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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 3, 2017 – First Sunday of Advent

**Poinsettia sign-up Deadline is TODAY! ALERT-** today Dec. 3rd is the last day to order a poinsettia for the Christmas holiday. Signup is on the board in the fellowship hall. You are welcome to take your plant home after the Dec. 25th service.

Also, 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.

### **Christmas Scrip is HERE!**

Are you planning to start your Christmas shopping soon? Are you interested in helping 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 deadlines are Sunday, December 3 (delivery on December 7) and Sunday, December 10 (delivery on December 15).** Contact Melissa Edmiston at [melissa.edmiston@stjohnsws.org](mailto:melissa.edmiston@stjohnsws.org) or on FastDirect for more information.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

#### **Wednesday, Advent Worship**

- at 7:00pm: Dec. 6, 13, & 20 Dinner at 5:30pm

#### **Sunday, December 10**

- "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed" morning worship
- Cancer Ministry Prayer Service – 5:00pm all invited

#### **Sunday, December 17**

- "Recognition of Senior Saints" morning worship

#### **Sunday, December 24**

- Regular Morning Worship at 8:30am and 10:45am
- "Christmas Eve Worship" at 5:00pm and 7:00pm (no communion at evening services)

#### **Sunday, December 31**

- Regular Morning Worship at 8:30am and 10:45am
- "New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion 7:00pm

### **Rejoicing: In our recent Worship Attendance**

We thank God for each person He leads to worship and blesses through His Word. In November we averaged 183 per Sunday. That is our highest average in the last year. Thank you, Jesus! (Remember to recommend your church, to your friends!)

**Caroling for our shut-ins:** On Saturday, December 16th at 3 PM we will be gathering at St. John's for an act of kindness for our shut-ins with Christmas Caroling.

Whether you can sing or not, please prayerfully consider joining us to visit our members who are no longer able to get out as much as they would like. I am collecting names of members who would benefit from a visit by their brothers and sisters in Christ with Christmas music and hymns. It is also an opportunity to witness Jesus' love to others and those nearby who will hear the music and enjoy a moment of Christmas joy. There will be a signup sheet at church in the Social Hall for both names of those to visit with caroling and a list of those who can join us for singing out the joy of Christmas to them. Following the caroling, around 6 PM, we will gather back at St. John's for a chili fellowship meal. Let me know the names of the shut-ins to visit by Wednesday, December 13th. Thank you, Nathan Kottlowski

### **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.

## Cookie Bake and Exchange —You are invited to a cookie bake and exchange on **Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 10:00 - 2:00.**

Come bake your favorite Christmas cookie recipe, share the work and the fun and enjoy the fellowship!

We will have the basics on hand (eggs, flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and vanilla)

We will purchase Sam's sized packages of the afore mentioned items and split the cost among the bakers. Any other ingredients you need to complete your recipe - please bring with you as well as a hand mixer if you needed.

Plan to make 4 dozen of your recipe - some to take home, some to swap, and some to take to the shut-ins. Please RSVP to Beth Meier or Kris Gartley - so we can be sure to have ingredients in the kitchen.

[beth.fordhammeier@gmail.com](mailto:beth.fordhammeier@gmail.com). or [kgartley@triad.rr.com](mailto:kgartley@triad.rr.com)

## Cancer Ministry Update

Next Prayer Event – Sunday, December 10 at 5:00pm. If you want to be a part of this ministry please contact the church office.

## Advent Worship and Meals

All meals begin at 5:30pm – Service begins at 7:00pm  
Menus TBD by the group responsible.

12/6 Advent - served by Board of Elders

12/13 Advent - served by School parents (fund raiser)

12/20 Advent - served by Board of Directors

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:@kb-promotions.net) or #336-744-5733

## Thursday Evening Bible Study

7 p.m. in the Science Classroom. The study will be That the World May Know, by Ray Vander Laan, emphasizing the faith lessons on the Prophets and Kings of Israel. You may park at the lower end of the parking lot and enter through the outside door of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Contact Bill Thorpe at [wthorpe@triad.rr.com](mailto: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 our grandchildren: Aiden, Addison, & Alec Leahy by Bob & Martha Burke.



## **Today, 12/3**

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 p.m. Well Rehearsal

## **Tuesday, 12/5**

10:00 a.m. – Senior Women's Bible Study

## **Wednesday, 12/6**

**8:30am – Grade 3 – 5 Christmas Program**

Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Advent Meal by Board of Elders

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Tutoring

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm and 8:00pm – Choir Practice

## **Thursday, 12/7**

10:00am – Women's Bible Study

**6:30 pm – Grades 3 – 5 Christmas Program**

7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study

## **Saturday, 12/9**

**9:00 am – Cookie baking and exchange**

## **Next Sunday, 12/10**

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

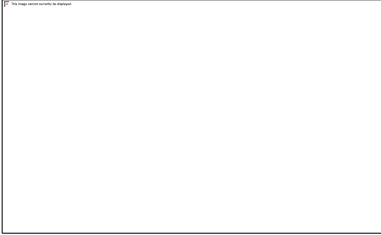
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**5:00 pm – Cancer Prayer Service**

**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:***

Tuesday, December 5,  
5:00pm – 8:00pm at Dairi-O's – Peters Creek Pkwy.

Wednesday, December 27,  
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:**

12/2 Marion Phelps  
12/3 Clarice George  
12/3 Brian Long  
12/4 Myranda Bane  
12/5 Hannah Orsborn  
12/8 Barbara Diener  
12/8 Amber Pennucci  
12/9 Karen Washburn

**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](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 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, 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 Rapiet, 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, 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

For those who mourn: Family and loved ones of Frances Chambers called to glory on November 26, 2017.

For Clarice George and all who mourn the passing of Ralph George.

Persecution Prayer:

Often when we speak of the "persecuted church", we fail to recognize that we are talking about individuals. One such individual is Hani, a Christian from Qaraqosh, Iraq. In July 2014, ISIS took control of Hani's farm (worth \$1 million), captured Hani and his employees, and then demanded an impossible ransom. After being imprisoned for 26 days, Hani and others escaped. Hani and his family eventually ended up in Erbil. Because of his experience, he had turned his back on his church and on God. But God mercifully continued to work on his heart, bringing him back into His family. Hani now has a renewed faith and a burning desire to minister among

Muslims. He wants to spread the love of Christ throughout Iraq. Pray for Hani. Thank God for his zeal and enthusiasm. Pray for his protection and safety.

For more information, see the article from the Voice of the Martyrs newsletter on 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 November 22, 2017 – Thanksgiving Eve**

7:00pm 64

**Participation November 26, 2017**

8:30 83  
10:45 am 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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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