



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 9, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Inclement Weather Policy:

When it is necessary to announce delays or closings for worship or church activities due to bad weather, St. John's Lutheran Church will post the revised schedule or cancellation on the TV WXII Channel 12 scroll and website. Also, there will be a radio announcement on WSJS Radio – 600 AM. Members will be alerted as well via email and the phone tree.

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

If you do not currently have weekly offering envelopes, and would like them for 2019 please email the church office at 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.

We will also be taking pictures again for the Fellowship Board. Time to be announced.

Wednesday Night Advent Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Brief (45 minute) services to help prepare us for celebrating Christmas. This year we will be considering three Birth stories that rarely make it into our holiday worship.

December 12: Mary's Visitation with Elizabeth
Luke 1:39-45

December 19: Mary's Song (The Magnificat)
Luke 46-56

Please join us! (No pre-service meals)

Thank you for your help!

A special thanks to all those who helped put up and decorate the Chrismon trees. Mrs. Shea's students did an excellent job of assembling the trees and getting them ready to have the Chrismons hung. Those were hung by Tina Kottowski, Jackie Downey, Sue Frake, Sandra Linder, Kay Bowman, and Clare Adamick.

Anyone interested in learning the meaning of the Chrismons or the candles on the Advent Wreath can pick up an information sheet for each on the table at the back of the church.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve – Monday, Dec. 24 – 5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25 – 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve – Monday, Dec. 31 – 7:00 p.m.

Scrip Orders

Scrip Orders are due today. Want to support the school & get your Christmas shopping done? Don't know someone's size? Gift card orders from Scrip might be the answer. Orders forms are located in the back of the sanctuary & can be given to Rachel Orsborn. Checks should be made out to St. Johns PTO. Deadline is today, 12/9 9pm for delivery Friday 12/7. Another order will be placed 12/16 for delivery on Friday 12/21.

Sunday Morning Adult Class 9:45 a.m.

Join us this Sunday and next Sunday as we study the "Birth of Moses"

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.

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

The Small Group Bible Class, which meets in the Teacher Workroom, will begin a discuss of I, II, III John this Sunday. One of the things that is so striking about these 3 short epistles is how often the word "love" appears - 52 times out of the 291 times it occurs in the entire New Testament. You're invited to join us as we explore what John has to say about love and life.

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study

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.

We began a new study "**Putting on a Gentle & Quiet Spirit**" by Elizabeth Georg. As we study 1 Peter, we will discover how to:

- Let others see God in your life even in difficult times
- Successfully handle life's challenges
- Rest completely in God's strength

On the 4th 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. May everyone be blessed by St John's Advent services beginning December 5th!

Please join us. For more information, please contact Bill Thorpe (wthorpe@triad.rr.com) or Rich Essbach (rhcessbach@triad.rr.com).

Forsyth Backpack 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!

Hispanic Ministry Tutoring

We will offer a light meal from 5:30 to 6:00 for students & tutors. Tutoring will follow from 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. 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 contact Kris Gartley, Kathleen Sawicki or Cheryl Wulfert with questions!

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 December: Sugar, Flour, Baking items – Thank you for your November contributions – 26lbs. of cooking oil was collected.

Altar Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Larry & Martha Musser in honor of Sarah's 22nd birthday.



Sunday, 12/9

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

2:00 p.m. – ~~Cancer Prayer Service~~ due to weather

Tuesday, 12/11

10:00 a.m. – Senior Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Board of Directors meeting

Wednesday, 12/12

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Tutoring

7:00 p.m. – Advent Service #2

Thursday, 12/13

7:00 p.m. – 3rd – 5th grade Christmas Program

Sunday, 12/16

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

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:

Sprit Night – December 10 – 5:00 p.m. Dairi-O's 1207 W. Clemmonsville Road

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:

12/11 Earl Faggert

12/12 Sarah Musser

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.

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:

John Fordham, 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), Jack Fordham, 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 Rapier, Deb Schoolcraft, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban

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

Luisa Burgos, Morris Crafton, Danny Collins, (friend of Nicole Shannon), Elizabeth, (Charla Adams' niece), Teddy Deranemie, Brooke Gartley, Chris Gwaltney, (Debbie Baronowski's son), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Avery Johnson, 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, Mary Riggs,

(online prayer request from a Tracy Chavis), 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
Glenn Rullman and family, on the passing of his sister, Jettie Anna Rullman Greenday 86, on December 2, 2018.

Persecution Prayer:
Over 100 Christians have been arrested in Iran in the past week and nearly 150 in the past month. Some consider this to be an attempt on the part of the government to "warn" Christians against proselytizing over Christmas. Although most of those arrested were allowed to go home after a few hours, they were told to have no more contact with other Christians or Christian groups. Pray for fellow Christians as we all celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior during this holy season. Pray for their safety. Pray that they find peace in the midst of their fears.

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 2, 2018

8:30	57
10:45	96
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 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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