



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)

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

Sunday, July 16, 2017 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Participation July 9, 2017

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| 8:30 a.m. "The Well" | 66 |
| 10:45 a.m. Traditional | 90 |
| Nursery | - |

Bible Class & Sunday School continue to meet throughout the summer. FYI: My Sunday morning classes are mostly "self-contained," meaning you don't have to attend every week to follow along. Jump in or out anytime. *Pastor Tom*

Adult Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall and starts promptly at 9:30. Summer Sunday School is available for children pre-K through fifth grade.

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study is continuing to meet through the summer, gathering in the Teachers' Work Room, #105. Park in the rear of the school and enter the room directly from the outside. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. with coffee, there will be a different study each week. We invite all ladies to join in the study of God's Word. Call Dot Cleary at (336) 767-4116 with any questions.



Today, 7/16

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service
2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

Monday, 7/17

10:00 a.m. – Pickup of remaining yard sale items by Rescue Mission

Tuesday, 7/18

10:00 a.m. – Senior Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. – Elders' Prayer & Praise

Wednesday, 7/19

Noon – Bulletin & Weekly News Deadline
Summer Hispanic Ministry
5:30 p.m. – Supper
6:00 p.m. – Tutoring

Thursday, 7/20

9:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Warriors

Next Sunday, 7/23

8:30 a.m. – "The Well"
9:30 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Larry & Kay Bowman.

Crisis Control Item for July: Peanut butter.
The collection basket is in the Narthex.

We welcome as our Guest Preacher this morning the Rev. Dr. William Seaman. Dr. Seaman is the District Mission and Ministry Facilitator for our Southern Region. Dr. Seaman has many years of experience assisting congregations in a variety of ways to support the local congregational effort to reach others with the Gospel. He will be meeting with our BOD and BOE during the Sunday School hour to discuss our church governance model. We THANK him for being with us and especially for the proclamation of God's Word!

Altar Flowers: There are several open Sundays in August. If you would like to remember or honor someone, or for no reason but the Glory of God, please sign up in the book at the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.

If you ordered a name tag, they are here. Please be sure to pick up yours.

Thank you! To everyone for your prayers and support during my Mom's recent illness and your condolences and sympathies offered since her passing (Monday, July 3rd). I come from a very non-believing family. My Mom (and her mom) is the only reason I came to fall in love with Jesus and wanted to live my life for Him. If anyone, anywhere, has been blessed by my ministry over the years, my Mom gets the "credit" for her being used by God to make certain I knew the Lord! She was the most self-less person I have ever known. Her life was being a 7-day-a-week witness to living to bless others and not herself. I do not recall her ever losing her temper or saying an unkind word about anyone. She not only believed in God's grace to her, she lived a life of grace toward ALL others. Mom, you will be missed by many until we are all together in glory! *Pastor Tom*

Thank you! To Don Henderson, Tim Pruitt, and everyone involved in getting the youth house ready for my wife and me. It looks great! Special thanks to the Andersons and the Mierschs.

Sunday School Teachers are needed for the regular Sunday School year. The age groups are Toddlin' to Jesus (ages up to 3), Preschool (ages 3-4), Kindergarten through Grade 2, Grades 3 – 5, and Middle School. The goal is to have three teachers for each age group so that individuals do not have to teach every Sunday. Please contact Meg Lorenz at 336-624-0061 if you are willing to work with this important ministry.

Ushers Needed Volunteers are needed to usher on Sundays at the 10:45 services. It's a very easy job. You get to greet members and visitors at worship. Please contact Arden Lackey (336-723-3270) or Holly Wilson (410-245-8680) if you are willing to assist. Thank you.

The sermon series this summer asks Jesus Himself, "Who Are You?" The answers will come from Jesus' seven "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John. It is important that we are clear on who Jesus is for our own faith, and to be able to share Him with others. Please attend as many of these as you can. If you miss a Sunday, all the sermons will be on line through our website.

FREE TUTORING

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

at St. John's Lutheran
Church & School



Hispanic Ministry will have summer sessions through August 2. Supper is at 5:30 and Tutoring at 6:00. Volunteers are always welcome to join in this important ministry. Call Kris Gartley, Kathleen Sawicki, or Cheryl Wulfert if you have any questions.

Please join us for our annual St. John's Family Weekend at Camp Linn Haven, Linville, NC, the weekend of September 29 – October 1. This is a great weekend to just relax, eat great food, enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery and generally unplug from everyday life! Teirsa Lane and her staff will see that you have great service and wonderful food. Plan on bringing a book and sitting out on the porch swing and relax. However, if you would like to play golf, go horseback riding, or hiking – that can be arranged, too. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time not only with your family but your St. John's family. Our weekend will be led by Nathan Kottlowski. Pastor Clocker and Gwen will be enjoying a trip that was given to them by their daughter that weekend and will not be able to join us. Weather permitting, we will have devotions on the top of Flat Rock on Saturday evening. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this special time. The information sheets that include a reservation form, costs, and directions are located on the table at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please call Martha Burke at 336-766-0575(H) or 336-416-2748(C).

500th Anniversary of the Reformation Martin Luther, of course, played the central role in the Reformation. As those who benefit from the heritage of those critical events, **we** should celebrate. The Reformation began the end of October. We would like to plan several congregational celebration events for this fall. If you love the grace focus of the Reformation, if you love the Lutheran heritage, **or** if you simply love helping organize congregational events --- we could use **you**. Pastor is recruiting a small (4-6 persons) Reformation Celebration Team. Can **you** help? If so, email Pastor Tom at revclocker@gmail.com. Let's Do This!

Pastor Tom in July I mentioned to the BOD my intention of taking several (3-4) weeks of vacation in July. They asked if I could just take the weekdays off but still preach and teach on Sundays. I said okay. So ... in July I will be either in Richmond or at the beach during the week, and serving here on Sundays. I will not be farther away than Maryland, so I will be available for emergencies, if needed. If you have a need or know of someone else who does (in the hospital, undergoing surgery, etc.), please contact Bill Thorpe, Bob Burke or Nathan Kottlowski, so that help can be arranged. *Pastor Tom*

Stewardship: If you miss a Sunday or two while at the beach or on vacation, please make sure to still give your weekly tithe (offering). Your offerings are a gift of **thanksgiving – to God** – for all He has given you in Christ – and in your life. While your offerings are part of your worship of God, they are also important to God's work through St. John's – especially in the summer!
Pastor Tom

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). **Today's meeting is at 2:00 at Katie Goad's home, 3960 Talcott Ave, W-S 27106.**

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.

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 Lutheran Reformation. Join us Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5 to celebrate our Lutheran heritage. There will be dinner, music and a Luther talk Friday at 5:30 p.m., and more Luther talks, crafts and singing on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All ages are welcome. Please contact Kathleen Sawicki to help. Kathleen@kb-promotions.net More info to come.

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:

7/11 – Jerry Linder (sorry to be late!)
7/18 – Tim Istock
7/18 – Bob Kretzschmar
7/18 – Zoe Mingus
7/19 – Anne Amos
7/19 – Larry Bowman
7/19 – Beth Musser
7/20 – Jade Gray
7/21 – Katie Stevens
7/21 – Stephanie Guelzow
7/23 – John Fordham
7/23 – Brittany Kottlowski

Happy Anniversary to:

7/17 – Ardel & Judy Meisinger – 46 years
7/19 – Larry & Kay Bowman – **58 years!**
7/22 – Jim & Julie Douma – 38 years
7/22 – Norman & Sam Drouillard – 39 years
7/22 – Dennis & Sandy Stewart – 39 years
7/23 – Steven & Amanda Reese – 6 years

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 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.

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, Millie Tetzlaff, Susan Thorpe

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Joel Christiansen, Kristy Dunn (school mom with two young children), Jack Fordham, Katie Goad, 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 Lonacker (friend of the Essbachs), Dave Lundmark, Laura McNeil (friend of Dale & Alice Mierisch), Steve Miller, Gene Rapier, Deb Schoolcraft, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban

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

John Bredenberg, Frances Burmeister, Pat Hall, Jim Johnson, Keith McKenzie's mother, Bob Sparks, Katie Stevens (Debbie Baronowski's daughter)

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, Dylan McArthur-Reed, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Natasha Peting, Allie Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

Persecution Prayer:

In February, extremists loyal to groups such as Islamic State vowed to wipe out Egypt's Coptic Christian community. In the most aggressive campaign in the history of modern Egypt, four more Copts have been killed, three in the space of eight days from the last week of June to the first week of July. A fourth was killed in late May. Pray for our Coptic brothers and sisters. Pray that the worldwide Christian community of believers will rise up in mass against the genocide taking place in our lifetime.

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.

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Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and
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