



St. John's
LUTHERAN
Church & School

Weekly News

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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 3, 2019 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Ash Wednesday Service

March 6, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – No Meal

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

Congregational Meeting

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

Holy Communion

TODAY we will begin offering non-alcoholic grape juice. 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: Starting on March 3rd the INNER CIRCLE of individual cups will always be non-alcoholic.

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

Pizza with Pastor and Gwen

On occasional Sundays, Pastor and Gwen will invite some folks to join them after late service for some fellowship and....PIZZA! It will be by invitation so the groups are not too large.

Pine Needle Sales

Saturday March 9, 16, 23 and 30th from 8:00 – 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.

Next Scrip Order

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

Joy Event

Save the date...**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.



NLSA Accreditation Update

This week in accreditation, the PTO is launching a fantastic initiative to help our NLSA goals, just in time for National Lutheran Schools Week! One of our goals for NLSA is to have at least one professional organization membership for each teacher. These are wonderful gifts for teachers that also double as a gift to the school itself. Prices start at \$30 and vary by organization. Another need is first aid kit supplies. If you'd like to sponsor a teacher membership or help restock first aid kits, talk to Nancy Daniels or Gail Clements, or check out the Giving Tree in the lobby!

This week God provided a blessing in the form of *in memoriam* gifts to the NLSA process. We received \$1500 in monetary donations from members and friends of St. John's, given in honor and memory of **Nancy Brake** (1946–2018) and **Morris Crafton** (1926–2019), both of whom entered the more immediate presence of their Savior during this current school year. Nancy Brake so loved our school and served professionally as kindergarten teacher and principal. She also served as a volunteer in the library until her health forced her to discontinue reading to the children.

Morris Crafton and his extended family have also been long-time, ardent supporters of the St. John's School ministry.

The donors to this fund all have adult children who were blessed through the years to be students in our school's loving and caring atmosphere. Their donations not only honor the memory of such dear friends in Christ, but they also help maintain the integrity and strength of the school for coming generations.

If you or someone you know would also like to donate to the NLSA process in memory of Mrs. Brake or Mr. Crafton, or in honor or memory of another dear friend or family member, donations can be made by check, payable to St. John's, with "NLSA Accreditation Account" in the memo.

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.

Cancer Ministry Team

We invite you to join us and Cancer Companions as we battle cancer one prayer at a time. We're just one week away from 40 days of cancer prayers.

Registration is easy! Simply text the word 'CANCER' to 57838 and you will be on the list to receive a prayer video from prominent Christians throughout the course of the 30 day challenge.

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.

Small Group Sunday Bible Class

The Small Group Bible Class, which meets in the Teachers Workroom on Sunday mornings, will discuss 1 John 5 this week. Did you realize that there may be people you need to love even though you may not like them? John writes that "everyone who loves the father loves his child as well." We invite you to come explore this and other thoughts from John's epistles. If you have no plans for 9:45 am on Sunday, please join our lively discussion.

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study

All Women are invited to the Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study meeting in the Library (off the cafeteria) for coffee and study, led by Dot Cleary.

On the 4th Tuesday of each month we will stay for sack lunch and games.

Call Dot Cleary for any questions. #336-767-4116

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. we meet downstairs in the 8th Grade/Science classroom. You may enter from the front parking lot through the 7th Grade/Math classroom.

Please join us. For more information, please contact Bill Thorpe (wthorpe@triad.rr.com) or Rich Essbach (rhcessbach@triad.rr.com).

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.

Altar Flowers Today – to the Glory of God by Lisa Little in memory of her little brother Stephen.



Sunday, 3/3

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

Monday, 3/4 – 3/8

Lutheran Schools Week

Tuesday, 3/5

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

Wednesday, 3/6

Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal
6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Tutoring
7:00 p.m. – **Ash Wednesday Service**

Thursday, 3/7

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors
7:00 p.m. – Thursday Evening Bible Study

Friday, 3/8

8:00 a.m. – **Grandparents Breakfast**
8:30 a.m. – **Chapel, Bible Bee**

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**

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:

Scrip gift cards. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Orsborn at 402.960.2721 or scrip@stjohnsws.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:

3/4 Kris Gartley
3/8 Carl Schlotzhauer

Pastor Tom's Day Off

Will be Monday's – Please refrain from disturbing Pastor. Please contact an Elder if a need arises.

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

We remember those who are shut in:

Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, **Mary Riggs**, Marilyn Sagehorn, MillieTetzlaff

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), Katie Goad, 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 (surgery on March 7)**, 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 Rapiet, 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), Morris Crafton, Danny Collins, (friend of Nicole Shannon), Elizabeth, (Charla Adams' niece), Teddy Deranamie, Brooke Gartley, 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), Florence Renken (John Renken's wife), Butch Roberts, Jacki Rullman, Ron Semple, (Beth Meier's stepfather), David Sablich, (friend of Rich Essbach), Millie Tetzlaff, Donald Walnes, (cousin of Nancy Brake), Zelda Wilson, (toddler friend of Meg Lorenz), 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

For those who mourn:

Rose Crafton and family, on the passing of Morris Crafton on February 14, 2019 at the age of 93.

Persecution Prayer:

Authorities in Tajikistan have implemented a new religious law which bars children from attending religious services. In addition they have burned thousands of calendars with Bible verses, which were imported by the Baptist Church. Inspectors claimed the calendars had "elements of propaganda of an alien faith." Christian converts from a Muslim background are most vulnerable to persecution in Tajikistan. This Central Asian country, which is thousands of miles from the United States, is 29th on the 2019 Open Doors World Watch List of the 50

countries where it is most difficult to live as a Christian. So why should we be concerned about those who are being persecuted? In Hebrews 13:3 we read "Continue to remember those in prisons if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Pray for those in prisons and those suffering in Tajikistan and throughout the world. Pray that they remain faithful to our Lord and Savior. Pray for their children, as the state tries to force them away from their belief in Jesus.

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 February 24, 2019

8:30	58
10:45	90
Nursery	3

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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