



Weekly News

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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

Sunday, July 9, 2017 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Participation July 2, 2017

8:30 a.m. "The Well"	63
10:45 a.m. Traditional	91
Nursery	3

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, 7/9

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 Family Life Center will be in use all this week to set up for the yard sale on Saturday.

Monday, 7/10

6:30 p.m. – BOD Meeting
6:30 p.m. – Luther Summer Celebration informational meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 7/11

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

Wednesday, 7/12

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

Thursday, 7/13

9:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Warriors

Saturday, 7/15

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Annual Yard Sale

Next Sunday, 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

This morning we begin a summer series of messages asking 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.

The Altar Flowers today are given to God's glory by Kathy, John and Emily Schwabe in honor of Robert Schwabe's birthday.

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

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support during my mom's illness and passing (Monday morning). It has blessed me throughout. *Pastor Tom*

Luther Summer Celebration (Fri, 8/4 & Sat, 8/5) –

Anyone interested in helping with this program, please come to an information meeting tomorrow, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can call Kathleen Sawicki (336-744-5733) or email (Kathleen@kb-promotions.net) to volunteer, or for more information.

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.

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).

Jesus Christ Above All (Philippians 2:9) This was the theme of the convention celebrating LWML's 75th anniversary. We had a spiritual, joyful, exciting (even frightening) journey to Albuquerque, where President Patti Ross opened the convention, and we celebrated Holy Communion with an ecclesiastical procession and Rev. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, as proclaimer. The Mites distribution goal for 2017-2019 has been set at TWO MILLION, SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS! Number 20 on the list is the Prison and Jail Ministry of Jessica Shea's father, Rev. Jeffery Nehrt. Also on the list is Sanya Parson, daughter of the late Rev. William Parson of St. Mark's, W-S, and her mission of tutoring and mentoring for at risk children, called Rebecca's Garden of Hope. The complete list is posted on the bulletin board. Please consider saving those little mites that can make such a big difference in people's lives. In closing, President Patti stated: "God would not have kept us going for 75 years if He didn't think we were worth the trouble." AMEN! Go to www.lwml.org/mission-grants or www.rebeccasgardenofhope.org for more information.



Hispanic Ministry resumes this Wednesday with 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.

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!

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.

ANNUAL YARD SALE: The sale is this coming Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Volunteers are needed all week for setting up. Please sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall or via Volunteer Spot <http://signup.com/go/EjhRUbg>. Proceeds from this event benefit our church and school ministries. Please call Kris (336-577-0543) or Brooke Gartley (336-817-3117) or Kathleen Sawicki (336-744-5733) if you have any questions.

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). The July meeting will be next Sunday at 2:00 at Katie Goad's home, 3960 Talcott Ave, W-S 27106.

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

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:

7/14 – Nina Patterson
7/15 – Martha Szeg
7/16 – Martha Burke
7/16 – Jack Witner

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. Thank you to Dot Anderson for her recent leading of the group.

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 Rapiet, 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, Del Rathert (friend of Anita Hoisington), Katie Stevens (Debbie Baronowski's daughter)

For those who mourn: Pastor Clocker and his family on the death of his mother, Joyce.

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, Natasha Peting, Allie Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

Persecution Prayer:

Our Sudanese brothers and sisters are suffering much. President Umar al-Bashir's extremist regime ruthlessly executes its agenda to drive out or kill the Sudanese people living in three conflict areas: South Kordofan state, Blue Nile state and the Darfur region. Bashir's goal is to eliminate those who do not fit in the ethnically Arab and religiously Islamic nation he wishes to build. He is waging war on the native people of Sudan, especially on Christians, in what has become one of the worst incidents of genocide and religious persecution since World War II. Pray for those being persecuted. Pray for those extending care and comfort to the persecuted. Pray for those doing the persecution, that they turn from their evil ways.

For more information, see the article from the *Voice of the Martyrs* magazine on 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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