



**St. John's**  
LUTHERAN  
Church & School

## Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway  
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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 30, 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

#### Thank You!

To everyone who served to make our Advent and Christmas services such a blessing. Special thank you to Claire Adamick and the Altar Guild. Thanks to Frances for the Christmas Eve Children's Choir. Ushers, Elders, Readers and Choir. Thanks to each of you.

#### Thank You! To Everyone:

For your cards, gifts, and many expressions of love and appreciation for us, this holiday season. Our hearts were so blessed. May God enable us, to be a blessing to each of you! – Pastor & Gwen

#### 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.

#### 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

Are located on a table in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not currently have weekly offering envelopes, and would like them for 2019 please email the church office at [churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org](mailto: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](mailto:churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org). We will also be taking pictures again for the Fellowship Board. Time to be announced.

#### Forsyth Backpack Program

**This is the last Sunday we are collecting for this program.** 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!

#### Cancer Ministry Team

We invite you to join us and Cancer Companions as we battle cancer one prayer at a time. We're just one week away from 40 days of cancer prayers. Registration is easy! Simply text the word 'CANCER' to 57838 and you will be on the list to receive a prayer video from prominent Christians throughout the course of the 30 day challenge.

#### 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. Today we will discuss Christian fellowship – what does it mean, how do we show it, can it be misinterpreted. You are invited to 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Please join us. For more information, please contact Bill Thorpe ([wthorpe@triad.rr.com](mailto:wthorpe@triad.rr.com)) or Rich Essbach ([rhcessbach@triad.rr.com](mailto: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 January:** Beef Stew, you may drop off your canned goods in the basket in the Narthex.

**Altar Flowers Today** are given to the glory of God.



### **Sunday, 12/30**

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

### **Monday, 12/31**

**7:00 p.m. – New Year’s Eve Service**

### **Tuesday, 1/1 – New Year’s Day**

**Church & School Office Closed**

### **Wednesday, 1/2**

**Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline**

5:30 p.m. — Hispanic Ministry Meal resumes next week

6:00 p.m. — Hispanic Ministry Tutoring

### **Sunday, 1/6 - Epiphany**

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

### **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:**

***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:**

12/30 Addie Gartley

1/2 Larry Musser

1/2 Bob Sparks

1/3 Cyndi Anderson  
 1/3 Allen Hall  
 1/4 Jarod Walker

**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](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:** 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 Lonacker (friend of the Essbachs), Rebecca Perry, (Stacey Perry-school secretary’s, mother-in-law), 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:**

Luisa Burgos, **Breanne Bracken**, (Renee & Don Henderson’s daughter), Morris Crafton, **Casey**, (Nancy Robert’s granddaughter), 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), 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, Jacki Rullman, Ron Semple, (Beth Meier’s stepfather), David Sablich, (friend of Rich Essbach), Millie Tetzlaff, Zelda 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:**

God’s Word tells us that if one part (of the body of believers) suffers, every part suffers with it His Word also says” Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison.” Many of our brothers and sisters are suffering and in prison because of their faith. Pray for them.

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 23, 2018**

8:30	55	Christmas Eve	5:30 p.m.	109
10:45	110		8:00 p.m.	69
Nursery	3	Christmas Day	10:00 a.m.	68

***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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