

Weekly News

8:30 a.m. – The Well
(Contemporary Service)
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

Sunday, August 21, 2016 – The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Corner

Worship has changed a great deal in practice and norm in America over the last several decades. We should begin with a definition of what is good worship so that as we get into the various parts of the service, both contemporary and traditional, we understand the goal or the point of a worship service. Worship is a celebration. We "celebrate" communion. We celebrate the worship service. There is a big difference between celebration and entertainment. So much of worship in America these days is entertainment. Entertainment is something that is done at you. Entertaining worship is performance based and the observer is not engaged nor participates in the act of worship. Celebration, on the other hand, is experiential. In a celebration-focused worship service, one that is either traditional or contemporary, the participation is a shared experience between all those present. True worship then is a three-way engagement with God, the worship leaders and the congregation. I pray that your worship today is a true celebration. Next week we begin a discussion of the various elements of the worship celebration itself.

Pastor Less

Nursery is available in the Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45am Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mae Elliott.

Pew Pads Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

Get involved in a Bible Study! Bible Study and Sunday School happen every Sunday from 9:45 - 10:30. Jump in, and **grow** in the Word!

- In the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Less.

Truth Seekers Bible Class

The Truth Seekers Bible Class will join Pastor's class until further notice.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study begins again on August 25, 2016 at 10:00am. 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. This year we will be studying Priscilla Shirer's "The Armor of God". You may pick up your copy at Lifeway Christian (\$12.99) or order online through Amazon. If anyone has any questions please contact Kerstin Walker (336)-414-7667.

Church Picnic

The Fellowship Ministry Team would like to invite you to a picnic to **WELCOME PASTOR KEITH ("PK"), DENISE & KIRI TO ST. JOHN'S** on Sunday, August 28, immediately following the late church service. The picnic will be on our campus (Inside or outside is TBD based on the weather). Let's **CELEBRATE & WELCOME** the LESS FAMILY into our ST. JOHN'S FAMILY. Please bring your lawn chairs, games and a side dish/condiments to share (a sign-up sheet is posted on bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall). Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Meier.

Why: To welcome the Less family & to celebrate our St. John's family!

When: Sunday, August 28, Noon (following late service)

Where: Fellowship Hall & Campus, St. John's

What to bring: Lawn chairs, games and a side dish/condiments to share (sign-up sheet on bulletin board at Church)



Get Your St. John's Cookbook Today! Support St. John's and enjoy a GREAT resource by buying the anniversary cookbook today! It includes a free digital download version of all 335 recipes! Visit the church office Monday thru Thursday from 9am-3pm or purchase one between services on Sunday mornings. Books are \$15. Funds will help purchase a new stage and new church banners. These make wonderful gifts! Contact Lydia.k.ingram@gmail.com for more information.

"St. John's Prayer and Care Notes" are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch Email- wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include "St. John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.

Participation last week, August 14, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 81
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 108

Nursery: 4

Prayer Shawl Ministry Opportunities!

The group will be meeting this afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. at Ann Carney's home, 5920 Greenhaven Dr, W-S, NC 27103 (in Clemmons). Please enter through the carport door; it will save you steps up to the front walkway and then steps down inside. Come see all the shawls completed so far and let's talk about where we want to take this ministry. PK, Denise and Kiri will be coming so let's remember our nametags to help them out. See you there!

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.** Amazing saints at St. John's have donated yarn which can be used to make shawls and lap-afghans. There are several easy (and fast) patterns for knitters and crocheters if you'd like to try your hand at making one (or more). Many of the shawls can be started and finished in a couple of weekends, during your lunch break or while watching TV. For those of you who **Scrap Book**, the Shawl Ministry would like to enlist your help to make and donate tags to go with the shawls. Your creative genius and time are the two primary requirements. If you have some scrap booking materials you could donate to make the tags, it would be greatly appreciated! 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)

Ushers for August:

Bob Hoisington, Holly Richardson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel

Altar Guild for August:

Anita Hoisington and Claudia Essbach

Crisis Control Items Needed for August

Jelly

Lock-ups for August

Don Adamick, Nathan Kottowski, Wes Walker & Carl Schlotzhauer



Falcon Newsletter

We will be sending out a one page update with important dates and lunch menu weekly and a larger newsletter with more content at the end of each month. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact the church office to be sure we have your correct email.

Women in Mission

LEARN AND LAUGH!!

All women are invited to the Carolinas District LWML convention in Summerville, SC September 16-17. Learn what happens to the percentage of your Mites that we distribute in the Carolinas District. Details are on the bulletin board. Registration Deadline is August 31, \$55, and the Holiday Inn Express is \$90 plus tax for up to 4 in a room.

CAMP LINN HAVEN FAMILY WEEKEND

Please join us for a relaxing family weekend at Camp Linn Haven, Linville, NC **September 23-25, 2016**. The theme will be "Listening for the Heartbeat of God." We always seem to have great food, fellowship, Bible study, devotions, and free time! Pastor Less will be our dean this year. Please give your completed form (found on the table in the back of the church) and deposit to Martha Burke by Sunday, September 18. We need a food count by that date! If you have any questions, give Martha a call at 336-766-0575.

Thank you from Michael Daniels:

"Dear Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Wow! We were so touched by the card and good wishes from the members of St. John's. Nana (Nancy Roberts) and my mom (Paula Daniels) and I were very pleased so many members made the drive to Taylorsville for my ordination. Thanks so much for being a part of my special day. Please keep me in your prayers. God bless you now and always, *Pastor & Emily Daniels*"



Today, 8/21

2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

Monday, 8/22

6:30 p.m. – Pre-School Parent Orientation
7:00 p.m. – Board of Directors

Tuesday, 8/23

4:00 p.m. – Open House, Grades K – 8

Wednesday, 8/24

First Day of School!
Noon – Bulletin, Calendar & Announcement Deadline
6:30 p.m. – Parent Orientation, K – 8

Thursday, 8/25

10:00 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study

Sunday, 8/28

8:30 a.m. -“The Well” Service
10:45 a.m. -Traditional Service w/ Communion
Noon – Church Picnic – Potluck
4:00 p.m. - Well Rehearsal

Looking ahead to September:

Saturday, September 10 – Sister2Sister Event
Sunday, September 11 – Congregational Voters’ Meeting, noon – 2 p.m., for passing of Church and School budgets.
Sunday, September 11 – Junior/Senior Youth Pizza Party, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
Sunday, September 18 – OWLS Luncheon, noon
Wednesday, September 21 – Hispanic Ministry Resumes



Happy Birthday to:

8/22 Jan Webb
8/23 Jeff Strahm
8/24 Rosie Thompson
8/25 Meg Lorenz
8/26 Andrew Golden
8/26 Kay Moose
8/28 Debbie Sayles

Happy Anniversary to:

8/24 Tom & Jan Baldwin – 31 years
8/25 Don & Clare Adamick – 54 years
8/26 Michael & Carla Rowe – 9 years



St. John’s Prayer Needs

We pray for St. John’s congregation and school
Pastor Less and Family
Principal Mark Edmiston
Director of Admissions Tom Baldwin
Our called workers and staff
Frances Burmeister
Mike 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: Steve Golden, Chairman, Bill Thorpe, Vice Chairman, Nathan Kottlowski, Secretary, Judy Meisinger, Dot Anderson

We remember those who are homebound:

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| <i>Harry Armstrong</i> | <i>Frances Chambers</i> |
| <i>Millie Tetzlaff</i> | <i>Irene Whitener</i> |
| <i>Chris Johnston</i> | <i>Marty Loper</i> |
| <i>Dorothy Zick</i> | |

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

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| <i>Becky Baker</i> | <i>David Penno</i> |
| <i>Bill Lonnecker</i> | <i>Bambi Braun</i> |
| <i>Jack Fordham</i> | <i>Mike Timms</i> |
| <i>Bob Hoisington</i> | <i>Arline Urban</i> |
| <i>Gene Rapier</i> | <i>JoAnn Klein</i> |
| <i>Eva Hammaker</i> | <i>Katie Goad</i> |
| <i>(Donna Gronewoller’s mother)</i> | |

For those recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

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| <i>Rose Crafton</i> | <i>Fred Neise</i> |
| <i>Marty Loper</i> | <i>Nancy Roberts</i> |
| <i>Nathan Kottlowski</i> | <i>Bill Roth</i> |
| <i>Mary Lee</i> | <i>Millie Tetzlaff</i> |
| <i>Albert Sawicki</i> | <i>Glenda Lackey</i> |
| <i>(Bruce Sawicki’s dad)</i> | <i>Bill and Karen Cole</i> |

Christine Mann
Carole Frioli
Jeanette Allred
David Genevie
Vickie Hutto

Debbie Baronowski
Ann Carney
Stan Moeller
Martha Burke

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
Janna Less

Praise & Thanksgiving

Nicole Shannon, expecting a son in November (prayers requested by her parents, Dave & Jan Lundmark)

Persecution Prayer

For years an Islamist rebel group has been trying to uproot Christians from the northeast area of the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa. In the latest attack on Saturday, August 13, at least 36 people were killed. These ongoing attacks have led to the obliteration of small villages, church closings, thousands of displaced people who are seeking both food and shelter, and a very real possibility of starvation for many. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, who face attacks, rape, looting, kidnap and murder on an almost weekly basis. Pray for the pastors who administer to the needs of their congregations while facing the same problems themselves.

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

Opportunity for Service: We are looking for a couple of people to assist with maintaining the church's Facebook page. If you are interested, please see Pastor Keith.

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.

Rev Dr. Keith G. Less, Pastor

Office Hours

7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday & Wednesday

7:30 a.m. -1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday

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443-480-3075 (cell)

revkeith54@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

If you have any announcements of activities that resume in September, please provide complete information to the church office so that your items may be included in the September Calendar and News. DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER CALENDAR ITEMS IS THIS WEDNESDAY, 8/24/16, AT NOON. Thank you!

