### **Monday, 12/2**

10:30 a.m. - Cancer Group Session

### **Tuesday, 12/3**

10:00 a.m. - Senior Bible Study

### **Wednesday, 12/4**

**Announcements due 12 noon**

8:30 a.m. - Chapel - K-2 Christmas Program  
5:30 p.m. - Hispanic Ministry Meal/Tutoring

### **Thursday, 12/5**

9:30 a.m. - Prayer Warriors  
7:00pm - Kindergarten Christmas Program

### **Sunday, 12/8**

8:30 a.m. - "The Well" with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. - Bible Class & Sunday School

10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

12:00 p.m. - Voters Meeting

12:15 p.m. - Confirmation Class

### **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, contact Ann Carney #336-602-1232 or Katie Goad #336-924-6977

### **Ways to support the school**

**Reminder: Please re-link your cards for the new school year!**

- Link your **Harris Teeter** VIC card - #2929
- Link your **Lowe's Foods** card to our school. <https://rewards.lowesfoods.com/Account/SelectCard?mode=CartToClass> to sign up
- **Publix**
- **Box Tops** - place tops in mailbox in lobby
- **Coke Give** - bottle caps, can case codes put in mailbox in lobby
- **Shoparoo** - app download - St. John's Day School - take pictures of your receipts, earn points.
- **Amazon Smile** program

### **Box Tops**

There are now 3 ways to collect Box Tops credits for our school. Box Tops are worth 10¢ each.

Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

1. Download the new Box Tops app, follow the prompts and search to find St. John's Lutheran School. Scan your receipt within 14 days. 3
2. Place your receipts in the school mailbox within a couple days of your purchase, and we will scan them for you.
3. Continue to clip Box Tops labels, and place them in the school mailbox.

### **Upcoming Scrip Deadlines**

**Sunday, December 15, 9pm** - Deliv. on Thur. Dec. 18

### **Spirit Nights**

**Dec. 2** - Chic-fil-a - 6-8pm - Hanes Mall Food Court

**Jan. 8** - IHOP - 3-8pm - Silas Creek Parkway

**Feb. 25** - Surge Trampoline Park - 5-7pm



### **Happy Birthday to:**

12/3 Clarice George  
12/3 Brian Long  
12/5 Hannah Orsborn

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

12/7 Martin & Irene Ossenber (56 years)

**The Telephone Prayer Chain** is another prayer opportunity. Please call Dot Cleary (336-767-4116) or Martha Tegeler (336-774-6772) if you would like to receive or be a part of this service. You may also call with prayer requests.



### **St. John's Prayer Needs**

Prayer requests can be emailed to Dale Mierisch at [wb9szl@triad.rr.com](mailto:wb9szl@triad.rr.com).

#### We pray for St. John's congregation and school

Pastor Thomas Clocker

Principal Mark Edmiston

Director of Admissions Tom Baldwin

Our Teachers

Our Staff

Frances Burmeister

Michael Zeoli

Board of Elders

Our Board of Directors: Tim Nelson, Steve Lorenz, Jeff Goad, Pat Hall

#### We remember those who are shut in:

Chris Johnston, Kay Moose, Mary Riggs, Millie Tetzlaff,

#### We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Mary Deakle, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father), Clarice George, Katie Goad, Isaiah Hall – 2 yrs old, battling Leukemia, (son of a friend of Pastor Tom) Melody Hawkins, (Nancy Livengood's cousin), Bob Jordan, (Jamie Deal's uncle), , Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Steve Miller (Beth Hardin's brother), Rebecca Perry, (Stacey Perry- school secretary's, mother-in-law), Cheryl Peting, (former member), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), RuthAnn Sabon, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Jo Snyder, (friend of Gwen Clocker), Kim Taylor, (Pastor's daughter's Mother-in-Law), Nancy Tondo, (Pastor Tom's Aunt), Frank Williams (Sarah Williams' husband), Cindy Woods (Cancer Prayer Service walk-in).

#### For those undergoing/recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

Travis Bane (Cyndi Bane's son), Isabelle Baldwin, (Tom Baldwin's mother), Steve Covington, Beth (Musser) Davis and Baby Grayson, Hunter Davis, Teddy Deranamie, Jeanette Dyson, Dave Genevie, Clarice George's Mom, **Shane Gwaltney**, (Debbie Baronowski's son), Whitney Hall, (Anita Hoisington's granddaughter), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Christine Karim, (daughter of Rich Essbach), Evgenija Kjuka, (SJLS Preschool parent), Peter Morlock, (friend of Essbach's), Uncle Steve Morrison & family (Pastor Clocker's son-in-law's uncle), Gary Murray, (friend of Rich Essbach), , Herbert Radda, (Rob Schwabe's cousin in Vienna), Florence Renken (John Renken's wife), Butch Roberts, Kiel Ross, (Jan Lundmark's granddaughter), Jean Rudolph, Jacki Rullman, Jessica Shea, Millie Tetzlaff,

Becky Tomlin, (Rosa Lovejoy's Aunt), Frank Williams (Sara Williams husband, Steve Covington's brother-in-law)

For those serving in our armed forces; for continued safety and extra comfort if serving away from home:  
Dallas Kay Darcy, Loren Jacobi, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Brad Rullman, Steven Thorpe,

#### Andrew Nelson's deployment address

Andrew is currently serving in Saudi Arabia and he would love to hear words of encouragement! Please be aware **no religious cards or crosses, including nativity scenes. In addition, no indication of faith should be included. Refrain from using the words God, Christ, etc.**

Address as follows:

**SPC, NELSON, ANDREW  
1-252 AR BN UNIT #61375  
APO, AE 09877-1375**

#### Persecution Prayer

Christians in Southeast Asia are facing the "perfect storm" of pressure from different sides - Islamic terrorist groups being squeezed and driven out of one area only to emerge elsewhere, state authoritarianism and ultra-nationalism seeking to control Christianity, fear of retaliatory "lone-wolf" attacks following the killing of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, to name a few. Pray for the church in South and East Asia, especially as we head into the holiday season - often a time when extremist activity and state arrests increase.

**(Please notify Kerstin in the office if you have any names for our prayer list.**

[churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org](mailto:churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org) )

#### Participation November 24, 2019

8:30	60
10:45	108
Nursery	2

#### **A Great Place to Grow in Christ**

As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All programs/grades have full-time care available.

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203,**

[revclocker@gmail.com](mailto:revclocker@gmail.com)

**Mark Edmiston, Principal**

**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**

**Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday,  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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