



Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
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8:30 a.m. – The Well
(Contemporary Service)
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

Sunday, September 18, 2016 – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Corner

Why do we do a confession and absolution at the beginning of every service? The actual worship service is begun after the confession. What takes place before that is the preparation for worship. Think of it as an athlete preparing for competition. They stretch, they focus mentally, they get their heads in the moment. Confession works like that in many ways. However, the more important reason is that, since we don't normally practice private confession, we use the public or corporate confession to unburden ourselves of the sins of the past week. We are also reminded that we are sinners in need of the power of God in our Baptisms on a daily and ongoing basis. We are never free of that situation or the need in this life. Confession prepares us to meet God in worship free of the burden of sin and the cares that have weighed us down this past week. It is a refreshment for us and a reminder of our gracious and merciful God who makes us His children through Christ Jesus.

Pastor Keith

Thank you, Pastor Eric Hollar, for serving us in worship and Bible study this morning during Pastor Keith's absence.

Participation last week, September 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 66
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 136
Nursery: 5

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 Nancy & Gary Brake in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren and in honor of Gary's mom, Susan Thorpe.

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

Ushers for September:

John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman

Altar Guild for September:

Renee Henderson, Jackie Downey

Crisis Control Items Needed for September

Grits and Oatmeal

Lock-ups for September

Wes Walker, Carl Schlotzhauer, Glenn Rullman

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!

- Adult class in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Less, studying the book of Romans

Children's Sunday School also meets from 9:45 – 10:30.

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the After School Room, #101. The study "Mirror Mirror," Reflections on God's Word by Susan Senechal will continue to encourage you to dig into Scripture, make personal application of God's Word on your own life and help you see yourself as He sees you. 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. 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.

Youth Confirmation Class: This class will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, beginning September 28.

Thursday Evening Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. in the eighth grade classroom (downstairs). You can enter from the parking lot. The source for the continuing study of Galatians will be Luther's Commentary on Galatians. Contact Bill Thorpe for additional information.

Adult Instruction Classes will meet in the sixth grade classroom at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings beginning September 22. Please contact Pastor Keith if you are interested in participating in these classes, 443-480-3075 or revkeith54@gmail.com.



Today, 9/18

Noon – OWLs Luncheon
2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. – Sr. Youth

Tuesday, 9/20

10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. – Elders' Prayer & Praise

Wednesday, 9/21

8:30 a.m. – Chapel
Noon – Bulletin & Announcement Deadline
5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Dinner
6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Tutoring
7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 9/22

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. – Adult Instruction
7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study

Sunday, 9/25

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" Service w/ Communion
9:45 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service
4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Senior Youth
7:00 p.m. – Keyboard Concert by Frances Burmeister

Altar Flowers – There are openings in November and December. Please sign in the book in the narthex if you would like to have flowers in memory or in honor of someone. Thank you.

Music Notes: Actively looking for new members for the Adult Choir! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. starting this week, September 7. The Sunday morning schedule is a bit complicated. Group I meets at 9:00 for warmup and touchup. These singers then go to Bible Class. Group II meets at 10:00 and has the same warmup and touchup. These are the non-Bible Class singers. At 10:25 the two groups meet in the Chancel and run through the anthem.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year! *Frances*

A Musical History Tour of the Keyboard will be presented next Sunday in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. with Frances Burmeister playing the clavichord, harpsichord and fortepiano.

Women in Mission

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observance of LWML Sunday. Based on Psalm 66:5 and John 1:35-51, the theme chosen for LWML Sunday 2016 is "Come and See." This special service will be used at the 10:45 service on October 2.

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).

Completed shawls/lap-afghans are going to be dedicated next Sunday, half in each service. It is quite a collection to behold.

This afternoon, the group will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Katie and Jeff Goad, 3960 Talcott Ave, W-S 27106 (in the area of Reynolda Road and Shattalon Dr.). You are invited to bring projects to share with the group. Please give Katie a call (336-924-6977) to let her know if you will be coming. Even if you cannot knit or crochet, you are welcome to join the camaraderie. Hope to see you there!

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.



Our outreach ministry to our Hispanic neighbors will begin again this Wednesday, September 21st, 2016. We offer a light meal from 5:30 to 6:00 and then help the children with their homework.

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!

Report from the Mexico Mission Team

It is hard to understand how blessed we are to live comfortably in the United States. To help visualize this, imagine yourself and your entire family living out of one bedroom of your house, without access to adequate sanitation, heat, or electricity. For most of Tijuana, Mexico, this is a stark reality; sadly, even this seemingly horrible situation is unattainable for many.

In June, eight St. John's members and three friends, among other brothers and sisters in Christ, helped touch the lives of a family of eight through building them a 12'x12' house in Tijuana. We were connected to this family through Jesus Christ — they were part of the family of El Divino Salvador (The Divine Savior) Lutheran Church, a ministry St. John's has worked alongside in Tijuana for around 20 years. Even though we were strangers to this family, the Lord used us as tools to further the message of salvation in this community of great need. The last family for whom we built a house became regular members of the El Divino ministry — a connection made possible through the calling of the Spirit in our hearts.

Upon the dedication of the new house, the family offered a few words of thanks to us. The father, overcome with happiness and emotion, told us, "This home may be small, but if you ever return to Tijuana, this house will be your house too." Much akin to the generosity and heart of this family, the previous family for whom we built a house became regular members of the El Divino ministry — newfound beacons of Jesus in their community. These are connections made possible through the calling of the Spirit, ones that strengthen the community of Tijuana as well as ours in Winston-Salem.

Prayers of thanksgiving for health and safety for the entire team, on-time flights, good weather and a vehicle that worked perfectly (until the electrical system gave out several miles outside of the San Diego Airport, just before returning for home). Also pray for the family of Rafael and Maria, and their six children, for their new home and for their new lives in Christ.

Grahame Evans, on behalf of: Meredith Johnson, Avery Johnson, Zach Andrews, Gigi Andrews, Sophia D'Agostino, Arel D'Agostino, Ethan Evans, Lynne Wagenknecht, Christopher Evans, Pastor Phil McLain

Items for the October calendar must be in the church office no later than noon this Wednesday, September 21. Thank you.

Thank You

Dear St. John's Family:

I would like to thank you for the cards, meals, and prayers that I have received while recuperating from my retina surgery. Bob and I were overwhelmed with the care and support from our St. John's Family. We are so blessed to be part of this congregation. My recovery is going well and my eyesight has improved! We thank God for each of you!

In Christ,

Martha Burke

Get Your St. John's Cookbook! 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.



Happy Birthday to:

9/19 – Irene Whitener
9/20 – Kyle Baronowski
9/20 – Steven Shannon
9/21 – Teddy Deranamie
9/21 – Nathan Gronewoller
9/21 – Steve Lorenz
9/22 – Sonya Hamilton
9/22 – Kiri Less
9/22 – Tracy Price
9/22 – Taryn Strahm
9/22 – Joe Yates
9/23 – RJ Reynolds
9/23 – Bruce Sawicki



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
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: Steve Golden, Chairman, Bill Thorpe, Vice Chairman, Nathan Kottowski, Secretary, Judy Meisinger, Dot Anderson.

We remember those who are homebound:

Harry Armstrong, Frances Chambers, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Jan Plott, Gene Rapier, Millie Tetzlaff, Irene Whitener, Dorothy Zick

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Barb Aron (Ann Carney's sister), Becky Baker (Martha Tegeler's daughter), Bambi Braun, Joel Christiansen, Jack Fordham, Katie Goad, Eva Hammaker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, JoAnn Klein (Kathy Schwabe's cousin), Glenda Lackey, Bill Lonnecker, Steve Miller, David Penno (Linda Pennucci's brother), Gene Rapier, Mike Timms, Arline Urban, Judy Winkler (Alice Mierisch's sister-in-law), Debbie Wright (friend of the Baldwins)

For those recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

Jeanette Allred, Wade Burlson (Holly Wilson's neighbor), Vickie Hutto, Mary Lee (Clarice George's mother), Stan Moeller (Sam Drouillard's cousin), Chloe Mount (Dot Cleary's granddaughter and Bruce and Kathleen Sawicki's niece), Albert Sawicki (Bruce Sawicki's dad), Susan Thorpe (Gary Brake's 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

For those who mourn: *The family of Anna Mae Forsthoefel, Mike Pennucci's grandmother, upon her death last Sunday.*

The family of Janna Less, daughter of Pastor Keith and Denise and sister of Kiri, upon her death on Saturday, September 10. The funeral service will be here at St. John's at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, the 24th.

Persecution Prayer

Christians in the Middle East face the risk of death for what they believe. Unimaginable situations have forced thousands of them to leave their homes, surviving in almost impossible circumstances. LHM's ministry center in Lebanon provides food for body and soul and other relief to displaced persons from Syria, Iraq, and other countries. Pray for those who have been displaced. Pray for those providing for their needs. We are so blessed in the USA; consider sharing financial support with those who have lost everything except their faith in Jesus.

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.

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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