



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 23, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Flower Chart for 2019

The 2019 flower chart is in the book in the narthex. Consider signing up for a date. This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone, or to celebrate a special occasion. Thank you to everyone that signed up in 2018.

Inclement Weather Policy:

When it is necessary to announce delays or closings for worship or church activities due to bad weather, St. John's Lutheran Church will post the revised schedule or cancellation on the TV WXII Channel 12 scroll and website. Also, there will be a radio announcement on WSJS Radio – 600 AM. Members will be alerted as well via email and the phone tree.

Poinsettia Orders

If you ordered a poinsettia remember you need to pay the church. The florist we use does not bill you. There are 3 people that I haven't received money from. Please put your payment in the offering plate with a note that it is for flowers. Thank you.

New Members

Will be received at the 10:45 service on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

- If you would like to be received as a member of St. John's please let pastor know.
- If you are going to transfer in, let us know your previous congregation and we will contact them for your transfer.
- If you have never been a member of a Lutheran congregation please sign up for Pastor Tom's "New Member Class" beginning mid-January. (Usually once a week for six or eight weeks.)

Envelopes for 2019

If you do not currently have weekly offering envelopes, and would like them for 2019 please email the church office at churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org.

January Directories

In early January we will be printing our annual directory. Please make sure all your information is up to date. Any changes contact Kerstin at churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org.

We will also be taking pictures again for the Fellowship Board. Time to be announced.

Chrismons Information Sheet

Sheets telling the meaning of the Chrismon ornaments are on the table in the Narthex. Our Chrismons are extremely delicate which is because of the way they are made and the materials used. They were made by the ladies of St John's over 35 years ago and we should all consider them treasures. Feel free to go up and take a closer look at them.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve – Mon., Dec. 24 – 5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25 – 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve – Monday, Dec. 31 – 7:00 p.m.

Forsyth Backpack Program

We are approximately \$1000.00 short of our goal for the Forsyth Backpack Ministry. There are many ways to donate to this event. A check can be written to St. John's designated for the Forsyth Backpack Program or money can be put into the Forsyth Backpack Program box that is located in the school foyer. Also on the **third Sundays** of the month until the end of the year, a **free will offering** will be taken after church services for this outreach program. Please check the poster in the social hall for our progress. Any extra monies will be used to sponsor another packing event in the future. Thank you so much for your support for the children in our community!

Fruit of the Spirit notecards on sale now!

Get your St. John's Lutheran Banner notecards. These cards are based on the banners hanging in the church. Each card features a graphic of a "Fruit of the Spirit" banner on the front. There are 9 cards and 9 envelopes in each box. They are blank inside for note writing. Each card has a description of the design on the back.

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 Morning Adult Class 9:45 a.m.

Join us this Sunday and next Sunday as we study the Christmas Stories in Matthew.

Dear St. John's Family

We can all commiserate with the financial pressures of the holiday. Rising credit balances, travel expenses, and gifts.

Please remember that December and End-of-Year giving make up a substantial and necessary part of meeting our annual expenses. Can you cut back on a gift or two and make that a gift to the Christ Child here at St. John's?

Maybe some of us have some "catching" up to do as over the 11 months thus far we've "fallen behind" in our pledge or tithes. (That's me!) If so, please give a little extra this month.

God has incredibly blessed our church and school these last two years! Our budget is still very tight but the extremely poor cash situation two years ago has really improved. Thank you, Lord.

Additionally these blessings from God has allowed us to replace 6 HVAC units including the sanctuary just from our cash flow. (No borrowing, No cutting into savings, No cutting other needs)!

Rejoice in God's blessing His work here! And be a part of it to finish 2018 – to His glory

LWML KayWos Cloth Sale

KayWos Cloth Sale! "Cleans anything from stoves, windows, cars, stainless, and removes bugs, grease, fingerprints and dust" Never use a window cleaner again The cost of the cloth is \$5. This is sponsored by the LWML. See display in the Fellowship Hall or call Dot Cleary #336-767-4116 for an order.

Small Group Sunday Bible Class

This Sunday the Small Group Bible Class will continue the study of John's Epistles by considering the influence of Gnosticism on the early church. And what does it mean to us today? If you are not busy, join us!

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study

We will begin again on January 8, 2019. All Women are invited to the Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study meeting in the Library (off the cafeteria) for coffee and study, led by Dot Cleary.

On the 4th Tuesday of each month we will stay for sack lunch and games.

Call Dot Cleary for any questions. #336-767-4116

Thursday Evening Bible Study

We will start back on January 3, 2019. May everyone be blessed by St John's Advent services beginning December 5th!

Please join us. For more information, please contact Bill Thorpe (wthorpe@triad.rr.com) or Rich Essbach (rhcessbach@triad.rr.com).

Adopt-A-Student Program

There are several children at St. John's who receive need based discounts due to their inability to pay full tuition. These funds do not go to the family or student. The parents/guardians continue to pay what they have

been paying. The funds cover the lost income at St. John's from the discounted tuition.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of the new Adopt-A-Student Program! Envelopes are in the back of the church.

Crisis Control for December: Sugar, Flour, Baking items – Thank you for your November contributions – 26lbs. of cooking oil was collected.

Altar Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Pastor Tom & Gwen Clocker in memory of all our Grandparents, Gwen's parents and brother, Gwen's Uncle Bob, and Pastor Tom's mom, and especially, James Colbert, one of our add-on kids.



Sunday, 12/23

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

9:30 p.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School

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

2:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

12/24-1/4

Christmas Break – No School

Monday, 12/24

5:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service

8:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, 12/25 – Christmas Day

Church & School Offices Closed

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Service

Wednesday, 12/26

Church & School Offices Closed

Sunday, 12/30

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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

Ways to support the school:

Sprit Night – December 10 – 5:00 p.m. Dairi-O's 1207 W. Clemmonsville Road

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. Thank you from the PTO!



Happy Birthday to:

12/25 Anna Clark

Happy Anniversary to:

12/23 Earl & Phyllis Faggert (63 years)

12/27 Ben & Michaela Montgomery (3 years)

Intercessory Prayer Warriors:

A group of people led by Rich Essbach 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.

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: Adam Orsborn Chairman; Tim Nelson, Bob Kretschmar, Steve Lorenz, Jeff Goad,

We remember those who are shut in:

Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Marilyn Sagehorn, Millie Tetzlaff

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Joel Christiansen, Val Chumney, (daughter of Dave & Jean Rudolph former members), Mary Deakle, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Jeanette Dyson, Laura Ference, (friend of Essbach's), Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father), Katie Goad, Melody Hawkins, (Nancy Livengood's cousin), Bob Hoisington, Bob Jordan, (Jamie Deal's uncle), Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Rebecca Perry, (Stacey Perry-school secretary's, mother-in-law), 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:

Luisa Burgos, Morris Crafton, Danny Collins, (friend of Nicole Shannon), Elizabeth, (Charla Adams' niece), Teddy Deranamie, Brooke Gartley, Chris Gwaltney, (Debbie Baronowski's son), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Avery Johnson, Christine Karim, (friend of Rich Essbach), Sandy Lyles (Gwen Clocker's friend), Don Marzke, (Bruce Sawicki's Brother-in-Law) Peter Morlock, (friend of Essbach's), Uncle Steve Morrison & family (Pastor Clocker's son-in-law's uncle), Karl Mount, (Dot Cleary's son-in-law), Butch Roberts, Mary Riggs, (online prayer request from a Tracy Chavis), Jacki Rullman, Ron Semple, (Beth Meier's stepfather), David Sablich, (friend of Rich Essbach), Millie Tetzlaff, Zeldia Wilson, (Meg Lorenz's 1 year old friend)

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

For those who mourn

Judy Meisinger and family, on the passing of her sister-in-law.

Beth Fordham-Meier and family, on the passing of her father, John "Jack" Fordham 79, on December 8, 2018.

Persecution Prayer:

In areas where persecution is the greatest, it's always the children who suffer the most. They watch as unimaginable horror is unleashed in their lives, upon their families and against their loved ones.

For many, everything they hold dear has been shattered. Their families have been wrecked. Their homes are decimated. And they feel lost, thinking no one is there to help them restore the broken pieces of their lives. Pray for these children. Find ways to offer financial support

through organizations such as Voice of the Martyrs or Open Doors.

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

Elder Assignments

Member/families

Bob Burke -----	(A-Bra)
Steve Anderson-----	(Bre-Der)
Rich Essbach -----	(Do-Ga)
Rich Essbach -----	(Ge-Hen)
Larry Bowman-----	(Hes-Kie)
Bill Thorpe-----	(Ko-Lor)
Mark Meier -----	(Lov-O)
Mark Meier -----	(P-R)
Dale Mierisch -----	(S)
Rob Schwabe-----	(T-Z)

Participation December 16, 2018

8:30 65 Advent Dec. 19, 7:00pm 69

10:30 94

Nursery 3

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th 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.

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