



Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway
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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, April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday

Participation last week, April 9, 2017

8:30 a.m. "The Well"	66
10:45 a.m. Traditional	113
Nursery	5

Adult Bible Class & Sunday School will not meet this morning because of the Easter breakfast. Classes resume next Sunday at 9:45. The adult class meets in the Fellowship Hall, and Sunday School is available for children ages 3 and up.

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 4th 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 on April 27.



Today, 4/16

8:00 a.m. – "The Well" Worship with Holy Communion –
1/2 hour earlier than usual

9:00 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Tuesday, 4/18

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

6:30 p.m. – Elders' Prayer & Praise

Spirit Night at Tijuana Flats

Wednesday, 4/19

8:30 a.m. – Chapel

Noon – Bulletin & Announcement Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Tutoring

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 4/20

9:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Warriors

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – School Open House

Friday, 4/21

6:30 p.m. – School Variety Show

Saturday, 4/22

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – LWR Quilting

Next Sunday, 4/23

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

Noon – Adult Instruction Class

2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry at Katie Goad's home

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

Easter Breakfast: Come join us for a wonderful fellowship this morning between the services!

Directory Update

Kretzschmar, Bob & Cora

Additional phone numbers:

336-345-1866

336-345-1597

Pastor Tom's Schedule for the balance of April is as follows. These are the days he will be here at St. John's.

Monday, 4/17 – Wed, 4/19

Sat, 4/22 – Sun, 4/23

Mon, 4/24 – Wed, 4/26

Sat, 4/29 – Sun, 4/30

The WIM End of Year Luncheon meeting will be at River Ridge Taphouse, 1481 River Ridge Dr, Clemmons, on Sunday, May 7. Make your plans and bring a friend. You can check out the menu ahead of time at www.riverridgetaphouse.com.

Do You Have a Favorite Hymn or Two? Women are joining together on Saturday, April 29, at St. John's for the Central Zone LWML Rally. Registration with coffee is 9:30 – 10 a.m. The cost will be \$5.00. We will move into the church for a good old-fashioned hymn sing. After the program, we will have a short meeting to discuss our plans for hosting the LWML Retreat in August for the Carolinas District at Camp Linn Haven. We will then enjoy lunch together before dismissal. If you would like to work on this event, please contact Cheryl Wulfert or Mary Rochester. They would appreciate your help ... and your attendance at the rally.

Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug at the time you need it most. That's the feeling you can share with a Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilt. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, you can reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope – you are not alone. First and foremost, recipients use their LWR Quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes them useful as simple tents, floor coverings or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. Come to church Saturday, April 22, from 9 to 4. Both sewers and non-sewers are needed – also donated fabric. If you have a sewing machine, bring it to church. Lunch and snacks will be provided. If you have questions, call Martha Musser at (336) 769-1974. Also, please call her to let her know that you will attend.

Our St. John's Church and School outreach project is the Salem Pregnancy Center. Please pick up a baby bottle at the back of the church to deposit your loose change, bills or checks in. The classes in the school are also filling baby bottles with change. The proceeds from the baby bottle campaign will be used to help defray the expense of purchasing an ultrasound machine to check on the health of babies and mothers who visit the clinic. Please have your bottle back to the church by Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. We will dedicate this special offering during our church services on that day. If you would like to turn the bottles in earlier, please give them to Martha Burke or to Denise in the church office. Thanks so much for participating in this outreach ministry.

We will fund the refreshing of the St. John's cabin at Camp Linn Haven. If you would like to help with the work in May of preparing the cabin and camp for the summer schedule, please speak to Martha Burke.

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 next Sunday 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.

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.

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 until 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 April 2, we have already received just over \$32,000 (!) of matching funds. To God be the Glory! You can continue to give to this effort through April 30.

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 23rd from 2 to 4 p.m., at Katie Goad's home, 3960 Talcott Ave, Winston-Salem.

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



Happy Birthday to:

4/18 – Tim Gartley
4/19 – Glenda Lackey
4/19 – Jill Nelson
4/19 – Sam Witner
4/21 – Fran Johnson
4/23 – Harold Dyson
4/23 – Kathy Schwabe

Happy Anniversary to:

4/17 – David & Jennifer Hepner – 18 years
4/18 – Bob & Martha Burke – 47 years

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, 4/18, at Tijuana Flats

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 Kottlowski, secretary to the Board of Directors, at misterkaye43@aol.com. Thanks. Otherwise, approved minutes and board announcements are posted on the church bulletin board.

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, Marilyn Sagehorn, Carl Schlotzhauer, Millie Tetzlaff, Susan Thorpe

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Barb Aron (Ann Carney's sister), Becky Baker (Martha Tegeler's daughter), Joel Christiansen, Jack Fordham, Katie Goad, R J Hamby (Joan Happel's son-in-law), Eva Hammacker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Jerry Linder, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Dave Lundmark, Laura McNeil (friend of Dale & Alice Mierisch), Steve Miller, David Penno (Linda Pennucci's brother), 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 and his wife Marti (Rob Schwabe's cousin), Helen Bredenberg, Dean & Bobbi Hoegemeyer (friends of the Essbachs), Nathan Kottlowski, Nancy Livengood, Jacob Sealey (Bob & Cora Kretzschmar's son-in-law), Lauren Zick (the Schwabes' grandniece)

For births:

To Jessica and Dennis Shea , a daughter, Kathryn Leone, on April 11.

To Victoria and Adam Boland, a daughter, Brennan Rae, on March 16.

For those who mourn: the family of Tim Moss, friend of Bob Burke

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

The Coptic Church is still shaken from the shock of the terrorist attacks on Palm Sunday. Future consequences are not yet clear. However, our Coptic brothers and sisters are determined to attend church services on Easter to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Pray for their safety and that they remain faithful to our Lord and Savior. Also, ask yourself, "If there is a potential for a bomb to explode during the Easter service this morning, would I be here?" Many believers throughout the world face this question every time they go to church to worship. Pray for them!

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 8th grade. All programs/grades have full-time care available.

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203,
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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**