



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 8, 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Epiphany Concert

In celebration of Epiphany, the Choir with soloists and orchestra will present **The Nativity According to St. Luke** by Randall Thompson on **Saturday, January 4 at 5:00 P.M.** It uses texts directly from Luke and ends with the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. Known as the most beautiful pageant ever, soloists sing settings of three Canticles - the Benedictus (Zacharias), Magnificat (Mary), and Nunc dimittis (Simeon). The choir helps move the story along. Kids are the shepherds. If you would like to sing with the choir as a one-off, see me. We are rehearsing after the Wednesday Advent services and will put it together for the first time on Sunday, December 29 at 1:00. I have scores and CDs for practice.

Be sure to bring along two handkerchiefs for this one!
Frances B. DeMille

Wednesday Night Advent Worship

Join us for our Advent worship series, Arise and Shine. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the light of Christ and how we are enlightened by him throughout our lives. In our worship for the second week in Advent we will celebrate Jesus as the Light of the world and how we reflect his light in our daily lives. **Wednesday, December 11, and 18 at 7:00pm.**

Holiday Worship Services

Advent Mid-Week – Wed. Dec. 4, 11, 18 – 7:00pm
Christmas Eve – Tues. Dec. 24 – 6:30pm & 8:00pm
Christmas Day – Wed. Dec. 25 – 10:00am
New Year's Eve – Tues. Dec. 31 – 7:00pm
Epiphany Concert – Sat. Jan. 4, 2020 – 7:00pm



Cancer & Chronic Care Christmas Party

We invite you to join us **this afternoon at 2:00pm** for our Christmas Party. There will be a prayer service, food, dancing, and door prizes. We hope you will join us in celebrating the Christmas season.

St. John's Christmas Festival

It's today! From 4pm-7pm. Please join us and bring your friends! We have 12 vendors which include 5 church members plus a Photo booth with Santa, bake sale, missions, kids crafts and a children's Christmas

message! Hope to see you this afternoon!

November Attendance

2018 – 159/week; 2019 – 171/week – up 7 ½%
Thank You, Lord!

Sanctuary Lighting

During the week of **Dec. 9-13th**, Honeycutt Electric will have lift equipment in the sanctuary. They are replacing the inside of the light fixtures with ones that will provide better lighting at less expense in electricity. **The sanctuary will be closed this week.**

Voters Meeting – Today!

There will be a brief voters meeting, **Sunday, Dec. 8, immediately** following late service (Noon). One item agenda: Approval of a \$75,000 SMART Loan from LCEF. This is a one-year, interest-free loan. We will use the funds to pay for the new Middle School Roof and to replace the 5 A/C school units still left to be done.

Why a loan? One reason. It allows us to pay the contractors but spread out the cash flow impact to our accounts. We will pay back 1/12th of the loan each month.

In order to make sure we can pay in 12 months we are setting aside \$75,000 from savings, just in case. However, we are in a position to do this without using savings!

Again, no interest, it will allow us to spread out over 12 months the expenses for these two projects.

AED Equipment

St. John's Lutheran has an opportunity to acquire a brand new AED (automated external defibrillator) at a special price, with help from a matching grant from a school connection. This would be a great thing to have for our church and school in case of emergencies such as heart attacks, but we do not currently have an AED on campus. We need \$500 more dollars to make this happen. If you'd like to donate toward the AED, make checks payable to St. John's with AED in the memo line.

Fruit of the Spirit notecards

Get your St. John's Lutheran Banner notecards. 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.

Zezo Fiber Kaywos Cloth

Now available for \$5! Kleans Anthing With Ot Streaks! We it, wring it, wipe any surface. Use only water. Stoves, computers, TV's, mirrors, etc. See Dot Cleary, any LWML member or pick up in church office.

Lock-up help needed

We are in need of a few more people to help with our weekly Sunday lock-up schedule. Someone who attends 2nd service would be the most beneficial. Please let Jeff Goad, Don Henderson, or Pastor know if you could help.

Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings

Thursday, Dec. 19 – 6:00pm

Trellis (Hospice) items needed:

Here is a list of items that are needed at Trellis. There is a basket in the lobby of the school.

- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Toothbrush
- Dried Fruit
- **Chips/snacks**
- **Chapstick**
- **Keurig Coffee pods**
- **Mixed Nuts**

Hispanic Ministry

Please join us on Wednesday evenings (5:30 – 7:00pm) in being the "hands and feet" of Jesus to our neighbors! We offer a light meal at 5:30pm followed by tutoring at 6pm. Come one Wednesday a month or as often as you like! **You do not need to speak Spanish to participate!**

Amazon Smiles Reminder

Remember to link your Amazon account to the St. John's account and Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price of eligible products to St. John's.

Tuesday Morning Senior Women's Bible Study

We will be taking a break from our study of Timothy Titus. We will be using the book "**The Women of Christmas – Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna**" We will continue to have "sack lunch & games" on the 4th Tuesday of every month after class. **We will be taking a 2-week break over Christmas.**

You are invited to join us! Any questions contact Dot Cleary - #336-767-4116.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Suspended until January 9, 2020. Contact Bill Thorpe or Rich Essbach for more information.

Sunday Mornings 9:45 in Fellowship Hall

Please join Pastor Tom and others for some time in God's Word. Lessons are fairly "self-contained" so you

don't have to make it every week to keep up so....Drop in any Sunday!

Sunday Small Group Bible Class

The Sunday Small Group Bible Class will begin a study of demon possession and spiritual warfare in America today. Join us for this discussion.

Bible Study Opportunities at St. John's Sunday's

- 9:45am – Pastor Tom's Class (Social Hall)
- 9:45am – Dot Anderson's Class (Teachers Workroom)

Tuesday's

- 10:00am – Senior Women's (Library)

Thursday's

- **7:00pm – Adult Bible Study**

Crisis Control for December: Flour, sugar, baking items – Thank you for your November donations of 37 lbs.!

Altar Flowers Today – Are given to the Glory of God by June Strausser, in memory of my parents, Thelma & Walter Porter, and husband Charles Strausser.



Sunday, 12/8

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. – Voters Meeting**
- 2:00 p.m. – Cancer Prayer Service & Christmas Party**
- 4:00 p.m. – Christmas Festival**

Monday, 12/9 – Friday, 12/13

Sanctuary Closed
Honeycutt LED lights in Sanctuary

Tuesday, 12/10

10:00 a.m. – Senior Bible Study

Wednesday, 12/11

- Announcements due 12 noon**
- 8:30 a.m. – Chapel – 3rd-5th grade Christmas
- 5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal/Tutoring**
- 7:00 p.m. – Advent 2 Service**

Thursday, 12/12

- 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors
- 7:00 p.m. – Adult Bible Study (Library)
- 7:00pm – 3rd – 5th Grade Christmas Program**

Sunday, 12/15

- 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

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, contact Ann Carney #336-602-1232 or Katie Goad #336-924-6977

Ways to support the school

Reminder: Please re-link your cards for the new school year!

- Link your **Harris Teeter** VIC card - #2929
- Link your **Lowe's Foods** card to our school.
<https://rewards.lowesfoods.com/Account/SelectCard?mode=CartToClass> to sign up
- **Publix**
- **Box Tops** – place tops in mailbox in lobby
- **Coke Give** – bottle cops, can case codes put in mailbox in lobby
- **Shoparoo** – app download – St. John's Day School – take pictures of your receipts, earn points.
- **Amazon Smile** program

Box Tops

There are now 3 ways to collect Box Tops credits for our school. Box Tops are worth 10¢ each.

Go to www.boxtops4education.com

1. Download the new Box Tops app, follow the prompts and search to find St. John's Lutheran School. Scan your receipt within 14 days. 3
2. Place your receipts in the school mailbox within a couple days of your purchase, and we will scan them for you.
3. Continue to clip Box Tops labels, and place them in the school mailbox.

Upcoming Scrip Deadlines

Sunday, December 15, 9pm – Deliv. on Thur. Dec. 18

Spirit Nights

Jan. 8 – IHOP – 3-8pm – Silas Creek Parkway

Feb. 25 – Surge Trampoline Park – 5-7pm



Happy Birthday to:

12/8 Barbara Diener
12/10 Hazel Lidbom
12/11 Earl Faggert
12/12 Sarah Musser

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 Teachers

Our Staff

Frances Burmeister

Michael Zeoli

Board of Elders

Our Board of Directors: Tim Nelson, Steve Lorenz, Jeff Goad, Pat Hall

We remember those who are shut in:

Chris Johnston, Kay Moose, Mary Riggs, Millie Tetzlaff,

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Mary Deakle, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father), Clarice George, Katie Goad, Isaiah Hall – 2 yrs old, battling Leukemia, (son of a friend of Pastor Tom) Melody Hawkins, (Nancy Livengood' s cousin), Bob Jordan, (Jamie Deal's uncle), , Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Steve Miller (Beth Hardin's brother), Rebecca Perry, (Stacey Perry- school secretary's, mother-in-law), Cheryl Peting, (former member), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), RuthAnn Sabon, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Jo Snyder, (friend of Gwen Clocker), Kim Taylor, (Pastor's daughter's Mother-in-Law), Nancy Tondo, (Pastor Tom's Aunt), Frank Williams (Sarah Williams' husband), Cindy Woods (Cancer Prayer Service walk-in).

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

*Travis Bane (Cyndi Bane's son), Isabelle Baldwin, (Tom Baldwin's mother), Steve Covington, Beth (Musser) Davis and Baby Grayson, Hunter Davis, Teddy Deranamie, **Victoria Deranamie (eye surgery), Harold Dyson, (stroke),** Jeanette Dyson, Shane Gwaltney, (Debbie Baronowski's son), Whitney Hall, (Anita Hoisington's granddaughter), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Christine Karim, (daughter of Rich Essbach), **Mary Lee, (Hospice) Clarice George's Mom,** Peter Morlock, (friend of Essbach's), Uncle Steve Morrison & family (Pastor Clocker's son-in-law's uncle), Gary Murray, (friend of Rich Essbach),, Herbert Radda, (Rob Schwabe's cousin in Vienna), Florence Renken (John Renken's wife), Butch Roberts, Kiel Ross, (Jan Lundmark's granddaughter), Jean Rudolph, Jacki Rullman, Jessica Shea, Millie Tetzlaff, Becky Tomlin, (Rosa Lovejoy's Aunt), Frank Williams (Sara Williams husband, Steve Covington's brother-in-law)*

For those serving in our armed forces; for continued safety and extra comfort if serving away from home:
Dallas Kay Darcy, Loren Jacobi, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Brad Rullman, Steven Thorpe,

Participation December 1, 2019

8:30	57
10:45	95
Nursery	2

Andrew Nelson's deployment address

Andrew is currently serving in Saudi Arabia and he would love to hear words of encouragement! Please be aware **no religious cards or crosses, including nativity scenes. In addition, no indication of faith should be included. Refrain from using the words God, Christ, etc.**

Address as follows:

**SPC, NELSON, ANDREW
1-252 AR BN UNIT #61375
APO, AE 09877-1375**

For those who mourn

Our sympathies to family and loved ones of Dave Genevie who passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

Your cards of sympathy and notes of remembrance concerning Dave may be sent to: Dan Genevie, 4623 Wyo Road, Yadkinville, NC 27055. If you give a memorial in Dave's name to St. John's or elsewhere please send Dan a card letting the family know.

Our sympathies to Victoria Deranamie, Teddy, and family at the passing of Victoria's grandmother. A family-only meal of remembrance will be held in the St. John's fellowship hall Sat. Dec. 14. Cards may be sent to Victoria and Teddy at 2390 Carlyle Pl. Apt. 204, W-S, NC 27103

Persecution Prayer

Christian children are at great risk of being taken as soldiers or trafficked as wives in some areas of Myanmar. Kan, a Christian man who had completed the seminary in 2009, and his wife, Maiah, were lead to the ministry of providing a home for numerous Christian children, who are not safe in their own homes. Over the past 10 years they have sheltered 24 children, in addition to their own 5 children. Many of these children have lived with them for years before it was safe for them to return to their own home and parents, who are often missionaries working in dangerous areas. Pray for these children. Thank God that they find safe living conditions with Kan and Maiah. Pray that God continues to provide the resources for Kan and Maiah to take care of the children. Pray for the missionary parents who are witnessing the Gospel message in dangerous areas.

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

(Please notify Kerstin in the office if you have any names for our prayer list.

churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org)

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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