



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, April 23, 2017 – Second Sunday of Easter

Participation last week, April 16, 2017

8:00 a.m. "The Well"	117
10:45 a.m. Traditional	149
Nursery	5
Maundy Thursday	89
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Adult Bible Class & Sunday School meet 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 this Thursday in the 8th grade classroom at 7:00 p.m.

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.



Today, 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
2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry at Katie Goad's home
2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

Tuesday, 4/25

10:00 a.m. – Senior Women's Bible Study
BOD meeting with school consultant Dennis Gehrke

Wednesday, 4/26

8:30 a.m. – Chapel
Noon – Bulletin, May Calendar & Announcement
Deadline
5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Dinner
6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Tutoring
7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 4/27

9:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Warriors
10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study

Saturday, 4/29

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – LWML Zone Rally

Next Sunday, 4/30

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" Worship with Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Noon – Senior Youth
2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

To My Faithful Friends at St. John's: Thank you for all your prayers, cards, hugs and love during my recent illness and continuing recovery! I can feel my brain and my body improving with every month that passes. I am certain that your intercessions to our Lord Jesus on my behalf are the reasons I am still breathing the air and walking on the earth! May God richly bless you and your loved ones. *Clara McKenzie*

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. **Sign up on the WIM bulletin board sign-up sheet.**

Do You Have a Favorite Hymn or Two? Women are joining together this coming 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. **St John's WIM: please sign up for food on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.**

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.

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.

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 had already received just over \$32,000 (!) of matching funds. To God be the Glory! You can continue to give to this effort through next Sunday, 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 is today from 2 to 4 p.m., at Katie Goad's home, 3960 Talcott Ave, Winston-Salem.



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!

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. Thanks. Otherwise, approved minutes and board announcements are posted on the church bulletin board.

Ways to support the school:

Spirit Night – Tuesday, 5/9, 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!



Happy Birthday to:

4/24 – Doris Braun
4/24 – Natasha Peting
4/24 – Gene Rapier
4/26 – Arline Urban
4/28 – Will Hardin
4/28 – David Moledor
4/29 – Sue Frake
4/30 – Grahame Evans

Happy Anniversary to:

4/27 – Terry & Lin Johnson – 26 years
4/26 – Bruce & Kathleen Sawicki – 26 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, Marilyn Sagehorn, Carl Schlotzhauer, Millie Tetzlaff, Susan Thorpe

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Barb Aron (Ann Carney's sister), 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, David Genevie, Dean & Bobbi Hoegemeyer (friends of the Essbachs), Nathan Kottlowski, Nancy Livengood, Kevin Wilson (Holly's son), Lauren Zick (the Schwabes' grandniece)

For those who mourn: Martha Tegeler & her family on the death of Martha's daughter, Becky Baker

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

Persecution threatened to wipe out Iran's tiny Christian church. God had other plans. Today the church in Iran has become one of the fastest growing in the world, and it is influencing the region for Christ. Because of the violence in the name of Islam, which has caused widespread disillusionment with the regime and led many Iranians to question their beliefs, and because of the boldness of many Iranian Christians in the face of persecution, more Iranians have become Christians in the past twenty years than in the previous thirteen centuries put together. In 1979, there were an estimated 500 Christians from a Muslim background in Iran. Today, there are hundreds of thousands – some say more than one million. Praise God! Pray for our Iranian brothers and sisters. Thank God for their boldness!

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,
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**