



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, May 7, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Participation last week, April 30, 2017

8:30 a.m. "The Well"	67
10:45 a.m. Traditional	106
Nursery	2

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 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 meets 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, 5/7

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

Noon – WIM Lunch Out End-of-Year Meeting

2:30 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

Tuesday, 5/9

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

Spirit Night at Tijuana Flats – Last of the School Year

Wednesday, 5/10

8:30 a.m. – Chapel

Noon – Bulletin & Announcement Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Tutoring

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 5/11

9:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Warriors

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Grades K – 2 Spring Program

Friday, 5/12

Middle School Trout Release Day

Next Sunday, 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

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

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*

Praise the Lord for Wes Walker's time and efforts to save our server. It was running most of our data programs at both the church and school. It crashed during one of the recent thunderstorms. We could have 1) lost all our data or 2) had to make major expensive repairs. Wes "saved" us from both. Through his expertise, the data were saved and the server repaired for a minimal amount. Thanks, Wes! *Pastor Tom*

Finances: The Finance sub-committee is working long hours to put together a (much more realistic) budget for our new fiscal year, starting September 1. Pray for us! There are difficult decisions to be made during this process. We are reviewing every line on both income and expense projections, tightening where possible. May God guide us and bless these efforts. *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!

Thank you. I am now released from restrictions and am working at building up my core and back muscles in PT for two more weeks. I am doing much better and able to transition to normal activities. I am returning to the classroom on Monday, May 8th. Thank you to everyone for the cards, the phone chats, and the prayers. They really helped, especially during the tough stretches of my recovery. God's blessings to all of you in Christ! To Him be the glory! Your brother in Christ, *Nathan Kottlowski*

Found: A green fabric bag containing quilting/needlework in the Fellowship Hall after last weekend's activities. It can be picked up in the church office.

WIM will be taking a break for the summer at St. John's, but in June the Sawickis, Bowmans, Hoisingtons, Mary, Cheryl and Alice will be traveling to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the LWML convention. Please keep them and all those traveling to this event in your prayers.

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. Camp Linn Haven will be the recipient of the Retreat Gifts from the Heart. They have requested shower curtains, bath rugs, money to buy or make curtains, and craft supplies – listed on the bulletin board.

Thank you to everyone who helped host the LWML Zone Rally. It was a un, productive morning as we enjoyed the Hymn Sing and quickly planned our hosting of the retreat being held at Camp Linn Haven. Thanks also to Pastor Tom, Joel and Don for their support.

Church & School Family Fun Day: Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 20, for food, fellowship and fun, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. here at St. John's. Bring a lawn chair, enjoy free food from Old Glory Grille, win door prizes, play in the bouncy house and more! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by May 8 if you plan to attend.

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.

Going out for lunch after church today? Join us, Dutch treat, at River Ridge Taphouse for the WIM end-of-year outing. We'll carpool from the school parking lot. The address is 1481 River Ridge Dr, Clemmons. Hope to see you there.

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 next Sunday, Mother's Day. 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.

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 next meeting date is May 21.



Happy Birthday to:

5/9 – Robert Duggins

5/11 – Ann Long

5/12 – Jennifer Hepner

Happy Anniversary to:

5/12 – Fred & Stephanie Black – 25 years

5/12 – Tom & Holly Loke – 44 years

FREE TUTORING

Wednesdays
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

at St. John's Lutheran
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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!

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:

Spirit Night – This Tuesday, 5/9, at Tijuana Flats – the last one for this school year

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!



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

For those who mourn: Jessica Lind (friend of the Lovejoys and Essbachs) and her family on the sudden death of her mother

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

In Somalia, with a population of 10.8 million (99.6% Muslim), there are fewer than 200 secret Christians. They have no public places of worship. Yet the Holy Spirit has ways to spread the Gospel message. Mahad Birik is one of those ways. Mahad became an imam, an Islamic teacher, at age 9. However, God had other plans for Mahad, calling him to Himself after an encounter with an American missionary. Since his conversion, Mahad has suffered much persecution – beatings, arrests, death threats, exile. Yet through all these hardships, he remains faithful to our Lord and Savior, continuing to witness Jesus' love and message to his fellow Somalians. Pray for Mahad's safety. Pray that God will continue to bless Mahad's efforts.

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.

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Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and
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Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool
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