



St. John's
LUTHERAN
Church & School

Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

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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 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday

Participation last week, April 2, 2017

8:30 a.m. "The Well"	66
10:45 a.m. Traditional	92
Nursery	2

4/5 Mid-week	59
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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 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. **Class will not meet this Tuesday.**

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. **Class will not meet this Thursday.**

Thursday Evening Bible Study will resume after Easter.

Sign up for Easter Lilies now on the sheet on the board in the fellowship hall.

The palms this morning are given to the Glory of God by Bruce and Kathleen Sawicki.



Today, 4/9

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

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

This week – School Spring Break

Wednesday, 4/12

Noon – Bulletin & Announcement Deadline

No Hispanic Ministry

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 4/13

7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion

Friday, 4/14

7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Worship

Next Sunday, 4/16 – Easter Sunday

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

We welcome into membership:

Rev. Thomas Clocker

Gwen Clocker

Dr. Candace Clocker

Thomas Clocker

Crista Taylor, Jacob & Olyvia

Casey Clocker

Timothy Clocker

Allen & Pat Hall

Scott Keller

We welcome into membership, cont.

John Koehlinger
Jerry & Sandra Linder
Peter Marsh, Amelia & Benjamin
Ben & Michaela Montgomery
Teresa Pyrtle

Thank you to the many hands who helped to make this year's Pine Needle sales such a success. We will profit approximately \$5,000 to go into the general budget. All Glory to God!

Easter Breakfast: Breakfast will be served between the services on Easter Sunday, about 9:00 a.m. This will be a "Pot Luck." Please provide your best breakfast casserole! The Elders will be providing beverages and some sweets like coffee cakes and rolls. Come join us for a wonderful fellowship Easter morning!

Turner-Hayes Scholarship:

The Board of Elders is pleased to announce the awarding of the Turner-Hayes Scholarships to the following:

Alex Campbell
Grahame Evans
Delaney Finau
Addie Gartley
Jade Gray
Will Hardin
Avery Johnson
Sarah Musser
Caroline Grace Musser-Campbell
Ben Patterson
Nina Patterson

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.

The National Mite Goal has been reached! Thank you for your support of all these worthy grants. The total received will be announced in a few weeks. Praise God!

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.

A WIM Gift of \$300 was given to Arianna Shirk for her work in Kenya. She and her family were back in the states for a visit. We pray blessings on their continued ministry.

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.

First Quarter Attendance: 2017 (164 per Sunday). We thank God for each person who hears the Gospel and worships Christ at St. John's! Previous five years: 2016 (164); 2015 (175); 2014 (165); 2013 (195); 2012 (211). For the last four years, first quarter attendance is essentially unchanged. However, it is down 15% from the years prior to 2014.

Wednesday Night Lenten Attendance: 2017 (69 per week); 2016 (72); 2015 (74); 2014 (84); 2013 (91)

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.

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.

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.

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.

Holy Week Schedule Reminder

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 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.

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 group will not meet this Thursday, Maundy Thursday.**

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!

No Hispanic Ministry this week

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



Happy Birthday to:

4/10 – Lisa Mingus
4/10 – Jim Robbins
4/11 – Norman Drouillard, Jr
4/12 – Ruth Becker
4/12 – Linda Neise
4/12 – Kathleen Sawicki
4/14 – Laura Nelson
4/14 – Barbara Patterson

Happy Anniversary to:

4/11 – Nathan & Tina Kottlowski – 36 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:

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, 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 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)

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 Islamic State threatens to wipe out Egypt's Copts. In addition, the Muslim Brotherhood continues to target Christians through periodic violence and harassment. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Egypt. Pray for the defeat of ISIS and the Muslim Brotherhood, particularly through conversion to Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

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**