



St. John's
LUTHERAN
Church & School

Weekly News

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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, February 24, 2019 – Feast of St. Matthew

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 31, 2019 following late service. There are no voting issues. This is a 6-month ministry update.

Services for Jim Robbins

Will be held this afternoon at Hayworth Miller Funeral Home at 4:00pm. Pastor Tom will be officiating.

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.

HUGE THANK YOU!

To EVERYONE who served to make Morris Crafton's funeral a blessing to so many. From the church ladies' funeral group, to the elders, to our shuttle drivers, to Frances, Andrew René, and Don Henderson. Special thanks to Martha Burke and Kerstin Walker, they went above and beyond spending many hours preparing, organizing, and serving the activities. Thanks to Principal Edmiston, the church staff, and the kitchen staff for joyfully making necessary accommodations. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to the group who met beforehand to pray God's blessings upon the day. It was truly "All Hands on Deck" at St. John's. I may have been God's vessel to proclaim the Good News, but it takes the whole body to make it happen! I was amazed at so many stepping up to meet the need. However, by now, I should not be. That's just who you are St. John's! God be praised!

For those that were not able to attend the service you may go to YouTube to watch it in its entirety.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qmpt_dLL_RE

Report from Accreditation Committee

If you were in the PTO meeting on January 17 or at SJLC Adult Sunday School on February 10, you heard about the exciting process our school is undertaking to become accredited through the National Lutheran School Accrediting agency (NLSA). The process is underway and will conclude sometime in the spring of 2020. It's a powerful way for our school to improve and become a stronger and more sustainable ministry. Keep your eyes

on the church announcements pages for regular updates. If you have any questions about the process or if you would like to help support it, please contact Adam Orsborn, Mark Edmiston, or Lydia Ingram. Their contact info is available in the office.

This week in accreditation, the Steering Committee looked at the SJS parent surveys conducted at the end of January. We are pleased to have had over 70 school families participate in our parent satisfaction survey! They shared lots of helpful input on what makes St. John's wonderful and gave us great suggestions on what we can do to improve. The Steering Committee is looking for ways to incorporate this vital feedback into the official School Improvement Plan.

Here's one of the many positive comments that came from the survey: *"I feel like the teachers at St. John's truly care for my children tremendously and want them to be successful in the classroom and more importantly in life!! This is a huge positive about St. Johns!!"*

As another part of our effort to gain National Lutheran School Accreditation, we are looking for concrete ways to be more connected with current LCMS programs and ministries. Having guest speakers from the LWML and the Lutheran Comfort Dog Ministry (Sasha, an LCC K-9) are fun ways the school has done that in the last couple of weeks.

Andrew René Recital

Andrew's M.M. degree recital is this coming **Tuesday, February 26, at 7:30** in Watson Recital Hall on the campus of The School of the Arts. For those interested in attending, the hall is the building to the right of the Library Café. There is no admission charge.

St. John's School Annual Variety Show

Save the Date! **Friday, March 1 at 6:30pm** is St. John's School's Annual Variety Show. Come out and see the wonderful talent of our students.

Senior Youth PDQ Fundraiser

We had great success with our sub fundraiser and the Youth is doing another fundraiser to help the kids get to Minneapolis for the National Youth Gathering. We are selling gift cards for PDQ. They cost \$8 and have a value of \$10. We currently have 50 cards and can get more if

we sell out. See Rachel Schmidt, Meg Lorenz or Sarah Strahm if you would like to purchase a card.

Little Hands – Big Hearts

Preschoolers with their little hands and works of heart made Valentine's Day extra special for seniors. The Valentines were made by Mrs. Nicholson's and Miss Lety's classes and were given to Senior Services to be delivered with Meals on Wheels. The preschoolers enjoyed this day to show love and to bring happiness to the hearts of seniors in our community.

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!

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.

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

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

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.

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, which meets in the Teachers Workroom on Sunday mornings, will discuss 1 John 5 this week. Did you realize that there may be people you need to love even though you may not like them? John writes that "everyone who loves the father loves his child as well." We invite you to come explore this and other thoughts from John's epistles. 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 March: Toilet Tissue, you may drop off your items in the basket in the narthex.

Altar Flowers Today – to the Glory of God by Rose Crafton in honor of Morris Crafton.



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

Tuesday, 2/26

10:30 a.m. – Senior Bible Study
4:00 p.m. – Spirit Night – Honkey Tonk Smokehouse

Wednesday, 2/27

8:30 a.m. – Kindergarten Chapel The Eye's of Your Heart
Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline
5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal
6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Tutoring

Thursday, 2/28

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors
12:30 p.m. – Forsyth Backpack Packing
7:00 p.m. – Thursday Evening Bible Study

Friday, 3/1

6:30 p.m. – St. John's School Annual Variety Show

Sunday, 3/3

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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@stjohnswws.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:

2/25 Melissa Edmiston
2/27 Mallory Golden

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 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, 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),** Zeldia 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.

The family of Jim Robbins who passed away on Sunday, February 17, 2019.

Persecution Prayer:

In Egypt, converting from Islam to Christianity is seen as a betrayal of your family and heritage. Any family member who leaves their Muslim beliefs and upbringing subjects themselves to tremendous pressure to renounce Christ and return to Islam. Some are locked up, others are isolated, tortured or even killed. Many converts from Islam to Christianity are choosing to keep their faith a secret, hoping that how they live their lives will influence those around them for the gospel. Only when they think it's safe do they share their new faith with others - in hopes that the underground movement of secret believers will grow. Pray that these new believers will continue to grow in their faith, that they will stay strong under difficult circumstances. Pray that more Muslims will dream visions of Jesus calling them to faith in Him and that they will leave Islam and follow Him.

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 17, 2019

8:30	53
10:45	103
Nursery	4

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.

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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