



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, March 10, 2019 – First Sunday in Lent

Lenten Services

Lenten Services March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 – 7:00pm

Dinner on following Wednesday's at 5:30pm prior to service – **March 13** – Elders – Soup Supper, **March 20** – LWML – Sloppy Joes & Salad

We would like to fill the other three Wednesday's with meals. (**March 27, April 3, 10**). If you or your group would like to volunteer, please let one of the Elders or Kerstin know.

Congregational Meeting

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

January-February Attendance (per Sunday)

2018: 152 2019: 163 +7%

Thank You from the Crafton Family

We just want to send our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, the cards, and the support we received from the members of St. John's. We thank you for your kindness and sympathy during our time of loss. It gave us such comfort that so many people reached out and were such a blessing during Morris' illness and especially all the help during the funeral. It was such a comfort to know that Morris had touched so many lives in his way. – The Crafton Family

Pine Needle Sales

Saturday March 16, 23 and 30th from 8:30 – 2:00pm.

We are in need of volunteers to help in these areas: point of sale/orders, lunch and refreshments, bale pullers in the trailer, truck drivers, and helpers for deliveries and spreading. A sign-up sheet is on the Social Hall bulletin board for those specific needs on each Saturday. If you have a truck to volunteer for a Saturday, that also is needed. Please prayerfully consider how you might help us raise money in this event for our ministries. We hope to give some support from this to our Hispanic ministry, our cancer ministry, our prayer shawl ministry, our youth ministry, and our school ministry. Contact me, Nathan, for any questions or additional assistance. cell/text: 336-816-0896 email: misterkaye43@aol.com. Thank you.

Order Pine Needles: <http://stjohnsws.com/pine-needle-fundraiser/>

Bach Birthday Concert

Thursday, March 21 at 7:30pm at St. John's Lutheran Church. Featured Works – **Concerto for Four Harpsichords** with Susan Bates, Dreama Lovitt, Frances Burmeister, and William Snedden. **Contata #4 – Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death** – St. John's Choir in collaboration with Musica Anima of Greensboro.

Cancer Ministry Prayer Service

Today at 2:00pm. The speaker for the Prayer Service is Tiffany Morrison-Brooks. She is a Patient Advocate at Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center. This is through the Cancer Services and is available at both hospitals. She is going to speak on Caregiving, which she has had much expertise on. She became a personal patient advocate when her father was misdiagnosed, repeatedly and eventually diagnosed with Crohn's Disease in 1994.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Reminder to Thrivent Members that you need to donate your 2018 Choice \$'s to the school or church by the end of March or it goes away.

Joy Event

This **Saturday, March 16**. 140 ladies of the North & South Carolina District will be joining us at St. John's on March 16 from 9am – 3pm. Will you be joining us? Registration forms are on board in fellowship hall. \$10 cost. Kay Bowman will be happy to help with accepting those forms.

Enjoy the coffee/continental breakfast at 9 with Pastor Clocker's devotion to follow in the church. We will then move to the Family Life Center where we will enjoy "Make a Joyful Noise" a musical presentation and 3 separate "Mite Walks" around the inside of the gymnasium. Lunch will be served with closing around 3:00pm. Come and enjoy a day of Christian fellowship with other women from our district.

Lion King Jr Musical

Save the Dates – March 29-31, 2019

Wee Care! Cereal Drive

St. John's is delighted to participate in the **Wee Care!** cereal drive that is taking place March 4-29. This is a great opportunity to encourage our children to help fight against hunger by giving box of cereal to Crisis Control's

food pantries. Children represent almost half of those helped by the Crisis Control food pantries. A collection bin will be located in the school lobby for your donations. For more information and resources, please visit www.crisiscontrol.org/weecare/ Thank you for your support!

Welcome and Thank You to Pat Hall

Pat has agreed to serve on the BoD to complete the term of a director who needed to step down. Pat is a gifted lady. She and her husband Alan have been members over five years after transferring in from Fountain of Life Lutheran. They both sing in the choir and attend Bible Study every week. We know Pat will be a blessing to our Board and our church. We pray that she will be blessed in her serving.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to SJS seventh grader **Lizzie Howell** for winning **first place** at the **state level** of the annual DAR essay contest! What an accomplishment! We are so proud of you, Lizzie!



NLSA Accreditation Update

This week in accreditation, the co-chairs of the NLSA sub-committees met with the Steering Committee chairperson to report on progress made thus far. Documentation is moving along at a good pace for all of the 7 Standards, especially for Standard 2 (Relationships), Standard 4 (Personnel), Standard 5 (Teaching & Learning), and Standard 6 (Student Services). Teachers who are co-chairs of these committees are shooting to complete their major documentation work by the end of this school year! Be sure to cheer them on! The Steering Committee chairperson also made a report to the church Board of Elders this week. And the Giving Tree is still up in the school lobby—feel free to grab an apple and help us reach our goal of national accreditation!

Lenten Concert

Fountain of Life Lutheran in Kernersville is hosting a Lenten Concert with students from **Racine Lutheran High School, Wisconsin**. 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.

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.

Next Scrip Order

March 17, 2019 – Forms are in the back of the church. Please see Rachel Orsborn if you have any questions.

Terrible Trends

Death by Drugs, Alcohol, Suicide

	2000: 65,000	2017: 152,000	+133%
By Drugs:	2000: 19,000	2017: 74,000	+300%
By Alcohol:	2000: 19,000	2017: 36,000	+100%
By Suicide:	2000: 29,000	2017: 46,000	+ 60%

Evidence of the increasing lack of hope in our culture. I would assume a large portion of the Drug and Alcohol numbers, as self-destructive behaviors, have an element of suicide involved.

How can we communicate the hope found only in Jesus?

Holy Communion

We are now offering non-alcoholic grape juice for communion. 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: The INNER CIRCLE of individual cups will always be non-alcoholic.

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.

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

– 9:45am – Pastor Tom's Class (Social Hall)

– 9:45am – Dot Anderson's Class (Teacher Workroom)

Tuesday's

– 10:00am – Senior Women's (Library)

Thursday's

– 7:00pm – Adult Evening Bible Study (Suspended until after Easter – Thursday, April 25)

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. Thank you for your February donations of #44lbs.

Altar Flowers Today – to the Glory of God.



Sunday, 3/10

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
2:00 p.m. – **Cancer Prayer Service**

Tuesday, 3/12

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

Wednesday, 3/13

8:30 a.m. - Chapel
Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline
5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal – Soup Supper
6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Tutoring
7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service

Thursday, 3/14

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors

Sunday, 3/17

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

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: BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse – Thursday, March 14 – 5 – 9pm.

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:

No birthdays this week!

Happy Anniversary to:

3/11 Jackie & Bill Downey (47 years)
3/13 RJ & Rachel Reynolds (26 years)

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, Pat Hall

We remember those who are shut in:

Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Mary Riggs, Marilyn Sagehorn, Millie Tetzlaff, **Arline Urban**

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), **Clarice George**, Katie Goad, **Jan Guelzow**, 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 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), Danny Collins, (friend of Nicole Shannon), Rose Crafton, Elizabeth, (Charla Adams' niece), Teddy Deranamie, 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), **Martin Ossenberg, (Kerstin Walker's father)** Florence Renken (John Renken's wife), Butch Roberts, Jacki Rullman, Ron Semple, (Beth Meier's stepfather), David Sablich, (friend of Rich Essbach), **Carl Schlotzhauer**, Millie Tetzlaff, Donald Walnes, (cousin of Nancy Brake), Zelda Wilson, (toddler friend of Meg Lorenz), **Evelyn Zeoli, Gail Zeoli**, 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

Persecution Prayer:

Christianity has flourished in Algeria over the last few decades, growing at a rate of 8% annually compared with the global evangelical growth rate of 2.6%. Today,

Algeria is home to the largest congregation of Christian converts from Islam in the world. And the Algerian government has taken notice, closing at least 11 churches last year. In addition, the Arab world has also taken notice of the growth and is applying pressure on the Algerian government to either close the churches down or weaken them, for fear that the growth will spread outside of Algeria. Pray for the Christian church in Algeria, that it will continue to evangelize and spread the Gospel message both within Algeria and throughout the Middle East. Pray that those who come to Christ boldly live their new faith even as they face persecution both at home, at work, and within their communities.

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 March 3, 2019

8:30	63	Ash Wednesday - 89
10:45	114	
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.

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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