



# Weekly News

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

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

## Sunday, March 19, 2017 – Third Sunday in Lent

### Participation last week, March 12, 2017

8:30 a.m. "The Well"	51
10:45 a.m. Traditional	65
Nursery	3

3/15 Mid-week 67

**Get involved in a Bible Study!** Bible Study is every Sunday from 9:45 - 10:30. Jump in, and **grow** in the Word!

- Adult class in the Fellowship Hall

**Children's Sunday School** also meets from 9:45 – 10:30.

**Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study** meets at 10:00 a.m. in the After School Room, #101. We are beginning volume 2 of "Great Women of the Bible," which will include Jochebed, Miriam, Deborah, Ruth and Hannah. We will continue having 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday sack lunch and board games after the Bible study. We invite all ladies to join us as we study God's Word. Call Dot Cleary at (336) 767-4116 with any questions.

**Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study** meets at 10:00 a.m. in the After School Room, #101. All women of St. John's and their friends are invited to join us for our weekly gathering of fellowship and study. We meet weekly through the school year. If anyone has any questions please contact Kerstin Walker at (336) 414-7667.

**Thursday Evening Bible Study** will resume after Easter.

**Sign up for Easter Lilies** now on the sheet on the board in the fellowship hall.



### **Today, 3/19**

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" with Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service

2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

### **Monday, 3/20**

6:30 p.m. – Board of Directors' Meeting

### **Tuesday, 3/21**

10:00 a.m. – Senior Women's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – Elders' Prayer & Praise

7:00 p.m. – Bach Choral Concert

### **Wednesday, 3/22**

8:30 a.m. – Chapel

Noon – Bulletin, Calendar & Announcement Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Supper

**NO Hispanic Tutoring this week**

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship

**NO Choir Rehearsal this week**

### **Thursday, 3/23**

9:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Warriors

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

### **Saturday, 3/25**

7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Pine Needle Sale

LWML Joy Event at Norlina, NC

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### **Next Sunday, 3/26**

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

**The \$25,000 matching challenge:** A family has come forward with a generous offer and a challenge. They have committed up to \$25,000 to be matched by our membership to address our shortfall in income. This is an opportunity for us to prayerfully consider what action each of us can take to help our church’s mission. When we meet this challenge, it will impact this shortfall in a big way and give our Board of Directors a bridge to better planning and developing our new budget for next year. This \$25,000 matching challenge will run from now to April 30. If you wish to participate in this challenge, in any amount, please identify your contribution in some way to be applied to this by writing on your memo line of the check “\$25K Challenge” or, if cash, place in an envelope identified as such. We praise God for His guiding Spirit in this wonderful opportunity and thank this family for their initiative for helping. We on the board also wish to thank you for your prayerful considerations to supporting St. John’s during this time of tight budgets with your prayers, support and gifts.

**Mark your calendar!** The women of St. John’s are hosting the LWML Central Zone Rally on Saturday, April 29. Let’s join together and give our guests a warm welcome. Mary Rochester and Central Zone President Cheryl Wulfert will need working hands and smiling faces.

**The Jungle Book Kids** – St. John’s Middle School will be presenting “The Jungle Book Kids”! Come travel along with Mowgli, Bagheera and Baloo as they meet up with silly monkeys, military elephants and bored vultures. Filled with classic songs like “The Bare Necessities”, “Trust in Me” and “I Wanna Be Like You”, this is a fun journey through the jungle. The show will be presented on Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 2, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$6.00 and can be purchased in advance through Melissa Edmiston or at the door.

**Norlina, NC – Have you been there?** Some of our St. John’s women will be attending the JOY Event on Saturday, March 25. We all remember the devastating floods in that area. Many are still homeless. We’ll be taking “Gifts from the Heart” for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. A list of needs is on the bulletin board. Donations can be given to Cheryl Wulfert.

**Moms and babies** thank you for all the diapers, wipes, outfits, etc. gifted to Salem Pregnancy Center. Special thanks to Cheryl for a truly fun morning last Saturday for a good cause.

**WIM will be meeting** this Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. to prepare the Lenten meal. You are welcome to come and help. Bring a dessert to share if you would like.

**Easter Altar Flowers:** Karl Hastings has again offered his God-given imagination and talent to prepare our altar flowers for Easter Sunday, and we’re blessed to enjoy the fruits of his labor. The expense of the Easter arrangement is significantly more than we pay for our usual altar flowers. If you feel led to contribute toward this expense, please contact Mark Meier (meier.fiveoaksfarm@gmail.com).

**It’s pine needle time!** We need volunteers to help with the sale and people to buy the pine needles! We have a new supplier this year and we are selling long leaf pine needles. Go to the church website for details and to place your orders! The sale will be from 7:30 – 3:00 on March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1. Anyone can help! We need truck drivers, cash box keepers, order takers, people to help deliver and spread the pine needles and people to donate snacks/water. This is a huge fundraiser for the church and we need all hands on deck to make this happen. Please contact Brooke Gartley at [bdgartley@wsfcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:bdgartley@wsfcs.k12.nc.us) or 336-817-3117.

**Choir Rehearsals** during Lent will be at 5:55 p.m. and again at 8:05 p.m. **No choir rehearsal this week.**

**Lenten Schedule:** Worship services are at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday through April 5. Suppers will be at 5:30 with WIM providing a potato bar with all the fixings on March 22, School Staff with soup and salad on March 29, and Hispanic Ministry with Mexican food on April 5.

**Did you know** that March 21 is the birthday of the world’s greatest composer – Johann Sebastian Bach – and that he was Lutheran and worked in Lutheran churches? To celebrate this event, the Choir and other guests will be performing a free concert of some of his works **this Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.** Since we are the hosts, our Choir will go first and will sing some highlights from “The Passion According to St. Matthew”. This work is quite intense, so bring along a couple of handkerchiefs. Other performers will share happier music, so the concert will end on a lighter note. I relate to Bach because he did whatever it took to make the music work with the liturgy. Once, his boy choir was not quite ready to sing Sunday’s music, so he had his wife sneak into the choir loft and she hid on the floor and sang with the kids. He was fired because, at that time, women were not allowed in the Chancel area. You would think...! But he did it again a few years later at another church. This time he did not get caught! Join us in the Sanctuary!

*Frances*

**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.

**Have you wondered** about the Cleaning Cloth sales activity? \$1,250 has been distributed to help others in our community and beyond. Please look at the report from our Treasurer Cheryl Wulfert on our section of the bulletin board. Thank you for your continuing support. Streamline your Spring Cleaning with these cloths.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** need to be designated by March 31 or they go away. Go on line or call Thrivent to designate your Choice Dollars today.

**Good News!** There are still openings for flowers for the altar for most months of 2017. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two in memory of someone or in celebration of something or to the glory of God. You then are welcome to take the flowers home with you after the 10:45 service on the Sunday you sign up for. The sign-up book is in the narthex. Thank you.

### **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), Dot Cleary (336-767-4116) or Katie Goad (336-924-6977). The meeting this month is **today, 2 to 4 p.m., at Ann Carney's home, 5920 Greenhaven Dr, Winston-Salem.**

### **Holy Week Schedule** will include:

Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion at 7 p.m. on April 13  
Good Friday worship at 7 p.m. on April 14  
Easter Sunday services will be at 8:00 a.m. (The Well, a half hour early) and 10:45 (Traditional), both with Holy Communion. Breakfast will be served between the services.

**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 part of this service. You may also call with prayer requests.

## **FREE TUTORING**

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

at St. John's Lutheran  
Church & School



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!

**There is NO Hispanic Tutoring this Wednesday.**

### **Ways to support the school:**

**Spirit Nights** – Tuesday, 3/28, at Winston-Salem Dairi-O

**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 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!

**If anyone is not currently receiving emails for the Board** of Directors' minutes and updates and would like to be included in the group email for this, then please send requests to Nathan Kottowski, secretary to the Board of Directors, at [misterkaye43@aol.com](mailto:misterkaye43@aol.com). Thanks. Otherwise, approved minutes and board announcements are posted on the church bulletin board.



### **Happy Birthday to:**

3/20 – Pat Hall  
3/20 – Keith McKenzie  
3/20 – Rachel Webb  
3/22 – Amber Scott  
3/23 – Sonia Davidson  
3/23 – Brooke Gartley  
3/23 – Donna Gronewoller  
3/23 – Madelyn Orsborn  
3/24 – Brittni Davidson  
3/24 – Abby Kiel  
3/24 – Hannah Kiel  
3/24 – Maddie Kiel  
3/25 – Dylan McArthur-Reed  
3/25 – Sam ZumMallen  
3/26 – John Goins, Jr.  
3/26 – Ben ZumMallen

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

3/15 (belatedly) Ron & Bettie Irsch – 59 years  
3/21 Don & Sonia Davidson – 30 years



## **St. John's Prayer Needs**

### 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

Please be sure to extend your heartfelt thanks to these folks as you see them around the St John's campus. Praise God for the talented people that we have at St. John's.

Our Board of Directors: Bill Thorpe, Chairman; Nathan Kottlowski, Secretary; Dot Anderson; Judy Meisinger; Tim Nelson

### We remember those who are homebound:

Harry Armstrong, Frances Chambers, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Gene Rapier, Carl Schlotzhauer, Millie Tetzlaff, Susan Thorpe, Irene Whitener

### We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Becky Baker (Martha Tegeler's daughter), Joel Christiansen, Jack Fordham, Katie Goad, Corinne Graham (friend of the Hoisingtons), R J Hamby (Joan Happel's son-in-law), Eva Hammacker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, JoAnn Klein (Kathy Schwabe's cousin), Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Jerry Linder, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Dave Lundmark, Laura McNeil (friend of Dale & Alice Mierisch), Steve Miller, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban

### For those undergoing/recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

Beverly Atwell (Rose Crafton's daughter), Helen Bredenberg, Dean & Bobbi Hoegemeyer (friends of the Essbachs), Christine Essbach-Karim (Rich's daughter), Glenn Kelly (friend of Bob Burke), Nathan Kottlowski, Nancy Livengood, Nina Patterson, Jacob Sealey (Bob & Cora Kretzschmar's son-in-law), Ryan Wilson

For those who mourn: Alice Mierisch and her family on the death of her sister-in-law, Judy Winkler.

John Koehlinger and his family on the death of his godmother, June Gerding.

For those serving in our armed forces; for continued safety and extra comfort if serving away from home:  
Dallas Darcy, Loren Jacobi, Branden Lackey, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Allie Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

### Persecution Prayer

When we hear about the persecution of Christians around the world, we often can't relate to the stories. They are just nameless, faceless victims. For a better perspective, check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for pictures of two children injured during a bomb attack on an Indonesian church four months ago. Anita (2) and Trinity (3) are home now, following hospital treatment. A 2-year-old died as a result of the attack and a fourth child, Alvaro (4), has undergone 17 different operations, including three to replace skin on the top of his head. Pray for protection for our persecuted brothers and sisters, especially the babies and children, in Indonesia. Pray that their persecutors will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

For more information see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

### **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**  
**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**