



# Weekly News

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336-725-1651

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 26, 2017 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Participation last week, March 19, 2017

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| 8:30 a.m. "The Well"   | 77  |
| 10:45 a.m. Traditional | 107 |
| Nursery                | 2   |

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| 3/22 Mid-week | 65 |
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**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, 3/26**

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

### **Tuesday, 3/28**

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

Spirit Night – Winston-Salem Dairi-O

### **Wednesday, 3/29**

8:30 a.m. – Chapel

Noon – Bulletin & Announcement Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Supper

5:55 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Tutoring

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship

8:05 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, 3/30**

9:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Warriors

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

### **Friday, 3/31**

7:00 p.m. – Middle School Musical

### **Saturday, 4/1**

7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Pine Needle Sale

7:00 p.m. – Middle School Musical

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## **Next Sunday, 4/2**

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” Worship with Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service  
2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal  
3:00 p.m. – Middle School Musical  
6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

**Adult Class for Lutheran Membership:** Pastor Tom will hold adult classes for those who have never been confirmed in a Lutheran congregation. They will start the week after Easter and will probably be held on Sundays following late worship and run 6 to 8 weeks. Since this is a review of the Basics of What we Believe, ANYONE would benefit and, I think, enjoy attending. If you are interested, please e-mail Pastor Tom at [revclocker@gmail.com](mailto:revclocker@gmail.com).

**New Member Recognition:** We will hold a recognition of our newest members on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at BOTH worship services. If you would like to be included, please e-mail Pastor Tom.

**Reconciliation Update:** We have received an outline and review of a process they designed to guide us in this area. It would entail several hours of Biblical teaching time (On Forgiveness and Reconciliation) to a group of as many folks as possible. This would be followed up by the Reconcilers meeting with many individuals. The process concludes with recommendations for the congregation in this area going forward (and a 6-month follow-up consult). This would cost around \$10,000. The BOD prefers to not use general offerings for this very specific effort (although it will benefit each of us and the ministry here). If you would like to help fund this effort, please contact Bill Thorpe or any BOD member or simply hand in a check or envelope that has “Reconciliation” written on it. This is VERY important to the congregation’s health and future ministry efforts, so please prayerfully consider your support.

**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. **These funds will be used for General Operating Expenses to bless us as we have been**

running a deficit in our monthly Cash Income/Expense Flow. Prayerfully, these funds will help these next few months, as we prepare for next year’s budget. As of last Sunday we have already received nearly \$8,000 of matching funds.

**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.

**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](mailto:meier.fiveoaksfarm@gmail.com)).

**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.

**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 last day of the sale will be April 1 from 7:30 – 3:00. 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.

**Lenten Schedule:** Worship services are at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday through April 5. Suppers will be at 5:30 with School Staff with soup and salad on March 29 and Hispanic Ministry with Mexican food on April 5.

**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.

**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 April meeting will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m., at Katie Goad's home, 3960 Talcott Ave, 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!

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

**Spirit Nights** – Tuesday, 3/28, at Winston-Salem Dairy-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 Kottlowksi, 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:**

3/28 – Danner Washburn

3/29 – Benjamin Patterson

3/30 – Mary Rochester

3/30 – John Robert Schwabe

3/30 – Jonathan Stewart

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

3/29 – Steve & Nancy Golden – 37 years

4/2 – Steve & Dot Anderson – 6 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*

### 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), Frank Boone (Rob Schwabe's cousin), Helen Bredenberg, Dean & Bobbi Hoegemeyer (friends of the Essbachs), Christine Essbach-Karim (Rich's daughter), Nathan Kottlowski, Nancy Livengood, Jacob Sealey (Bob & Cora Kretzschmar's son-in-law), Ryan Wilson, Lauren Zick (grandniece of Kathy & Rob Schwabe)*

*For those who mourn: The family and friends of Glenn Kelly, friend of Bob Burke.*

*The family and friends of Irene Whitener.*

*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

*Christian persecution is real. People really get hurt or even murdered. Sometimes those people are children. This week, pray for one of these children. Pray for Saida (not her real name), a young deaf girl from Central Asia. She was severely beaten by her family for her commitment to follow Christ. She ended up in intensive care at the hospital. Relatives have threatened to beat her again as soon as she returns from the hospital, which could be any day now. Pray for her safety; for her physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Pray that the members of her church can get her to safety and away from her family.*

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.*

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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**