



St. John's
LUTHERAN
Church & School

Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

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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 24, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

Poinsettia Donors

To the Glory of God:

Dale and Alice Mierisch

Bill and Sheryl Thorpe

Allison Weston

Bob and Martha Burke

Mark and Beth Meier

Arden and Glenda Lackey

Don and Clare Adamick

Steve Covington

Joan Happel

Mary Rochester

In memory of:

Richard Blizard by Jeanne Blizard

Bob Cleary by Dot Cleary

Dewey and Debbie Davidson by Jane Davidson

Joyce Clocker by Pastor and Gwen Clocker

Keith N Bowen Jr (Hatti's father) by Lauren and Hatti

Bowen

In honor of:

Mary Barcio and Arline Urban by Dave and Gayle Barcio

Our children and grandchildren by Pastor and Gwen

Clocker

You are welcome to take your flowers home to enjoy after the 10:00 service on Christmas Day.

Flowers for 2018

The 2018 flower chart is in the narthex. Consider signing up for a date in 2018. **We especially need flowers for January.** This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion.

A special thank you to everyone who signed up this past year.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, December 24

- "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

Nativity

Special thanks to Fran Johnson for sharing her nativity scene with us. It was made by Fran and Jim several years ago. It is on the table in the narthex.

The Meaning of Chrismons

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

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.

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 4th 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 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 the birth of our Savior, by Don & Clare Adamick.



Today, 12/24

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 pm. - Well Rehearsal
5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service
7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service

Monday, 12/25
Church & School Offices Closed

Tuesday, 12/26
No Senior Bible study – resumes January 2
Church Offices closed

Wednesday, 12/27
School Christmas Break – 12/20-1/1/18
Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline

Thursday, 12/28

~~10:00 am – Women's Bible Study~~ Returns January 4
~~7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study~~ Returns January 4

Next Sunday, 12/31

8:30 am. - "The Well" with Holy Communion
9:30 am.- Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 am -.Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
4:00 pm. - Well Rehearsal
7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion

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*



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

Wednesday, January 31,
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:

12/25 Anna Clark
12/29 Nichole Hayes
12/30 Addie Gartley
12/30 Caiti Yates

Happy Anniversary to:

12/27 Ben & Michaela Montgomery (2 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.

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, Millie Tetzlaff

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, Geri Gorham, (Rod Gorham's mother), 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 Lonacker (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, Casey Clocker, (Pastor Tom's daughter), 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:

The number of Christians in Iraq has shrunk in the last 15 years from an estimated 1.2-1.5 million to just over 250,000 today because of targeted violence against them. Many believe that the Middle East will not survive without tolerance, which will be instrumental in building a sustainable future for the area. Christians have long exemplified this tolerance. As they leave, tolerance is leaving with them. Pray for tolerance and safety of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East, especially as they worship and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

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 17, 2017

8:30 72
10:45am 99
Nursery 3

December 13 – Advent Midweek 2

7:00pm 54

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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