



**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, February 3, 2019 – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

#### **Pastor Tom's Day Off**

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

#### **St. John's Average Sunday Worship Attendance**

2012 -191; 2013 – 187; 2014 – 177; 2015 – 164; 2016-178; 2017 – 165; 2018 – 160. That's down over 16% in the last six years. Invite a friend or neighbor to worship.

#### **HATS OFF TO SJS 5th GRADERS!**

Fifth Grade students learned how to loom knit hats and scarves and had fun using their new skill to bless children in our community. In total, they made 64 hats and 102 scarves!! Smaller hats were donated to the Salem Pregnancy Center, and the rest of the items were donated to the City Lights Ministry. About 25 additional red baby hats were created and sent to the American Heart Association for their Little Hats, Big Hearts program.

#### **Daddy Daughter Dance**

This year St. John's Lutheran Church and School's Daddy Daughter Dance will be **February 16, 2019**. Please join us for a night of food, photos, fun, and great memory making. Don't miss the chance to show her how special she is!

To purchase tickets please complete the pre-order form and deposit it with payment in the box in the church or school office. Tickets can be picked up the night of the event. Exact change or checks only please.

This is not only a night of fun; it is a great opportunity for outreach into our community so invite your family and friends!

Help is needed with preparation (decorating, mailings, music, planning, and food donations). Also, we need help the night of the event. **Sign-up sheets are on the Board in the Fellowship Hall.** Or sign up electronically Type in this link to see our SignUpGenius.com:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849ACA723A3F94-stjohns2> For more information please contact Kris Gartley, [kgartley@triad.rr.com](mailto:kgartley@triad.rr.com).

#### **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.

#### **Spelling Bee Winners**

This year's Spelling Bee was amazing! Our kids spelled so many words, that we had to expand the list! Here are our champions:

#### **Lower Bee Winners**

McKinley Mabe  
George Kugel  
Emerson Wagner-Dunn

#### **Upper Bee Runner Up**

Lizzie Howell

#### **Upper Bee Winner**

Caroline Hoover

St. John's participates in the Scripps National Spelling Bee program. Our first place winner will go on to represent St. John's in the area non-public school Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all our Super Spellers!

#### **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.

#### **Retirement Giving**

The law is now permanent that allow donors age 70 ½ and older to withdraw up to \$100,000 each year from the total of all their IRA accounts tax-free if they give the money directly to a charity. Any distribution to charity

counts towards the donor's required minimum distribution from their IRA accounts even though the charity, and not the donor, is the recipient. Previously charitable gifts from an IRA were taxed as regular withdrawals.

If you have an IRA and are 70 ½ or older, this law offers a great opportunity for you to make a gift to St. John's Lutheran Church & School. This gift (1) will not be taxed as a regular IRA withdrawal and (2) if you are not dependent on income from your IRA, you will be able to meet your minimal distribution requirement without being taxed on the withdrawal.

### Warning

A very popular Christian book at the moment is titled "The Circle Maker". It is filled with twisted theology and very much in the "name it – claim it" camp.

### Next Scrip Order

Next order will be **Today**. See Rachel Orsborn if you have any questions.

### Save the Date – Montgomery Baby Shower!

Everyone is invited to attend a baby shower for Michaela Montgomery! The shower will be held after 2<sup>nd</sup> service on **Sunday, February 10, 2019**. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Michaela is registered on Amazon, Target, & Buy, Buy, Baby.

### Bible on a Stick

Once again St. John's has an opportunity to come through for our troops, those who are defending us in over 100 countries. Last year we donated \$1275 to Faith Comes by Hearing and it was matched for a real total of \$2590! **We are over \$1,000 so far. Way to go St. John's!**

### 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 sign-ups are needed now!** This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone, or to celebrate a special occasion. Thank you to everyone that signed up in 2018.

### 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. 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.

### 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 Study Group will continue to explore God's love for us as described by John in his 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wthorpe@triad.rr.com)) or Rich Essbach ([rhcessbach@triad.rr.com](mailto: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 January:** Beef Stew, you may drop off your canned goods in the basket in the narthex. **Thank you for your December contributions of 73lbs!**

**Altar Flowers Today** – to the Glory of God by Reg & Carol Koontz.



**Sunday, 2/3**

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

**Monday, 2/4 – Friday, 2/8**  
**Iowa Testing Week**

**Tuesday, 2/5**

10:30 a.m. – Senior Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. – Elders Meeting

**Wednesday, 2/6**

**Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline**  
5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal  
6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Tutoring

**Thursday, 2/7**

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors  
6:30 p.m. – Education Fair  
7:00 p.m. – Thursday Evening Bible Study

**Sunday, 2/10**

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  
12:00 p.m. – **Montgomery Baby Shower**  
2:00 p.m. – **Cancer Prayer Service**

**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:**

**Mon. Feb. 11 – 5:00pm – Tijuana Flats**

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

**Scrip gift cards.** Next physical gift card order will be placed **Sun.Feb 3rd.** If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Orsborn at 402.960.2721 or [scrip@stjohnsws.org](mailto: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:**

2/3 Tina Kottlowski  
2/4 Leon Lackey  
2/5 Tim Nelson  
2/6 Rachel Schmidt  
2/8 Reg Koontz

**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](mailto: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:

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, 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), Asher Bracken, (grandson of Renee & Don Henderson), Breanne Bracken, (Renee & Don Henderson's daughter), 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), Karl Mount, (Dot Cleary's son-in-law), 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), Mary Schulze (friend of Gwen Clocker), Millie Tetzlaff, 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 Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Steven Thorpe, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

Persecution Prayer:

Pray that the children of persecuted Christians will:

- place their faith in Jesus Christ at a young age
- be inspired by their parents' courageous faith to share the gospel with friends and classmates
- not be pulled away by enticements of the world or other religions -actively participate in the great Commission as they mature into adults.

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 January 27, 2019

8:30	61
10:45	110
Nursery	2

**A Great Place to Grow in Christ**

As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

[ChurchSecretary@stjohns.org](mailto:ChurchSecretary@stjohns.org)