



# Weekly News

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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 15, 2019 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Epiphany Concert

In celebration of Epiphany, the Choir with soloists and orchestra will present **The Nativity According to St. Luke** by Randall Thompson on Saturday, January 4 at 5:00 P.M. It uses texts directly from Luke and ends with the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. Known as the most beautiful pageant ever, soloists sing settings of three Canticles - the Benedictus (Zacharias), Magnificat (Mary), and Nunc dimittis (Simeon). The choir helps move the story along. Kids are the shepherds. If you would like to sing with the choir as a one-off, see me. We are rehearsing after the Wednesday Advent services and will put it together for the first time on Sunday, December 29 at 1:00. I have scores and CDs for practice.

Be sure to bring along two handkerchiefs for this one!  
Frances B. DeMille

### 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

**Epiphany Concert** – Sat. Jan. 4, 2020 – 5:00pm

### New Sanctuary Lighting

In honor and memory of Cecile Honeycutt who lived her life as a light for Christ to all! (Thank you to Brad Honeycutt for his gracious gift!)

### Roof Work

The Middle School has a new roof. Repairs were made to the Elementary School roof and a couple of leaks in the gym. We thank the Lord for His provision!

### Welcome Purity Ruchugo

Purity is the director of Sister2Sister International. A Christian ministry to orphans and children of need in Kenya. Facilities are being built to provide shelter, food, education and teaching the Christian faith. St. John's School children have been pen pals with the children in Kenya for several years. St. John's church hosts the annual ministry banquet. Purity will be sharing details of the ministry with the Adult Bible Class this morning.

### Mission Funds

As you know we voted to divide our mission giving this year between the District and "other" focused ministries". In September, \$500 was given to support Sister2Sister International. In October, \$500 was given from St. John's to the LWML. Thank the Lord that we are able to support mission work that shares the love of Jesus with others!

### AED Equipment

St. John's Lutheran has an opportunity to acquire a brand new AED (automated external defibrillator) at a special price, with help from a matching grant from a school connection. This would be a great thing to have for our church and school in case of emergencies such as heart attacks, but we do not currently have an AED on campus. We need \$500 more dollars to make this happen. If you'd like to donate toward the AED, make checks payable to St. John's with AED in the memo line.

### Forsyth Backpack Program

Last year St. John's Church and School sponsored a food packing for the Forsyth Backpack Program. This program feeds hungry children and families in Forsyth County. In all of the public schools in the county, a backpack of food is sent home with needy students for their weekend meals. Hunger among children is very high in our neighborhoods. We would love to participate in a packing event again this Spring. In the church foyer is a Forsyth Backpack Program Christmas tree. We would like you to pick up a backpack and make a monetary donation toward the \$3000.00 cost for this packing event. Please give your checks or cash to the church secretary, our school secretary, or place in the offering plate. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** and earmark the check for the Forsyth Backpack Program. We will leave the tree up until January 6. Thanks so much!!

### Thank You!

A special thanks to Mrs. Jessica Shea and her students for again putting up the Chrismon trees. What a pleasure it is for those people decorating to have the trees all ready to be decorated! Those adding the Chrismons this year were: Tina Kottlowski, Claudia Essbach, Jackie Downey, Sue Frake, Sandra Linder, and Don and Clare Adamick. Don also hung the wreaths outside.

Beautiful new tree skirts were lovingly made by Katie Goad and Claudia Essbach. Please go up and see them and then thank the two ladies for their handiwork.

The Chrismon ornaments were made by the ladies of the church over 30 years ago. A sheet telling the meaning of each shape is on the table in the narthex should you want to take a closer look at the trees and decorations.

A sheet telling the meaning of the Advent Wreath candles can also be found on the table.

### November Attendance

2018 – 159/week; 2019 – 171/week – up 7 ½%  
Thank You, Lord!

### 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.

### Zevo Fiber Kaywos Cloth

Now available for \$5! Kleans Anthing With Ot Streaks!  
Wet 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.

### 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**” 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 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!

### Sunday Small Group Bible Class

The Sunday Small Group Bible Class, which meets in the Teachers Workroom, continues its discussion about spiritual warfare in America today. You are welcome to join us today as we look at the influence of post modernism in our country.

### 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 December:** Flour, sugar, baking items – Thank you for your November donations of 37 lbs.!

**Altar Flowers Today** – Are given to the Glory of God Tim & Laura Nelson in honor of their 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.



### Sunday, 12/15

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

### Monday, 12/16

**10:30 a.m. – Cancer Group Session**

### Tuesday, 12/17

10:00 a.m. – Senior Bible Study

Wednesday, 12/18

Announcements due 12 noon

8:30 a.m. – Chapel – Preschool Christmas

5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal/Tutoring

7:00p.m. – Advent Service 3

Thursday, 12/19

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors

7:00pm – Preschool Christmas Program

Sunday, 12/22

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

2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl

### 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 cops, 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

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

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



### Happy Birthday to:

12/16 Charla Adams  
12/19 Frances Burmeister  
12/19 Gregg Vogelsmeier  
12/20 Tom Loke

### Happy Anniversary to:

12/19 Alex & Caroline (Musser) Campbell (3 years)  
12/19 Tim & Laura Nelson (31 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, (back surgery 12/20)**, Beth (Musser) Davis and Baby Grayson, Hunter Davis, Teddy Deranamie, **Victoria Deranamie (eye surgery)**, **Harold Dyson, (stroke)**, Jeanette Dyson,

Shane Gwaltney, (Debbie Baronowski's son), Whitney Hall, (Anita Hoisington's granddaughter), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Christine Karim, (daughter of Rich Essbach), 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 Middle East 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**

#### **For those who mourn**

***Our sympathies to Clarice George and her family on the passing of her mother, Mary Lee on Thursday, December 12, 2019.***

#### **Persecution Prayer**

*Often we hear of the persecution of our Christian brothers and sisters. But we don't receive any follow-up as to what happened to them. The recent Voice of the Martyrs newsletter provides such follow-up information on a number of Christians who had experienced atrocities in their past. Pray that God continues to bless those who have been faithful to Him. Pray that they continue to heal. Pray that we look at their example, and that we stand firm in our commitment to our Lord and Savior.*

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

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

***[churchsecretary@stjohnswws.org](mailto:churchsecretary@stjohnswws.org) )***

#### **Participation December 8, 2019**

8:30	57
10:45	101
Nursery	0

**Advent – Dec. 4 - Midweek #1 – 57**

**Advent – Dec. 11 – Midweek #2 – 60**

#### ***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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