



**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, March 11, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Kerstin out of the office

I will be returning to the office on Monday, March 19. You may email me, and I will respond when I return. I will not have internet access while I am away.

### Cancer Prayer Service

**Today – 5:00pm** – Following the Prayer Service, Angela Nicholson, Hospice Case manager, returns to answer your questions about Hospice, Living Wills/DNR, and services available. You do NOT need to be severely ill or even know someone who is.

The BEST time to ask your questions are BEFORE the time of need comes. Angela is an engaging speaker. She has no rote presentations – just answering your questions. Take advantage of this great opportunity! – St. John's Cancer Companion Ministry

### Cancer Small Group

**Join us – Monday 3/19 at 10:30am.** It is our next small group gathering for those with cancer, caregivers, and anyone affected by terminal illness. – St. John's Cancer Companions Ministry

### Bach's Birthday Celebration II

The greatest composer in the Lutheran church was Johann Sebastian Bach. In the spirit of outreach and a second celebration of his birthday, Frances Burmeister will present works by Bach transcribed for treble voices and two major works for harpsichord – the Italian Concerto and selections from the Goldberg Variations. **The free concert will be at St. John's on Wednesday, March 21, at 7:00 P.M.**

Bach never wrote music for a treble choir. But many composers have rearranged things a bit and the results are quite beautiful even if somewhat different from what you might expect.

There are thirty Goldberg Variations. Legend has it that Count Goldberg had difficulty falling asleep at night so he commissioned Bach to write something for his personal musician to play. Not that these works are dull! Far from it! Thirty variations is a LOT of music. So, I'll be playing the first ten or so.

The concert is free, however donations to the church's music program will be cheerfully accepted.

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Please designate your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars they go away at the end of March. For many it is just easier to call 800-847-4836 and say Thrivent Choice. Please say "St. John Lutheran Church", using no's'. The name was listed incorrectly when first set up.

You may also take care of this online:

**Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.**

### St John's Scholarship Fund Report:

St John's Lutheran Church, has been "blessed" in having a Scholarship fund. Many St. John's youth, have been awarded supplementary College funds semi-annually over the past 10 + years. We are now approaching a time, in September 2018, this Fall, when these funds will be depleted.

We wanted to take the opportunity to advise future St John's applicants that these funds will be exhausted in September 2018. We greatly appreciate the generosity and kindness of donors of this fund as well as the fruitful rewards of education, that have been provided to St John's families, under this fund.

### Easter Lily Sign-Up:

Easter Lily sign-up sheets are on the board in the fellowship hall. \$11.95 plus tax and **FLORIST WILL BILL YOU!** Also, there are Sundays in April that need flowers. Thank you.

### Address Change:

Keith & Clara McKenzie have moved to the coast! We will miss them and pray that God blesses them.

Keith & Clara McKenzie  
335 Okeechobee Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28412

### Thank You Kris Gartley!

For being "the engine" once again for our annual Daddy-Daughter Dance. It was a great success and fun event. We had congregation and school dads/daughters and a half a dozen dads from the community! Praise the Lord!

### One Showing Only

**Monday, March 19 at 7:00pm.** "The Riot and the Dance" at the Grand 18. A feature film about how God has revealed Himself through the wonders of the Animal Kingdom. National Geographic meets Genesis! Only one

night, only one area theater, only one showing. Mark your calendar!

### **Prayers Needed**

Prayers are needed at this time for our Principal, Mark Edmiston and his wife Melissa. He has received a call to serve as Principal of St. Luke's Lutheran School in Cabot, Pennsylvania, outside of Pittsburgh. Mark now has two calls, St Johns, Winston-Salem and St Luke's. He and Melissa will be in prayer over the next several weeks seeking God's will. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for peace as they deliberate, and for both schools.



### **Aladdin Spring Musical**

What would you do if you were granted three wishes? Come see our middle school kids perform Disney's Aladdin Jr. at 7:00 on Friday,

March 23 and Saturday, March 24 and 3:00 on Sunday, March 25. Tickets will be \$6 and can be purchased from Melissa Edmiston beginning March 10 or at the door. Come fly with us on a magic carpet ride!

### **Pine Needle Sales – Date changes**

**Due to supply issues, we will be starting on March 24<sup>th</sup> and sell pine needles for the next 2 Saturday's. From 8:00am-3:00pm.** 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](mailto:misterkaye43@aol.com). Thank you.

### **Afternoon Preschool Teacher needed**

Afternoon Preschool teaching position available in Christian childcare center. Hours 3pm-6:00pm, with option to work additional substitute hours.

We are looking for a nurturing and energetic individual with experience planning developmentally appropriate activities.

Person must be working on or already obtained their NC Early Childhood Credentials. Also, all staff must have or willing to get their Qualified Letter from Raleigh to work in child care. CPR and First aid preferred but not required for hire.

Great position for college students . Need to fill immediately. Please contact Sonia Davidson (336)725-1651 ext. 402.

### **Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study**

The Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study will begin a new study, "**Living a Chocolate Life**". As women living a chocolate life, we get to savor something so much greater than all the other things in life: We savor the gift of God's Sweet Grace!

Meet us at 10:00am in the Music Room for coffee (and maybe some chocolate!) Don't forget we have bag lunch and games after class on the last Tuesday of the month. Call Dot Cleary for any questions. #336-767-4116.

### **Thursday Evening Bible Study**

We are suspending our Bible Study (The Truth Project) during Lent and Easter Week. We will resume meeting on Thursday April 5, 2018. Contact Bill Thorpe at [wthorpe@triad.rr.com](mailto:wthorpe@triad.rr.com) or Rich Essbach at [rhcassbach@triad.rr.com](mailto:rhcassbach@triad.rr.com) with any questions.

### **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.

### **The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study**

We meet at 10:00 a.m. in room 101 (Extended Care Room). All are welcome to join in to study Beth Moore's "Entrusted", a study of 2 Timothy. They will be viewing the videos that go along with the study. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Sawicki at [@kb-promotions.net](mailto:@kb-promotions.net) or #336-744-5733.

**Crisis Control for March:** Boxed Instant Potatoes & Flakes. The collection basket is in the Narthex.

**Altar Flowers Today** are given to the Glory of God. by Bruce & Kathleen Sawicki in memory of Bruce's sister, Cheri.

### **Ushers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to usher on Sundays at the 10:45 services. It's a very easy job. You get to greet members and visitors at worship. Please contact Arden Lackey (336-723-3270) or Holly Wilson (410-245-8680) if you are willing to assist. Thank you.



### **Sunday, 3/11 - Today**

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” \* with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
5:00 pm – Cancer Prayer Service

### **Monday, 3/12 – Friday 3/16 Kerstin on Vacation**

### **Tuesday, 3/13**

10:00 am – Senior Bible Study

### **Wednesday, 3/14**

5:30 pm. – Lenten Meal - BoD  
6:00 pm. – Tutoring  
**6:15 pm – Choir Practice**  
**7:00 pm – Lenten Service**  
**8:00 pm – Choir practice**

### **Thursday, 3/15**

9:30am – Prayer Warriors  
10:00am – Women’s Bible Study  
**6:00pm – PTO Meeting**

### **Friday, 3/16**

**½ Day of School**

### **Sunday, 3/18**

8:30 am – “The Well” \* with Holy Communion  
9:30 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 am – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
2:00 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
4:00 pm. – Well Rehearsal

**Music Notes:** Actively looking for new members for the Adult Choir! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:15. The Sunday morning schedule is a bit complicated. Group I meets at 9:00 for warmup and touchup. These singers then go to Sunday School. Group II, the non-Sunday School singers, meets at 10:00 and has the same warmup and touchup. At 10:25, the two groups meet in the Chancel and run the anthem. I’m looking forward to an exciting year! *Frances*

## **FREE TUTORING**

Wednesdays  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

at St. John's Lutheran  
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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 let us know if you would like to join us or if you have any questions, contact Kris Gartley, Kathleen Sawicki or Cheryl Wulfert. Hope to see you there!

### **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:**

#### **Upcoming Spirit Nights:**

Wednesday, March 28 – Buffalo Wild Wings

**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. Thanks so much from the PTO!



#### **Happy Birthday to:**

3/12 Travis Bane  
3/16 Seth Bane

#### **Happy Anniversary to:**

3/13 RJ & Rachel Reynolds (25 years)

#### **Intercessory Prayer Warriors:**

A group of people led by Katie Goad 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: Tim Nelson Chairman; Adam Orsborn, Vice-Chair; Nathan Kottlowski, Secretary; Judy Meisinger, Education; Jeff Goad, Finances & Facilities

We remember those who are shut in:

Nancy Brake, Jeannette Dyson, John Fordham, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Marilyn Sagehorn, MillieTetzlaff

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Deedee Bement (Brendyn Gronewoller's mother-in-law), Marsha Braun (Doris Braun's daughter), Joel Christiansen, Laura Ference, (friend of Essbach's), Jack Fordham, Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father) TJ Gilmore's Grandmother, (pre-school grandparent), Katie Goad, Geri Gorham, (Rod Gorham's mother), Bob Hoisington, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Mason Lankford (22-month-old child known by Meg Lorenz), Jerry Linder, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Dave Lundmark, Laura McNeil (friend of Dale & Alice Mierisch), Stan Moeller, (Sam Drouillard's cousin), 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:

Jeanne Blizard, Amanda Burch, (Holly Wilson's daughter), Frances Burmeister, Gwen Clocker, Morris Crafton, Claudia Essbach, Edna Ferguson, (Randall Ferguson's mother), RJ Hamby (Joan Happel's son-in-law), David Henderson (Gary & Nancy Brake's nephew & Stephanie, Hannah, Maddie & Abby Kiel's cousin), Brad Honeycutt, Nathan Kottlowski, Tina Kottlowski, Glenda Lackey, Mary Lee (Clarice George's mother), Jan Lundmark, Karl Mount, (Dot Cleary's son-in-law), Mike Nelson, (Tim Nelson's Dad), Justin Riley (Carl Schlotzauer's grandson), Judy Rowe, Jacki Rullman, Ron Semple, (Beth Meier's stepfather), Cheryl Wulfert

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

Persecution Prayer:

More Christians have been martyred during the 20th century than ever before. In their book "World Christian Trends" David Barrett and Todd Johnson estimate that 70 million Christians have been killed for their faith in Jesus from 30 AD to the 20th century. Of that 70 million, 45 million were killed in the 20th century. Somewhere between 130,000 and 160,000 are currently killed each year. That is approximately 400 daily, or about 1 every 4 minutes. As Christians, we need to pray, we need to educate ourselves, and we need to support organizations that fight against this persecution.

This information comes from Ravi Zacharias's radio presentation on March 3, 2018 entitled "Scorned for God, Part 2.

**Elder Assignments**

**Member/families**

- Bob Burke -----(A-Bra)
- Steve Anderson----- (Bre-Der)
- Rich Essbach -----(Do-Ga)
- Rich Essbach ----- (Ge-Hen)
- Larry Bowman----- (Hes-Kie)
- Dave Lundmark ----- (Ko-Lor)
- Mark Meier ----- (Lov-O)
- Mark Meier -----(P-R)
- Dale Mierisch -----(S)
- Rob Schwabe----- (T-Z)

**Participation March 4, 2018**

8:30	73
10:45am	83
Nursery	0

**Lenten Midweek 3 – March 7, 2018**

7:00pm	69
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**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@stjohnsww.org](mailto:ChurchSecretary@stjohnsww.org)