



# 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 18, 2016 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

### Participation last week, December 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 75

10:45 a.m. Traditional: 88

Nursery: 3

Advent Midweek Worship on December 7: 61

**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. **The class will not meet December 20 or 27, but will resume on January 3.**

**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. **The class will not meet December 22 or 29, but will resume on January 5.**

**Youth Confirmation Class:** This class will resume on January 4, 2017.

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

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

**Old Salem Organ Recital:** On December 28 at noon, Frances Burmeister will be performing a free organ recital on the Tannenberg organ in Old Salem.

### **Do you have anything for the January calendar?**

Please note that the deadline is this Wednesday, December 21, at noon. Thank you!



### **Today, 12/18**

2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

### **Tuesday, 12/20**

6:30 p.m. – Elders' Prayer & Praise

### **Wednesday, 12/21**

Noon – Bulletin, Calendar & Announcement Deadline

### **No Hispanic Ministry**

7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday, 12/24 – Christmas Eve**

6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – Worship Services with Holy Communion

### **Sunday, 12/25 – Christmas Day**

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion

**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.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU** Last Friday evening about 40 women attended the Advent by Candlelight event here at St. John's. This event is a collaboration of everyone who attends. The tables were set beautifully, the food delicious, the service meaningful and fellowship enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Joel Becker, organist extraordinaire. Once again your music was enjoyed by all. Also thank you to Glenn Rullman who helped with all my questions. You too were invaluable! Just like they say "it takes a village" to do something, that was true with this event too. This is such a good thing for St. John's! To those who didn't attend this year think about coming next year. Christmas Blessings, Mary

And the ladies thank you, Mary, for providing an uplifting time with friends.

**Cheryl has news!** WIM Treasurer Cheryl Wulfer reports that St. John's (You) gave \$1,376.99 to the LWML Mission Mites goal this 2016 calendar year. THANK YOU ALL. We have written before about the national Mite goal for 2015-17. Now we share our Carolinas District goal of \$66,500 during the 2016-18 biennium. The two goals alternate deadlines. The lists are posted on the bulletin board. Praise the Lord!!

**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.

#### **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 today, December 18, at Ann Carney's home at 5920 Greenhaven Dr, Winston-Salem.

**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!

**Hispanic Ministry will resume January 4, 2017.**

**The Church Directory** will be re-printed soon after the first of the year. If you have had a phone number or address change that should be included, please leave a note in the Church Secretary's box in the office or email your information to [churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org](mailto:churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org). Thank you.

**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 Kottlowski, 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.

#### **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!

**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.

**Spirit Night** in January will be January 10 at Tijuana Flats.



**Happy Birthday to:**

12/19 – Gregg Vogelsmeier  
12/20 – Tom Loke  
12/21 – Charlie Amos  
12/21 – Mike Pennucci  
12/23 – Dorothy Zick  
12/24 – Garrett Price  
12/25 – Anna Clark

**Happy Anniversary to:**

12/19 – Tim & Laura Nelson, 29 years  
12/23 – Earl & Phyllis Faggert, 61 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: Bill Thorpe, Vice Chairman, Nathan Kottlowski, Secretary, Judy Meisinger, Dot Anderson.*

*Our Board of Elders: Bob Burke, Steve Anderson, Don Henderson, Richard Essbach, David Barcio, Dave Lundmark, Mike Pennucci, Mark Meier, Dale Mierisch, Bruce Sawicki.*

We remember those who are homebound:

*Harry Armstrong, Frances Chambers, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Gene Rapier, 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, Rev. Partee Boliek (Andrea Duggins' great uncle), Wade Burlson (Holly Wilson's neighbor), R J Hamby (Joan Happel's son-in-law), 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), Jean Rudolph, Leonard Sampson (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 the Reynolds Family after a house fire last week.

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

*Persecuted believers around the world often face harassment, torture and even threats of death simply for attending a church meeting or carrying a Bible - anything that would indicate they're Christ followers. Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters, that they remain steadfast in their faith, that they witness Jesus' love to their enemies, and that they find protection when it is needed.*

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.*