



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

# 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 2, 2017 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

### Participation last week, March 26, 2017

8:30 a.m. "The Well"	80
10:45 a.m. Traditional	86
Nursery	3

3/29 Mid-week	66
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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.

**Found:** a pair of sunglasses after the Lenten supper on 3/22. They can be claimed in the church office.



### **Today, 4/2**

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" Worship with Holy Communion and welcome of new members

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

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service with welcome of new members

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

3:00 p.m. – Middle School Musical – Last performance

6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

### **This week – 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip**

#### **Tuesday, 4/4**

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

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

#### **Wednesday, 4/5**

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, 4/6**

9:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Warriors

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

#### **Next Sunday, 4/9**

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

**We welcome into membership** this morning:

Allen & Pat Hall  
Scott Keller  
John Koehlinger  
Jerry & Sandra Linder  
Peter Marsh, Amelia & Benjamin  
Ben & Michaela Montgomery  
Teresa Pyrtle

**School Parent Steve Young (father of Mackenzie and Montgomery)** is currently serving in the Middle East. As a thank you for his service, we would like to send Steve and his unit a care package. Steve gave the following wish list:

Hand and body lotions  
Toothpaste  
Mouthwash  
Body wash  
Dish detergent  
Brushes for washing cups/dishes  
Jerky  
Coffee and/or K-cups  
Peanut butter

This will be a joint project between the church and school. A collection box marked "Steve Young Care Package" will be in the cafeteria. Donations will be accepted through April 7. We want to collect and send the items quickly, because it can take 4 weeks to get to them. Contact Nancy Golden at [nancegolden@gmail.com](mailto:nancegolden@gmail.com) with any questions.

**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 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.

**Thank you so much** to both the church and school families for all of the donations to City of Dwellings. Tom Baldwin delivered many items to St. Timothy's, the police and the Rescue Mission. This past Tuesday night, we ended our service project by donating 25 snack bags for the women's shelter at St. Timothy's. They were filled with high-protein items, water and a special spring drawing from our first and second grade students. They were very much appreciated!

**Our next 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.

**Florida Address for Jim & Fran Johnson:**

917 SE 36<sup>th</sup> St, Cape Coral, FL 33904  
336-407-0068

**Today is the Final Performance** of St. John's Middle School's "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 performance is at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 and can be purchased at the door.

**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).

**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.

**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 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 March 19, we had 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.

**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).

**Choir Rehearsals** during Lent are at 5:55 p.m. and again at 8:05 p.m.

**Lenten Schedule:** Worship services are at 7:00 p.m. through this Wednesday, April 5. Supper is at 5:30 with Hispanic Ministry providing Mexican food this week.

**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.

#### **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.



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  
Tuesday, 4/25, at ChickFilA

***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](mailto:misterkaye43@aol.com). Thanks. Otherwise, approved minutes and board announcements are posted on the church bulletin board.



**Happy Birthday to:**

4/3 – Nancy Brake  
4/4 – Mark Meier  
4/5 – Mark Edmiston  
4/6 – Phyllis Faggert  
4/9 – Jerry Rowe

**Happy Anniversary to:**

4/6 – Mick & Ann Long – 49 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 Rapiet, Marilyn Sagehorn, 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, 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 (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), Lauren Zick (grandniece of Kathy & Rob 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, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Allie Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young*

Persecution Prayer

*It is difficult and dangerous to be a Christian in Sudan. Persecution in the country is systematic and reminiscent of ethnic cleansing. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Sudan, particularly the local pastors. Two of these local pastors, Hassan Kodi and Kuwa Shamal, have been arrested and falsely charged with conducting intelligence activities and providing material support for rebels. Pray that this situation will eventually show forth God's glory to a broken world.*

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,**

**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**

