



St. John's
LUTHERAN
Church & School

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, May 14, 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Participation last week, May 7, 2017

8:30 a.m. "The Well"	77
10:45 a.m. Traditional	103
Nursery	4

Bible Class & Sunday School

Pastor Tom has finally gotten his "act together" and is starting his Sunday Morning Bible Study. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and start promptly at 9:30. This week we are studying "Who is God and What is He Like? The next two weeks we will delve a little bit into "Creation and Evolution." Please join us.

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 have begun volume 3 of "Great Women of the Bible," studying Michal, Abigail, Bathsheba, Esther and more.** 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. **We will adjourn on May 30 for the summer months, but will be back in the fall to continue this interesting study.** 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 meets in the 8th grade

classroom at 7:00 p.m. **Class will not meet this Thursday, May 18, because of the School's Open House. Next week, May 25, will be the last class until September.**

Elders Needed – Any man who is willing to serve as an elder is asked to contact Pastor Clocker. Please give this your prayerful consideration.



Today, 5/14

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" Contemporary Worship Service

9:30 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

Tuesday, 5/16

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

6:30 p.m. – Elders' Prayer & Praise

Wednesday, 5/17

8:30 a.m. – Chapel

Noon – Bulletin, June Calendar & Announcement
Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Tutoring – Last until July 12

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 5/18

9:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Warriors

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – School Open House

7:00 p.m. – Grades 3 – 5 Spring Program

Saturday, 5/20

11:00 a.m. – Summer Camp Family Orientation in
Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. – Church & School Family Fun Day

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Next Sunday, 5/21

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service
Following Late Service - \$25K Challenge Celebration
Potluck
2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry at Claudia Essbach’s home
2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

Coffee? With summer upon us and folks in and out and on vacation, we could use more volunteers to help with coffee clean-up on Sunday mornings. Many thanks to the volunteers who have made sure we have hot coffee on Sunday mornings. Yes, we take this service for granted, that coffee will be freshly made every Sunday. Did you know the coffee pots also need to be cleaned and put away after the Bible Study Hour? If you drink coffee and would like to help be of service in this way, please let Don Henderson know. If you are willing once or twice a month, that may be enough, depending on how many volunteers there are. Thank you for considering this.

Luther Summer Celebration! October 31, 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the day Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany – the beginning of the Reformation. Join us Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5 to celebrate our Lutheran heritage. Dinner, music and a Luther talk Friday at 5:30 p.m. More Luther talks, crafts and singing on Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All ages welcome. Please contact Kathleen Sawicki to help Kathleen@kb-promotions.net. More info to come.

Praise the Lord! – Our matching fund challenge was blessed by God to lead you to provide with great generosity. The total received was **\$83,761.50**. Please join us on May 21 in worship and in a fellowship potluck after the late service to celebrate the Goodness of God!
† Soli Deo Gloria †
(To God alone be the Glory)

Praise the Lord! Worship attendance for April was up almost 10% from both 2016 and 2015. This does not include Easter. In 2016 and 15, we averaged 158 per Sunday in April. This year we averaged 172. *Pastor Tom*

Name Tags: For new members and those of you needing new Name Tags (so our new Shepherd, Pastor Tom, can get to know you), there is a signup sheet at the back of the church in the narthex. We will be ordering after 5/31/17. Thank you!

Are you willing to commit to an hour one Sunday in June, July or August to keep Sunday School going through the summer for grades Pre-K through 5? Please contact Meg Lorenz to sign up.

Save these dates: All women and teen girls are invited to the LWML Carolinas District Retreat on August 18-20, 2017. The Bible study will be Elijah on Mt. Carmel. Registration cost is \$5.00, payable to Carolinas District LWML. Camp fees (lodging and food) are \$95.00, payable to Camp Linn Haven. Registration forms are available on line at <http://carolinaslwml.webs.com/upcoming-events>. Please register by August 5. **The Crossnore School will be the recipient of the Retreat Gifts from the Heart.** Apologies from Denise for last week’s typo. The Zone Rally was a fun morning, not an un morning!

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). This month’s meeting is next Sunday, May 21, at Claudia Essbach’s home, 5126 Dock Davis Rd, Clemmons.



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!

This week is the last meeting for this school year. Tutoring and dinner will resume on July 12.

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.

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.

Ways to support the school:

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:

5/16 – Sarah Webb
5/17 – Jane Davidson
5/17 – Julie Douma
5/18 – Ethan Evans
5/19 – Alex Sawicki
5/20 – Stacy Covington
5/21 – Sally Hess

Happy Anniversary to:

5/15 – Chip & Debbie Baker – 41 years
5/19 – David & Jackie Wells – 27 years

God's blessings to all moms, grandmoms and great-grandmoms! Have a wonderful Mother's Day.



St. John's Prayer Needs

Prayer requests can be emailed to Nathan Kottlowski at misterkaye43@aol.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

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, Marilyn Sagehorn, Carl Schlotzhauer, Susan Thorpe

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Barb Aron (Ann Carney's sister), Joel Christiansen, Kris Dunn (school mom with several young children), 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, Mason Lankford (22-month-old child known by Meg Lorenz), 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), Gene Rapier, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban

For those undergoing/recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

Jeff & Katie Goad's grandson River, Ron Irsch, Kevin Wilson (Holly's son)

For those serving in our armed forces; for continued safety and extra comfort if serving away from home:

Michael Catarino (Cat & Luisa's son), Dallas Darcy, Loren Jacobi, Branden Lackey, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Allie Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

Persecution Prayer

A report looking into the ways Christians respond to persecution has found that their survival strategies require a lot of creativity, determination and courage, while violence is seldom used. Some leave their homes and communities, while others remain to care for each other. Some will openly oppose their oppressors, with a willingness to give up their lives for their Lord. Canadian MP Candice Bergen wrote, "More Christians die and suffer for their faith than any other religious group in the world. The elite, including liberal media, not only ignore this fact but most often are the ones who treat Christians with mocking, stereotyping and disdain." Pray for all who suffer persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ, whether it's at the hands of terrorists, the government, the liberal media, whoever. Pray that those being persecuted will remain faithful. Pray that those doing the persecuting will see the error of their ways and come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

For more information see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, and the current issue of *The Lutheran Witness*.

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**