



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 4, 2016 – Second Sunday in Advent

Participation last week, November 27, 2016

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

10:45 a.m. Traditional: 83

Nursery: 2

Thanksgiving Worship on November 23rd: 65

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 4th 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.

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.

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

Thursday Evening Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. in the eighth grade classroom (downstairs). You can enter from the parking lot. The source for the continuing study of Galatians will be Luther's Commentary on Galatians. Contact Bill Thorpe for additional information.



Today, 12/4

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

Tuesday, 12/6

10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – Elders' Meeting

Dairy-O Spirit Night

Wednesday, 12/7

8:30 a.m. – Chapel

Noon – Bulletin & Announcement Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Pre-service Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry in Gym

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Advent Worship Service

8:15 – 9:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 12/8

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study

Friday, 12/9

6:30 p.m. – Advent by Candlelight

7:00 p.m. – Advent Bible Study

Sunday, 12/11

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" Service

9:45 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School

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

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

Advent Worship Service is this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Supper in the fellowship hall will precede the service at 5:30. The Fellowship Ministry Team will be serving ham, sweet potatoes/roasted potatoes and green beans this week. The Elders will serve the December 14 meal.

TODAY IS MITE BOX SUNDAY. Thank you for donating to support mission projects in the Carolinas, nationally and around the world.

Advent Bible Study Dates: December 9, December 13 and December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Youth House. Please bring a snack to share.

Did you miss the concert last Sunday evening? What a shame! Our choir and Frances, plus a few instrumentalists, presented a wonderful concert. They worked very hard with many hours of preparation to entertain us so beautifully. BRAVO! Thanks to all. We look forward to the next one!!

Christmas Poinsettias It's that time of year again to sign up for poinsettias for the altar at Christmas. The price is the same as last year - \$13. You may order one or many. Please indicate what color you prefer: red or white. The deadline to order these flowers is today, December 4. These flowers need to be paid to the church; the florist will NOT bill you. There will be envelopes to use and you may put them in the offering plate. The sign-up sheet is on the board in the fellowship hall.

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.

Advent by Candlelight evening at St. John's will be presented *this Friday*, Dec. 9th at 6:30 PM. All women are invited to come and enjoy. Bring a friend or two! Sign up on the bulletin board so we can make sure your place is set. Childcare will be provided.

"JESUS CHRIST ABOVE ALL" ... PHILIPPIANS 2

This is the theme for the LWML convention in Albuquerque, NM. Join us the last week of June 2017 in New Mexico!!

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).

Music Notes:

Choir rehearsals on December 7 and 14 will be at 6:30 and then from 8:15-9:15 p.m. because of the Wednesday evening Advent worship services.

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!

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. 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 for more information.

Many 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!

Christmas Scrip is HERE. Are you doing your Christmas shopping? Are you interested in helping to 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 4 (delivery on December 11) and Sunday, December 11 (delivery on December 18). Contact Melissa Edmiston at melissa.edmiston@stjohnsws.org for more information.

Honey Baked Ham. Please check out the fundraising page at https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraiser/St_Johns_Lutheran_School_PTO. Note that the misspelling of Lutheran is the way the page is set up.



Happy Birthday to:

12/5 – Hannah Orsborn
12/8 – Barbara Diener
12/8 – Amanda Pennucci
12/9 – Karen Washburn
12/11 – Earl Faggert

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 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: Steve Golden, Chairman, Bill Thorpe, Vice Chairman, Nathan Kottlowski, Secretary, Judy Meisinger, Dot Anderson.

We remember those who are homebound:

Harry Armstrong, Frances Chambers, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Gene Rapier, Millie Tetzlaff, Susan Thorpe, Irene Whitener, Thelma Wolf, Dorothy Zick.

We pray for those who mourn: *Kathy Hayes and Beth Myers and their families on the death of their father, Charles (Bucky) Foote.*

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 Rich & Claudia Essbach), Jack Fordham, Katie Goad, Eva Hammacker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Bill Lonnecker, Steve Miller, David Penno (Linda Pennucci's brother), Mike Timms, Arline Urban, Judy Winkler (Alice Mierisch's sister-in-law), Debbie Wright (friend of the Baldwins)

For those undergoing/recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

Jeanette Allred, Mary Barcio, Wade Burlson (Holly Wilson's neighbor), Beth Davis (Martha & Larry Musser's daughter), Brian Frounfelker (Dot Anderson's son-in-law), Brooke Gartley, Charles Hall (friend of Bob & Anita Hoisington), Bobbi & Dean Hoegemeyer (friends of Rich Essbach), Michael Hoisington (Bob & Anita's grandson), Vickie Hutto, Jim Johnson, Doris Jones (Steven Shannon's grandmother), Bob King (husband of Holly Wilson's friend), Mary Lee (Clarice George's mother), Dave McCombs (Rich & Claudia Essbach's friend), Stan Moeller (Sam Drouillard's cousin), Leonard Samson (friend of Rich Essbach), Carl Schlotzhauer, Thelma Wolf, Natalie Zitzelsberger (Dale & Alice Mierisch's granddaughter)

For the Pennucci Family as they go through the adoption process of a 9-year-old daughter, Valerie.

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

Abu Ali and his family were forced from their home when ISIS overran Mosul, Iraq. They were the only Christian family among thousands of Muslims in their camp for people displaced by ISIS. But Abu Ali won't keep silent about Jesus who gave him new life, and his contagious faith is leading other Muslims to trust Jesus, too. Pray for Abu Ali and his family that they continue to witness Jesus' love to those around them. Pray for their safety.

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 8th grade. All programs/grades have full-time care available.