



**St. John's**  
LUTHERAN  
Church & School

# Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

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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 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday

### Holy Week Services

**March 29 – Maundy Thursday** – 7:00pm with Holy Communion

**March 30 – Good Friday** – 7:00pm no communion

**April 1 – Easter Sunday** – 8:30am – “The Well” with Holy Communion  
9:30am – Easter Breakfast  
10:45am – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

### Decorate our Easter Cross!

The whole congregation is asked to bring **live** flowers to decorate our outside cross prior to both services.

### Easter Lily Sign-Up:

ALERT: today is the last day to order your Easter lily.

Signup on board in fellowship hall.

Easter Lily sign-up sheets are on the board in the fellowship hall. \$11.95 plus tax and **FLORIST WILL BILL YOU!** Thank you.

### Movie Review: “I Can Only Imagine”

My son Thomas was for many years the main movie reporter and critic for examiner.com. He continues to go to pre-screenings and write reviews for independent sites. He was an Oscars voter for the D.C. Critics Association. He knows some Christian movies are good, some rather poor. His one word review: “Fabulous!”

My wife, (not a movie critic) thought it was fantastic. I haven't seen it yet, but I'm planning to do so soon, just as you should be. Pastor

### Memorial Service for Harry Armstrong

Will be held **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**. Please come and pay your respects and be a blessing to Henry's family. Henry was a long time member (23 years) at St. John's. He passed away on January 28, 2018.

### Congratulations to Zach Andrews and Marie Webb

(Melissa Edmiston's sister) on their recent engagement. The wedding will be in July in St. Louis. Zach and Marie will be living in the St. Louis area.

Marie is an LCMS school teacher. Zach has been a TREMENDOUS BLESSING to St. John's school the last several years. He is the “plug-in anywhere” guy. Additionally he has covered a great deal of the hours in

before-school and after-school care. (A very hard position to find help). As a younger guy Zach has a great presence and relationship with all ages. He has been faithful in worship and Bible Study. He will be greatly missed – but we rejoice in the blessing of Holy Matrimony and a future journey together, for Marie and Zach.



### 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 **today at 3:00pm**.

Tickets will be \$6 and can be purchased at the door. Come fly with us on a magic carpet ride!

### Pine Needle Sales – Date changes

**Due to supply issues, we will be selling pine needles on March 24<sup>th</sup> and March 31 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.

### 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 Joan Happel in honor of her daughter, Becky's birthday.

### Thank you!

To Bruce and Kathleen Sawicki for donating the palms this year.

### 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.



### Today – Palm Sunday

8:30 am – "The Well" \* with Holy Communion  
9:30 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 am – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
**3:00pm – Aladdin Spring Musical**  
4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

### Monday, 3/26 – Friday, 3/30

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to D.C.**  
**5:00pm – 8:00pm – Spirit Night Tijuana Flats**

### Tuesday, 3/27

**10:00am – Senior Bible Study**

### Wednesday, 3/28

**Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline**  
**5:30pm – Hispanic Tutoring Easter Celebration**  
7:15pm – Choir practice

### Thursday, 3/29

**No Prayer Meeting**  
10:00am - Women's Bible Study  
**7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service**

### Friday, 3/30

**7:00pm – Good Friday Service**

### Friday, 3/30 – Friday, 4/6

**Spring Break – No School**

### Saturday, 3/31

**8:00am – 3:00pm – Pine Needles**

### Sunday, 4/1 – Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m.– "The Well" \* with Holy Communion  
**9:30 a.m. – Easter Breakfast**  
10:45 a.m.– Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion  
4:00 p.m. – 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  
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!

### 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:**

Monday, March 26 – Tijuana Flats – 5-8pm

**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:**

3/25 Dylan McArthur-Reed  
3/26 John Goins  
3/30 Mary Rochester  
3/30 John Schwabe

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

3/29 Steve & Nancy Golden (38 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, Millie Tetzlaff

#### 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:

Morris Crafton, Beth Davis, (Martha Musser's daughter), Edna Ferguson, (Randall Ferguson's mother), RJ Hamby (Joan Happel's son-in-law), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), 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), Millie Tetzlaff, 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

#### Pray for St. John's Call Committee

Tim Nelson, Laura Nelson, Judy Meisinger, Gregg Vogelsmeier, Karl Hastings, Claudia Essbach, Rose Crafton, Stephanie Guelzow, Ben Montgomery, Kerstin Walker

Prayers for the Bates Family

John Bates, a former school parent, and the school webpage manager, took his own life last week. Please keep his wife Joan and daughters, Elizabeth and Sydney in your prayers.

Pray for our former SED District President

Our sympathies to retired SED District President, Dr. Jon Diefenthaler and family at the sudden passing of Jon's wife Vivi Diefenthaler. She was having a normal day at home, but God called her instantly through a ruptured aorta.

Dr. Diefenthaler served our district for many years and was a blessing throughout the SED. Vivi was a vibrant servant of Christ involved in many ministries. Please keep the family and loved ones in prayer.

Persecution Prayer:

There are four major trends influencing global Christian persecution. Last week we identified the slow creep of the Islamist revolutionary movement. Today we look at the growing expansion of the secular humanist movement and its agenda of equality. For radical proponents of secularism, the mere existence of Christianity is unnerving, as it excludes other truth claims. In many countries, Christian belief is considered archaic, backward and detrimental to the health of the individual and society as a whole. Pray for Christians (including those in our own country), who are increasingly facing persecution from the secular humanist movement. Pray that we stand firm against the secularist revolution that is at odds with the Biblical Christian worldview.

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)
Dave Lundmark -----	(Ko-Lor)
Mark Meier -----	(Lov-O)
Mark Meier -----	(P-R)
Dale Mierisch -----	(S)
Rob Schwabe-----	(T-Z)

**Participation March 18, 2018**

8:30	59
10:45	89
Nursery	3

**Participation March 21, 2018 – Midweek**

7:00pm	67
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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@stjohnswws.org](mailto:ChurchSecretary@stjohnswws.org)