



Weekly News

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8:30 a.m. – The Well
(Contemporary Service)

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

Sunday, February 17, 2019 – 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Communion

On Sunday, March 3rd we will begin offering non-alcoholic grape juice. This flows from the desire to minister, in a gracious way, to all those who receive Holy Communion. Some prefer (or need) to avoid alcohol.

Important note: Starting on March 3rd the INNER CIRCLE of individual cups will always be non-alcoholic.

January Attendance

Worship attendance was good last month. We averaged 175/week in worship compared to 165/week last year. Praise the Lord!

Sasha visits St. John's School

Sasha, the Comfort Dog, came to Wednesday chapel and stayed all day to visit with students and staff. She is a trained Lutheran Church Charities K-9 and is a ministry partner at Island Lutheran Church on Hilton Head Island, SC. Students learned how this four-legged friend brings unconditional love and comfort to places where people are in need. The ministry is not just about a dog but also uses Sasha as a bridge to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to the people she meets. Learn more about Sasha and this LCMS ministry at: <http://www.islandlutheran.org>

Forsyth Back Pack Program Packing Event

Please join us for the Forsyth Back Pack Packing Event on **Thursday, February 28, at 12:30 pm** in the social hall. We will be assembling 800 bags of food to be distributed to one of the elementary schools here in Forsyth County. Our 5th – 8th grade students, teachers, and parents will also be involved in this church and school servant event. Thank you to all who helped us reach our goal of \$3000 to feed the children in our community!

Cities with Dwellings

Cities with Dwellings is a community of churches here in Forsyth County that provide overflow shelters during the winter months to the homeless. Our church and school help provide much needed items for the St. Timothy's Womens Shelter. After speaking to the director at St. Timothy's, they are in dire need of the following items:

- Cans of hot chocolate
- Women's sweat pants and sweat shirts – may be new or gently used and clean – all sizes

- Women's PJ pants – may be new or gently used and clean – all sizes
- Clorox or Lysol wipes
- Hand warmers – these are given out each morning to fit in their gloves or pockets

If you would like to donate, a basket will be put in the school foyer. We will deliver the items on FEBRUARY 18! Thanks for your generous support to the homeless in our community.

Pizza with Pastor and Gwen

On occasional Sundays, Pastor and Gwen will invite some folks to join them after late service for some fellowship and....PIZZA! It will be by invitation so the groups are not too large.

2018 Milestones

Thelma Wolf – 45 years

Nathan Kottowski – 40 years

Mark Meir, Amy Leadford – 25 years

Judy & Ardel Meisinger, Wes & Kerstin Walker – 20 years

Congratulations and thanks for all you have done concerning God's work at St. John's Lutheran Church & School.

Thank You

Cat and Louisa would like to say THANK YOU (Gracias) to everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts of food, etc. during Louisa's long recovery from her broken leg. She is doing great and has returned to work!

Thank You

Last Sunday's soup potluck & baby shower, honoring Ben, Michaela, and their soon-to-be new daughter, was made possible by many helping, loving hands and GREAT cooks!

What you did blessed all of us and was a physical reality of Jesus' words when He said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." (Matt. 24:40) --Thank you--

Mite Boxes

We want to thank Cheryl Wulfert for coming to talk with the students at St. John's about the LWML and helping us kick off our Mite boxes. The students at St. John's will be helping the LWML reach their goal of \$67,000 for local and \$2 million for national donations. One of the students' favorite missions that the LWML will be

sponsoring this year is Sasha the Comfort Dog, whom they got to meet last week on campus. Thank you again, Cheryl, and we look forward to helping accomplish this goal.

Kids Heart Challenge

If you would like to partner with St. John's students, we are raising money for the Kids Heart Challenge (formally Jump Rope For Heart). One in three people have been affected by heart disease in one way or another. Many families in our school have struggled and are currently struggling with heart disease. The money given to the American Heart Association through this challenge helps to provide money for grant research. There are several advancements in heart surgery and care that have come from grants provided by the American Heart Association. One of those advancements is the pacemaker. If you are interested in donating, there will be envelopes in the church and school office. You can also look up the St. John's online donation page at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/stjohnsfalcons>.

Joy Event

Save the date... **Saturday, March 16.** St. John's is hosting the Carolina's District LWML Joy Event. All women are encouraged to attend. Details coming soon.

Lenten Concert

Fountain of Life Lutheran in Kernersville is hosting a Lenten Concert with students from **Racine Lutheran High School, Wisconsin**. The concert band, concert choir, handbell ensemble, and chamber choir will be playing a selection of both sacred and secular music. The concert is free and they are serving a dinner prior.

Thursday, March 14 @ Fountain of Life Kernersville

Free Lenten Dinner 5:30-6:30pm

Free Lenten Concert 6:30pm

Fountain of Life is looking for additional host families who are willing to host 2 or more students and chaperones on the evening of March 14 after the concert. Host families need to provide a place for the students to sleep, breakfast and a packed lunch on March 15 as well as transportation back to Fountain of Life on Friday morning. To sign up, visit

<https://cometothefountain.com/events/>

or contact Deb Hayward at Fountain of Life 336-993-4447 or dhayward@folcp.com.

Camp Linn Haven Weekend

Save the date! We have a long weekend this year!

Friday, May 24 – Monday, May 27. See Martha Burke if you have any questions.

Flower Chart for 2019

The 2019 flower chart is in the book in the narthex.

Consider signing up for a date. **February & March sign-ups are needed now**

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.

Adult Sunday Bible Study

All are welcome to Pastor Tom's Adult Class on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:30am. In the Fellowship Hall. You do not need to attend every Sunday (for "keep up"). Stop in whenever and as often as possible!

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.

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 continues its study of 1 John as we meet in the Teachers Workroom. This week we will again discuss the two natures of Christ (divine and human) and how that relates to Christian love. You are invited to join us in our lively discussions.

If you have no plans for 9:45 am on Sunday, please join our lively discussion.

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.

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

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. we meet downstairs in the 8th Grade/Science classroom. You may enter from the front parking lot through the 7th Grade/Math classroom.

Please join us. For more information, please contact Bill Thorpe (wthorpe@triad.rr.com) or Rich Essbach (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 February: Instant Potatoes, you may drop off your canned goods in the basket in the narthex. **Thank you for your January contributions of 87 lbs!**

Altar Flowers Today – to the Glory of God by Stephanie Black in honor of Henry's birthday.



Sunday, 2/17

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, 2/18

No School – President's Day
10:30 a.m. – Cancer Group Session

Tuesday, 2/19

10:30 a.m. – Senior Bible Study

Wednesday, 2/20

Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline
8:30 a.m. – Chapel led by 1st grade class
5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal
6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Tutoring

Thursday, 2/21

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors
7:00 p.m. – Thursday Evening Bible Study

Sunday, 2/24

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:

Spirit Nights:

Tues. Feb. 26 – 4-7:30pm – Honky Tonk Smokehouse (Jonestown Rd.)

Scrip gift cards. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Orsborn at 402.960.2721 or scrip@stjohnsws.org.

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:

2/18 Avery Johnson
2/18 Chandler Morris
2/20 Millie Tetzlaff

Pastor Tom's Day Off

Will be Monday's – Please refrain from disturbing Pastor. Please contact an Elder if a need arises.

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, 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:
Ann (grandmother of Greta Smith in our preschool) has ovarian cancer, Joel Christiansen, Val Chumney, (daughter of Dave & Jean Rudolph former members), Mary Deakle, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Jeanette Dyson, Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father), Katie Goad, Isaiah Hall – 2 yrs old, battling Leukemia, (son of a friend of Pastor Tom) Melody Hawkins, (Nancy Livengood' s cousin), Bob Hoisington, Bob Jordan, (Jamie Deal's uncle), Jay Keller, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Bill Lonnecker (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, Frank Williams (Sarah Williams' husband).

For those undergoing/recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:
 Travis Bane (Cyndi Bane's son), Morris Crafton, 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), Jean Nelson (Tim Nelson's mom), Florence Renken (John Renken's wife), Butch Roberts, Jacki Rullman, Ron Semple, (Beth Meier's stepfather), David Sablich, (friend of Rich Essbach), Millie Tetzlaff, **Donald Walnes, (cousin of Nancy Brake)**, Zelda Wilson, (toddler friend of Meg Lorenz), Lauren Zick, (grand-niece of Rob & Kathy Schwabe).

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 & Chris Nisch,, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Steven Thorpe, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

For those who mourn:
Rose Crafton and family, on the passing of Morris Crafton on February 14, 2019 at the age of 93. Arrangements have not been determined.

The family of Myrtle Lee Moody, (former member), who passed away on February 9, 2019 at the age of 96.

Persecution Prayer:
 In its latest annual survey of 150 countries monitoring how difficult it is to live as a Christian, the overall trend in the 2019 World Watch List is that almost half (73) showed extreme, very high or high levels of persecution. A year earlier it was 58 countries. Open Doors, a watch dog organization, estimates that at least 245 million Christians experience 'high' levels of persecution in these 73 countries - up from 215 million in the 58 countries in the previous year. Pray for our brothers and sisters, that they stand firm in their faith. Pray that they are able to witness their faith to their persecutors. Pray for their children, that they remain steadfast in their faith.

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 February 10, 2019

8:30	47
10:45	98
Nursery	6

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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