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8:30 a.m. – The Well  
(Contemporary Service)

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

# Weekly News

## Sunday, May 5, 2019 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Memorial Day Weekend – One Service Only

**May 26** we will have one service only at **10:45 am**.  
Pastor Tom will be at Camp Linn Haven preaching  
at Mountainside Lutheran Church.

### Attendance

	<u>2018 avg.</u>	<u>2019 avg.</u>	
Wednesday's	62	71	+15%
Maundy Thur.	80	103	+30%
Good Friday	80	88	+10%
Easter Sunday	<u>280</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>(-2.5%)</u>
Total	610	639	+5%

### A New Calling:

Dear St. John's Family,

Mr. Edmiston and I are beyond excited that God has blessed us with the gift of a baby boy due at the end of August! We are looking forward to this new chapter in our lives. After much prayerful consideration, I feel that God is calling me into a new vocation. I'm writing to inform you that I will be stepping down from my teaching position at the end of the 2018-2019 school year to move into my new role of being a stay-at-home mom.

I have truly enjoyed teaching and watching your children grow and learn throughout my years at St. John's. I feel incredibly blessed for all the time that I have been able to spend with your children. All of your support and encouragement throughout the years means a great deal to me.

While I'm looking forward to this new calling that God has in store for me, I will also deeply miss being around my St. John's family every day. I will still be around St. John's occasionally and assisting as God leads me. !

Thank you for all your continued prayers and support throughout this new chapter in my life.

Sincerely in Christ,

Melissa Edmiston  
Fifth Grade Teacher

### Camp Linn Haven Weekend

Please join us **Memorial Day Weekend (May 24-27)** at Camp Linn Haven, Linville, NC for our annual St. John's Family Weekend. Come and enjoy the crisp mountain air, fellowship, great food, relaxation, and sharing God's Word in a beautiful setting. **The new playground has been installed!** If you are interested in golf or horseback riding, please call Martha (336-766-0575) and we can make reservations for you. This is a weekend for family time and a great way to get "unplugged" from the world for a while! Bring a good book or take a nap! The weekend is very unscripted except for a few activities.

The reservation forms are on the table in the narthex. Any questions, just let me know!

### St. John's School Spring Musicals

May 8 – Grades 3-4 – 8:30am (Chapel)

May 9 – Grades 3-4 – 7:00pm

May 15 – Preschool – 8:30am (Chapel)

May 16 – Preschool – 7:00pm

### Thank you St. John's family

For all your prayers over the past years for Audrey Drouillard (Norman's mom) and now we also thank you for your continued prayers and support for us since Audrey's passing into heaven. It has been comforting to feel your love through cards, phone calls, food, etc. Psalm 126:5 "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Blessings to you, Leatha "Sam" and Norman Drouillard

### Camp Falcon

Join us for a summer of adventure! May 28 – August 2, 2019. For children ages 3 -11 – Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 6:00pm. Register online:

<http://stjohnsws.com/camp-falcon>

### Baby Bottle Campaign

Our church and school is again sponsoring the Baby Bottle Campaign for Salem Pregnancy Care Center, Winston-Salem, NC. This ministry provides love and the grace of God to women in our community who face an unplanned pregnancy. This agency is a compassionate and nonjudgmental place for women to seek answers and to learn about real alternatives to abortion. Our campaign will start the first Sunday in April and we will dedicate our baby bottles on **Mother's Day, May 12**. The



**Sunday, 5/5**

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School

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

**Tuesday, 5/7**

**10:30 a.m. – Senior Bible Study**

**6:30 p.m. - Elders**

**Wednesday, 5/8**

**8:30 a.m. – Chapel – Grades 3-4 Spring Musical**

**Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline**

5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Tutoring Meal

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Tutoring

**Thursday, 5/9**

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors

**7:00 p.m. – Grades 3-4 Spring Musical**

**Saturday, 5/11**

**11:00 a.m. – Carl Schlotzhauer Memorial Service**

**Sunday, 5/12**

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School

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

#### **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 or Katie Goad #336-924-6977

#### **Ways to support the school:**

##### **Spirit Nights:**

**Tuesday, May 7 – Dairi-O's 5-8pm**

**Scrip gift cards.** If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Orsborn at 402.960.2721 or [scrip@stjohnsws.org](mailto:scrip@stjohnsws.org).

**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 Harris Teeter VIC card - #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. Thank you from the PTO!

bottles will then be taken to the center. Last year, we raised over \$1200 for this community outreach program. Please pick up your bottle in the basket at the back of the church and fill it with coins, cash, or a check made out to the Salem Pregnancy Center. You can put your filled bottles back in the basket. Thank you for your continued support of this mission!

#### **Adopt-A-Student Program**

There are several children at St. John's who receive need based discounts due to their inability to pay full tuition. These funds do not go to the family or student. The parents/guardians continue to pay what they have been paying. The funds cover the lost income at St. John's from the discounted tuition.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of the new Adopt-A-Student Program! Envelopes are in the back of the church.

#### **Fruit of the Spirit notecards**

Get your St. John's Lutheran Banner notecards. Cards are only \$10 and they make great gifts. Please see Kerstin in the church office or during bible study to purchase a box. All proceeds go to St. John's Lutheran Church and School.

#### **LWML KayWos Cloth Sale**

KayWos Cloth Sale! “Cleans anything from stoves, windows, cars, stainless, and removes bugs, grease, fingerprints and dust” Never use a window cleaner again The cost of the cloth is \$5. This is sponsored by the LWML. See display in the Fellowship Hall or call Dot Cleary #336-767-4116 for an order.

#### **Adult Sunday Bible Study**

All are welcome to Pastor Tom's Adult Class on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:30am. In the Fellowship Hall. You do not need to attend every Sunday (for “keep up”). Stop in whenever and as often as possible!

#### **Sunday Small Group Bible Class**

Will meet in the **Fifth Grade Classroom room #109** as we continue our study of mission work - both at home and abroad. Join us at 9:45 for a lively discussion of this all important topic.

#### **Bible Study Opportunities at St. John's Sunday's**

- 9:45am – Pastor Tom's Class (Social Hall)
- 9:45am – Dot Anderson's Class (**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom #109**)

#### **Tuesday's**

- 10:00am – Senior Women's (Library)

#### **Thursday's**

- 7:00pm – Adult Evening Bible Study (Library)

**Crisis Control for April:** Instant Grits - Thank you for your April donations of 41 lbs.!

**Altar Flowers Today** – to the Glory of God by Bob & Martha Burke in honor of Bob's birthday.



### **Happy Birthday to:**

5/6 Don Adamick  
5/6 Melissa Westendorff  
5/11 Ann Long

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

5/6 Wes & Kerstin Walker (24 years)

### **Intercessory Prayer Warriors:**

A group of people led by Rich Essbach 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 a part of this service. You may also call with prayer requests.



### **St. John's Prayer Needs**

Prayer requests can be emailed to Dale Mierisch at [wb9szl@triad.rr.com](mailto:wb9szl@triad.rr.com).

### **We pray for St. John's congregation and school**

Pastor Thomas Clocker  
Principal Mark Edmiston  
Director of Admissions Tom Baldwin  
Our Teachers

### **Our called workers and staff**

Frances Burmeister  
Michael Zeoli  
Board of Directors  
Board of Elders  
Hispanic Tutoring

**Our Board of Directors:** Adam Orsborn Chairman; Tim Nelson, Steve Lorenz, Jeff Goad, Pat Hall

### **We remember those who are shut in:**

Chris Johnston, Kay Moose, Mary Riggs, Millie Tetzlaff, Arline Urban

### **We pray for those who are fighting cancer:**

Ann (grandmother of Greta Smith in our preschool) has ovarian cancer, Joel Christiansen, Val Chumney, (daughter of Dave & Jean Rudolph former members),

Mary Deakle, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father), Clarice George, Katie Goad, Jan Guelzow, Isaiah Hall – 2 yrs old, battling Leukemia, (son of a friend of Pastor Tom) Melody Hawkins, (Nancy Livengood' s cousin), Bob Jordan, (Jamie Deal's uncle), Jay Keller, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Rebecca Perry, (Stacey Perry- school secretary's, mother-in-law), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), Gene Rapier, Deb Schoolcraft, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban, Frank Williams (Sarah Williams' husband).

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

Travis Bane (Cyndi Bane's son), Isabelle Baldwin, (Tom Baldwin's mother), Danny Collins, (friend of Nicole Shannon), **Rose Crafton**, Teddy Deranamie, Jeanette Dyson, **Dave Genevie**, Chris Gwaltney, (Debbie Baronowski's son), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Christine Karim, (friend of Rich Essbach), Don Marzke, (Bruce Sawicki's Brother-in-Law) Peter Morlock, (friend of Essbach's), Uncle Steve Morrison & family (Pastor Clocker's son-in-law's uncle), **Fred Neise**, Jean Nelson (Tim Nelson's mom), Florence Renken (John Renken's wife), Butch Roberts, Jacki Rullman, Ron Semple, (Beth Meier's stepfather), David Sablich, (friend of Rich Essbach), Millie Tetzlaff, Donald Walnes, (cousin of Nancy Brake), Zelda Wilson, (toddler friend of Meg Lorenz), Evelyn Zeoli, Gail Zeoli, Lauren Zick, (grand-niece of Rob & Kathy Schwabe).

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

Dallas Darcy, Loren Jacobi, Dylan McArthur-Reed, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Natasha Peting, Allie & Chris Nisch,, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Steven Thorpe, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

### **Persecution Prayer:**

For more than 60 years, Open Doors USA has worked in the world's most oppressive and restrictive countries for Christians. They have identified 5 major trends in Christian persecution over the last year. We looked at the first two trends last week. This week we consider the fact that persecution has increased in the world's two most populated countries - India and China (each of which is home to more than a billion people). Hindu nationalists in India continue to attack Christians with what seems like no consequences. And in China, the increased power of the government and the rule of Xi Jinping continue to make open worship difficult in some parts of the country. Pray for our brothers and sisters in India and China - that they remain in their faith, that they are able to share the Gospel message with their children, and that their children accept Jesus as their Savior even in the face of persecution.

For more information see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

**Elder Assignments****Member/families**

Bob Burke -----	(A-Bra)
Steve Anderson-----	(Bre-Der)
Rich Essbach -----	(Do-Ga)
Rich Essbach -----	(Ge-Hen)
Larry Bowman-----	(Hes-Kie)
Bill Thorpe-----	(Ko-Lor)
Mark Meier -----	(Lov-O)
Mark Meier -----	(P-R)
Dale Mierisch -----	(S)
Rob Schwabe-----	(T-Z)

**Participation April 28, 2019**

8:30	60
10:45	100
Nursery	3

***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**

*Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday,  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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