



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

# Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway  
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336-725-1651

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 10, 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent

### Poinsettia payment reminder

Thank you to everyone that ordered poinsettias this year. Please remember that payment for them needs to be made to St Johns. There are envelopes on the board in the fellowship hall if you would like to use them. Please place payments in the offering plate. The florist we use for poinsettias bills the church not individuals. Thank you.

### Cancer Ministry Update

Next Prayer Event – **Today! Sunday, December 10 at 5:00pm.** If you want to be a part of this ministry please contact the church office.

### Rejoicing: In our recent Worship Attendance

We thank God for each person He leads to worship and blesses through His Word. In November we averaged 183 per Sunday. That is our highest average in the last year. Thank you, Jesus! (Remember to recommend your church, to your friends!)

### Christmas Scrip is HERE!

Are you planning to start your Christmas shopping soon? Are you interested in helping 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 3 (delivery on December 7) and Sunday, December 10 (delivery on December 15).** Contact Melissa Edmiston at [melissa.edmiston@stjohnsnc.org](mailto:melissa.edmiston@stjohnsnc.org) or on FastDirect for more information.

### Mark Your Calendars

#### **Wednesday, Advent Worship**

- at 7:00pm: Dec. 13, & 20 Dinner at 5:30pm

#### **Sunday, December 10**

- "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed" morning worship
- Cancer Ministry Prayer Service – 5:00pm all invited

#### **Sunday, December 17**

- "Recognition of Senior Saints" morning worship

#### **Sunday, December 24**

- Regular Morning Worship at 8:30am and 10:45am

- "Christmas Eve Worship" at 5:00pm and 7:00pm (no communion at evening services)

#### **Monday, December 25**

- Christmas Day Worship at 10:00am with Holy Communion

#### **Sunday, December 31**

- Regular Morning Worship at 8:30am and 10:45am
- "New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion 7:00pm

**Encore: Genesis "Paradise Lost"** – Due to popular demand, back for one night only. Tomorrow night at 7:00pm at the AMC 12, 1501 Hanes Mall Blvd.

### A special thank you

A special thanks to those who set up and decorated our lovely Christmas Trees this year. Cat and Tim carried the trees to the sanctuary and Jessica Shea's middle school students assembled them on the altar. Then a group of ladies that included Tina Kottlowski, Mary Rochester, Jackie Downey, Kay Bowman, Cheryl Wulfert, Claudia Essbach, and Clare Adamick decorated the trees with our handmade Chrismon ornaments. Thanks to all for helping to make our celebration of Advent special. Thanks also to Cat for hanging the wreaths outside the sanctuary.

### The Meaning of Chrismons

In the back of the church there is a sheet with information on the Chrismons.

**Caroling for our shut-ins:** On Saturday, December 16th at **2 PM (time change!)** we will be gathering at St. John's for an act of kindness for our shut-ins with Christmas Caroling. Whether you can sing or not, please prayerfully consider joining us to visit our members who are no longer able to get out as much as they would like. I am collecting names of members who would benefit from a visit by their brothers and sisters in Christ with Christmas music and hymns. It is also an opportunity to witness Jesus' love to others and those nearby who will hear the music and enjoy a moment of Christmas joy. There will be a sign-up sheet at church in the Social Hall for both names of those to visit with caroling and a list of those who can join us for singing out the joy of Christmas to them. Following the caroling, around 6 PM, we will gather back at St. John's for a chili fellowship meal. Let me know the names of the shut-ins to visit by Wednesday, December 13th. Thank you, Nathan Kottlowski

## Donations for 2017

### Stock Donations

Many of you generously donate stock to St. John's every year, usually at the end of the year. If you are planning on doing so and want it credited on your taxes for 2017, please make sure the transaction is completed by the end of December. We will need to know the designated St. John's fund, i.e., General or FCV or other, date of contribution, name of stock and number of shares, sale date and final amount contributed to St. John's. This information is needed for IRS filings.

### Last minute donations 2017

If you have any last minute contributions for 2017, please make sure any check is dated no later than December 31, 2017 and put in the offering plate no later than the January 7, 2018 service. This year the last day of the year falls on a Sunday so there should be no problem but sometimes checks are mailed to St. John's or you just forgot to donate at the last minute.

### Contribution Envelopes for 2018

The contribution envelopes for 2018 will be in the Narthex sometime in the past two weeks of this year. That is the plan anyway. Please pick them up or if you no longer wish to use the envelopes, please let Don Adamick know.

### Statements for 2017

We hope to have contribution statements for 2017 available for pick up in the Narthex by mid January 2018. Please save us postage by picking up your statement.

Contact Don Adamick if you have any questions on the above. Thanks.

### Adopt-A-Student

Just a gentle reminder you can still donate to this wonderful program we have at St. John's. Due to your generosity, \$8,770 has been donated! What a blessing this has been! Thank you all for your donation!

If you would like to donate to Adopt-A-Student, forms can be picked up in the church office.

### Advent Worship and Meals

All meals begin at 5:30pm – Service begins at 7:00pm  
Menus TBD by the group responsible.

12/13 Advent - served by School parents (fund raiser)  
(soup & salad)

12/20 Advent - served by Board of Directors

**Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study** is studying "God is in the Laundry Room"- 8 sessions about seeking God. We meet in the Music Room and begin at 10:00 a.m. with coffee. All ladies are invited to join in the study

of God's Word. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month there bring a sack lunch for Games Day after class! Call Dot Cleary at (336) 767-4116 with any questions.

**The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets at 10:00 a.m. in room 101 (Extended Care Room). All are welcome to join in to study Beth Moore's "Entrusted", a study of 2 Timothy. They will be viewing the videos that go along with the study. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Sawicki at @kb-promotions.net or #336-744-5733

### **Thursday Evening Bible Study – Returns January 4!**

The Thursday Evening Bible Study is not meeting during Advent and the holidays. We will begin the New Year on Thursday, January 4th at 7PM. Please contact Bill Thorpe or Rich Essbach with any questions. A Blessed Christmas and safe New Year! Contact Bill Thorpe at [wthorpe@triad.rr.com](mailto:wthorpe@triad.rr.com) with any questions.

**Crisis Control for December:** Sugar, Flour, Baking items. The collection basket is in the Narthex.

**Altar Flowers Today** are given to the Glory of God in honor of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Tim & Laura Nelson.



### **Today, 12/10**

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

4:00 p.m. Well Rehearsal

**5:00 pm – Cancer Prayer Service**

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

10:00 a.m. – Senior Women's Bible Study

### **Wednesday, 12/13**

**8:30am – Pre-School Christmas Program**

Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Advent Meal by School Parents

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Tutoring

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm and 8:00pm – Choir Practice

### **Thursday, 12/14**

10:00 am – Women's Bible Study

**7:00pm – Pre-School Christmas Program**

~~7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study~~ Returns January 4

### **Saturday, 12/16**

2:00pm – 6:00pm Christmas Caroling and Chili Dinner

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**Music Notes: Actively looking for new members for the Adult Choir!** Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:15. The Sunday morning schedule is a bit complicated. Group I meets at 9:00 for warmup and touchup. These singers then go to Sunday School. Group II, the non-Sunday School singers, meets at 10:00 and has the same warmup and touchup. At 10:25, the two groups meet in the Chancel and run the anthem. I'm looking forward to an exciting year! *Frances*

## 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!

### 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) or Katie Goad (336-924-6977).

**Ushers Needed** Volunteers are needed to usher on Sundays at the 10:45 services. It's a very easy job. You get to greet members and visitors at worship. Please contact Arden Lackey (336-723-3270) or Holly Wilson (410-245-8680) if you are willing to assist. Thank you.

### Ways to support the school:

#### **Upcoming Spirit Nights:**

Wednesday, December 27,  
11:00am – 11:00pm at Buffalo Wild Wings

**Shine Time Car Wash** on Hanes Mall Blvd by Hobby Lobby will give the school 20% of each sale when you punch in the fundraising code of #2929.

**Link your Harris Teeter** VIC card - #2929

**Link your Lowes Foods card to our school.** You can now link your Lowes Foods card to St John's and the school gets 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!



### Happy Birthday to:

12/11 Earl Faggert  
12/12 Sarah Musser  
12/13 Zach Andrews

### Happy Anniversary to:

12/12 Mark & Arlene Adamick (25 years)  
12/12 Jerry & Judy Rowe (26 years)

**Intercessory Prayer Warriors:** A group of people led by Katie Goad meets weekly from 9:30 – 10:00 on Thursday mornings to pray collectively for our St. John's Family. All church members are invited to meet in the Sanctuary during this half hour to pray for our congregation.

**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 called workers and staff*  
*Frances Burmeister*  
*Michael Zeoli*  
*Board of Directors*  
*Board of Elders*  
*Hispanic Tutoring*

*Our Board of Directors: Tim Nelson Chairman; Adam Orsborn, Vice-Chair; Nathan Kottlowski, Secretary; Judy Meisinger, Education; Jeff Goad, Finances & Facilities*

We remember those who are shut in:

Harry Armstrong, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Marilyn Sagehorn, MillieTetzlaff

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Deedee Bement (Brendyn Gronewoller's mother-in-law), Marsha Braun (Doris Braun's daughter), Joel Christiansen, Jack Fordham, Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father) Katie Goad, Rod Gorham, Eva Hammacker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Mason Lankford (22-month-old child known by Meg Lorenz), Jerry Linder, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Dave Lundmark, Laura McNeil (friend of Dale & Alice Mierisch), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), Gene Rapier, Deb Schoolcraft, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban

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

Clare Adamick, Tom Baldwin, John Bredenberg, James Covington, Morris Crafton, RJ Hamby (Joan Happel's son-in-law), David Henderson (Gary & Nancy Brake's nephew & Stephanie, Hannah, Maddie & Abby Kiel's cousin), Jayme (5 mos. Old known by Tom Baldwin's Sister-in-Law), Alice Mierisch, Justin Riley (Carl Schlotzauer's grandson), Michael Riley (Anita & Bob Hoisington's nephew), Jacki Rullman, Katie Stevens (Debbie Baronowski's daughter), Whytonia (friend of the Shannon's), 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, Dylan McArthur-Reed, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Natasha Peting, Allie Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

Persecution Prayer:

After six years of war an estimated 6.3 million people are internally displaced across Syria, while a further 5 million are refugees in neighboring countries. According to a June report by three Christian charities, for many of Syria's and Iraq's Christians the emergence of ISIS in 2014 was only the "tipping point" for their displacement. One of the charities, Open Doors, has called on the UN Secretary General to ensure that as people return to their countries, the rights of Christians and other minorities in the Middle East be protected. As to whether they return home, many Iraqi Christians feel they have no future in the region anymore, while Syrian Christians believe they still have a future in Syria under President Bashar Al-Assad. Pray for Christians in the Middle East - that they find peace wherever they settle. Pray that they are an example of God's love to those around them.

For more information see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Elder Assignments

Member/families

Bob Burke -----Adamick – Braun (A-Bra)  
Steve Anderson-----Bredenberg – Deranamie (Bre-Der)  
Rich Essbach -----Dongre – Gartley (Do-Ga)  
Rich Essbach -----Genevie – Henderson (Ge-Hen)  
Larry Bowman-----Hepner –Kinsman (Hep-Kin)  
Dave Lundmark -----Koontz – Lorenz (Ko-Lor)  
Mark Meier -----Lovejoy – Patterson (Lov-Pa)  
Mark Meier -----Pegram – Roggenkamp (Pe-Rog)  
Dale Mierisch -----Rosenberger – Strahm (Ros-Str)  
Rob Schwabe-----Swenson – ZumMallen (Sw-Z)

Participation December 3, 2017

8:30 68  
10:45 am 107  
Nursery 4

**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  
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.

[ChurchSecretary@stjohns.org](mailto:ChurchSecretary@stjohns.org)