



# Weekly News

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336-725-1651

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

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

## Sunday, December 11, 2016 – Third Sunday in Advent

### Participation last week, December 4, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 81

10:45 a.m. Traditional: 106

Nursery: 5

Advent Midweek Worship on November 30: 60

**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 "Great Women of the Bible," will include Eve, Sarah, Rebekah and Leah and Rachel. We will continue having 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thursday Evening Bible Study** will resume in January.

**Advent Bible Study Dates:** Tuesday, December 13 and Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Youth House. Please bring a snack to share.



### **Today, 12/11**

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

### **Tuesday, 12/13**

10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Advent Bible Study

Tijuana Flats Spirit Night

### **Wednesday, 12/14**

8:30 a.m. – Chapel

Noon – Bulletin & Announcement Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Pre-service Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry in Gym

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Advent Worship Service

8:15 – 9:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, 12/15**

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

### **Friday, 12/16**

7:00 p.m. – Advent Bible Study

### **Sunday, 12/18**

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

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

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship

2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

**Advent Worship Service** is this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Supper in the fellowship hall will precede the service at 5:30, served by the Board of Elders.

**Contribution Envelopes for 2017:** Please pick up your 2017 contribution envelopes in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Don Adamick. Thanks.

**Last-minute 2016 Donations:** If you have any last-minute contributions for 2016, please make sure any check is dated no later than December 31, 2016 and put in the offering plate no later than the January 1, 2017 service. Thanks. This will help us prepare contribution statements for 2016 so we can make them available by mid-January.

**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 this year, please make sure the transaction is completed by the end of December. We will need to know the designated 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. Contact Don Adamick if you have any questions. Thanks.

**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.

**“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!!

**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 will meet next Sunday, December 18, at Ann Carney's home at 5920 Greenhaven Dr, Winston-Salem.

**Music Notes:**

Choir rehearsal on December 14 will be at 6:30 and then from 8:15-9:15 p.m. because of the Wednesday evening Advent worship service.

Frances

**Looking ahead:** Junior Youth will meet on January 15 at Airbound Trampoline Park from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Watch for details to come.



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](mailto: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](mailto:Lydia.k.ingram@gmail.com) for more information.

**Many ways to support the school:**

**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!

**Christmas Scrip is HERE.** Are you doing your Christmas shopping? 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 deadline is today, December 11 (delivery on December 18). Contact Melissa Edmiston at [melissa.edmiston@stjohnsws.org](mailto:melissa.edmiston@stjohnsws.org) for more information.

**Honey Baked Ham.** Please check out the fundraising page at [https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraiser/St\\_Johns\\_Luthern\\_School\\_PTO](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:**

12/12 – Sarah Musser  
12/13 – Zach Andrews

**Happy Anniversary to:**

12/12 – Mark & Arlene Adamick, 24 years  
12/12 – Jerry & Judy Rowe, 25 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 at [wb9szl@triad.rr.com](mailto: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, Kay Moose, Gene Rapiet, Carl Schlotzhauer, 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 the Essbachs), Jack Fordham, Katie Goad, Eva Hammacker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Steve Miller, Stan Moeller (Sam Drouillard's cousin), father of Cameron Moore (Avery Johnson's friend), David Penno (Linda Pennucci's brother), Arline Urban, Judy Winkler (Alice Mierisch's sister-in-law)

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

Jeanette Allred, Mary Barcio, Wade Burlson (Holly Wilson's neighbor), Bobbi & Dean Hoegemeyer (friends of the Essbachs), Michael Hoisington (Bob & Anita's grandson), Jim Johnson, Doris Jones (Steven Shannon's grandmother), Dave McCombs (friend of the Essbachs), Bill Roth (friend of Dave Lundmark), Leonard Samson (friend of the Essbachs), Mike Timms (friend of the Essbachs)

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

A court in Nepal has dropped a case against eight Christians (all counselors) who were charged with "proselytizing". The charge was made when the eight gave out pamphlets about Jesus to children in a Christian school in order to help the children through the trauma of the 2015 earthquake. This is the first case about freedom of religion since Nepal's new constitution was implemented in 2015. Thank and praise God for the court's action. Thank and praise God for the work of these Christian counselors. Ask God to guide them in their witness and work in Nepal.

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 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All programs/grades have full-time care available.