



St. John's
LUTHERAN
Church & School

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, September 23, 2018 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Congregational Voters Meeting – DATE CHANGE!

The voters' meeting is scheduled for **October 14, 2018**. The time is to be determined. The agenda will include voting on the 2018-2019 budget and the new BoD members. The two candidates for the BoD slate to replace Judy Meisinger and Nathan Kottlowksi are Steve Lorenz and Bob Kretzschmar.

Stewardship Note

- A) As you can see in these announcements attendance last Sunday was very low due to the storm.
- B) Vacation season is over.
- C) How do "A" and "B" fit together?

If you are one of our many folks who put your offering in weekly or only when you come to worship – please consider "making up" those missed offerings from vacations or hurricane. (Great combo, huh. LOL) - Pastor

Thank you from Gwen and Pastor Tom

Folks continue to just reach out and pour blessings upon us! Cards, prayers, fixing the house up (It's fantastic), welcoming Gwen, and many kind words. Thank You! You greatly bless us.

Thank You!

I would like to send my sincerest gratitude to the St. John's community for your outpouring of compassion to the Ashby and Smith families while they come to terms with the loss of Kim. Specifically, I would like to thank Pastor Clocker for comforting the family and his message of hope, Mike Zeoli for performing the music after I had promised to do so but was unavailable, the women of St. John's for preparing the bereavement gathering, and everyone who attended the funeral to support the family. Blessings, Dennis Shea

Calling All Singers!

This one is for you if you like to sing but cannot make the Sunday morning choir commitment! Join us in a **Christmas concert** to be held on **Sunday, December 2** at 4:00 P.M. The concert is called Carols from Around the World and features both old and new carols. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 8:00 – 9:00 starting October 3. Park at the rear of the church, go to the center entrance, and ring the doorbell.

Missing Keys

If you have borrowed a set of Elder's keys, please return them to the church office.

CAROLINAS DISTRICT LWML NEWS

Cheryl Wulfert was elected **President** of the Carolinas District LWML at its convention last weekend. She will serve as president for the next 4 years. We wish God's blessings on Cheryl as she serves in this position and ask that you pray for Cheryl as she continues to serve the Lord with gladness!

Camp Linn Haven Family Weekend

Our annual Camp Linn Haven Family Weekend will be held **October 5-7, 2018**. Please join us for a great weekend of food, fellowship, and fun! The leaves should be starting to turn in the mountains by this time and it should be a cool weekend that includes campfires and roasting marshmallows! Teirsa Lane, Camp Manager and Cook, will provide our usual delicious meals. The forms are located in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please call Martha Burke at 336-766-0575! Hope to see you there for a relaxing weekend!

Are you a Thrivent member?

The PTO is requesting anyone who is a Thrivent member to please think about applying for an "action" team project for the Carnival. It is scheduled for Nov. 2 and will be here before we turn around. If the project is approved, Thrivent will send a \$250 gift card to assist with the project. As you know, this greatly cuts down on the carnival expenses and increases our profits.

Contact Nancy Daniels if you have any questions
nancy.daniels@volvo.com

Coffee Helpers needed!

The church is in need of **2 or more** people to make coffee on Sunday mornings. Four volunteers would mean making coffee **1 Sunday a month** starting September 16.

Coffee is currently being made at 8:00 am so the Well singers can get a cup before service. Other option is coffee being made at 9:00 am for bible study.

Volunteers can contact me Clarice George at 336-692-0031 or the Church secretary at 336-725-1651.

Forsyth Backpack Program

There are many ways to donate to this event. A check can be written to St. John's designated for the Forsyth Backpack Program or money can be put into the Forsyth Backpack Program box that is located in the school foyer. Also on the **third Sundays** of the month until the end of the year, a **free will offering** will be taken after church services for this outreach program. Please check the poster in the social hall for our progress. Any extra monies will be used to sponsor another packing event in the future. Thank you so much for your support for the children in our community!

Call Committee

We have received a new candidate list from the District. We will begin the process of vetting the candidates. Please pray for the Call Committee as we search for our permanent shepherd.

Sunday Morning Bible

I'm going to try a **new study plan** to keep things "fresh" with some variety.

First Week of Month: OT Lesson (Exodus)

Second Week of Month: NT Lesson (Philippians)

Third, Fourth, (Fifth) Week of Month: Gospel Lesson (Matthew)

Please join us. It's a large class so you won't be called on, don't have to read out loud, etc. Just be blessed by the Word! (and good fellowship)

Small Group Sunday Bible Class

What is the miracle of forgiveness? What is it not? The Small Group Bible Study Class will tackle these questions (and more) this Sunday as we meet in the Teacher's Workroom. We welcome you to join us in this discussion.

Hispanic Ministry Tutoring

It's that time of year again!! Our outreach ministry to our Hispanic Neighbors will began on **Wednesday September 12th**. We will offer a light meal **from 5:30 to 6:00** for students & tutors. Then we 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 contact Kris Gartley, Kathleen Sawicki or Cheryl Wulfert with questions!

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF)

There are 2 Women's Classes to choose from:

1. Day Class meets at College Park Baptist Church, 1701 Polo Rd. W-S, @ 9:30AM every Wednesday

2. Evening Class meets at Northwest Baptist Church, 407 Petree Rd. W-S, @ 6:30PM every Thursday

If you have any questions, see Gwen Clocker.

Adopt-A-Student Program

There are several children at St. John's who receive need based discounts due to their inability to pay full tuition. These funds do not go to the family or student. The parents/guardians continue to pay what they have been paying. The funds cover the lost income at St. John's from the discounted tuition.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of the new Adopt-A-Student Program! Envelopes are in the back of the church.

Teddy Deranamie – Chemotherapy to begin

From Victoria: Teddy had his central line placed this morning, he's back in his room resting comfortably (awake). Chemotherapy has started. Pray for Teddy's recovery.

1. Consider supporting Teddy and Victoria financially, as you are able. Every \$1 or \$10 or more is a huge blessing. Go to <https://cota.org/campaigns/cotaforteameddyd>

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study

Please join us at 10:00am each Tuesday for THE WORD from Acts (and coffee!). We will meet in the School Library.

On the 4th Tuesday of each month we will stay for sack lunch and games.

Call Dot Cleary for any questions. #336-767-4116

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Has resumed and we meet at 7:00 p.m. in the 8th Grade/Science classroom downstairs. You may enter from the front parking lot using the outside door to the 7th Grade/Math classroom. We are continuing our study using "The Truth Project" from Focus on the Family. At our first meeting, we will review what we covered this past Spring. Contact Bill Thorpe at wthorpe@triad.rr.com or Rich Essbach at rhcassbach@triad.rr.com with any questions.

Crisis Control for September: Grits/Oatmeal – thank you for your August contributions of 44lbs!

Altar Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Alex Sawicki in honor of his Dad's (Bruce) birthday.



Sunday, 9/23

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" with Holy Communion

9:30 p.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

2:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry (re-scheduled)

Monday, 9/24

9/21 – 9/28 – Book Fair

4:00p.m. – Cross Country @ Triad Baptist

Tuesday, 9/25

10:00a.m. – Senior Bible Study

5:30p.m. – Volleyball @ Salem Baptist

Wednesday, 9/26

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline

5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal

6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Tutoring

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 9/27

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors

6:00 p.m. – PTO meeting

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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).

Ways to support the school:

Reminder: Please re-link your cards for the new 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 Harris Teeter VIC card - #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:

9/23 RJ Reynolds

9/23 Bruce Sawicki

9/26 Mick Long

9/27 Karen Scott

9/28 Gayle Barcio

Happy Anniversary to:

9/27 Stef & Sonya Hamilton (16 years)

9/29 Ted & Sue Frake (39 years)

Intercessory Prayer Warriors:

A group of people led by Rich Essbach 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

Our Board of Directors: Tim Nelson Chairman; Adam Orsborn, Vice-Chair; Nathan Kottlowski, Secretary; Judy Meisinger, Education; Jeff Goad, Finances & Facilities

We remember those who are shut in:

Nancy Brake, Jeannette Dyson, John Fordham, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Marilyn Sagehorn, Millie Tetzlaff

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Marsha Braun (Doris Braun's daughter), Joel Christiansen, Mary Deakle, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Jeanette Dyson, Laura Ference, (friend of Essbach's), Jack Fordham, Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father), Katie Goad, Bob Hoisington, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Jerry Linder, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Rebecca Perry, (Stacey Perry- school secretary's, mother-in-law), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), Gene Rapier, Deb Schoolcraft, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban

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

“Cuco” Burgos, (Cat Burgos’ younger brother), Morris Crafton, Danny Collins, (friend of Nicole Shannon), Teddy Deranamie, Lillian Flichman, (Don & Clare Adamick’s friend), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Avery Johnson, Chris Johnston, (pray that she will be able to go to Arbor Ridge), **Sandy Lyles** (Gwen Clocker’s friend), Don Marzke, (Bruce Sawicki’s Brother-in-Law) Peter Morlock, (friend of Essbach’s), Karl Mount, (Dot Cleary’s son-in-law), Mitch Reimer, (Renee Henderson’s brother), Butch Roberts, Mary Riggs, (online prayer request from a Tracy Chavis), Jacki Rullman, Ron Semple, (Beth Meier’s stepfather), David Sablich, (friend of Rich Essbach), **Kim Taylor**, (Gwen Clocker’s friend), Millie Tetzlaff, Zelda Wilson, (Meg Lorenz’s 1 year old friend).

For those serving in our armed forces; for continued safety and extra comfort if serving away from home:

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

For those on the Call Committee:

Tim Nelson, Laura Nelson, Judy Meisinger, Rose Crafton, Claudia Essbach, Karl Hastings, Stephanie Guelzow, Ben Montgomery, Gregg Vogelsmeier, and Kerstin Walker.

Persecution Prayer:

According to a recent report 53% of ISIS attacks against the public in 2017 were aimed at the Coptic community. These relentless attacks are helping them reach their goal of eliminating Christianity in the area. Currently only 4% of the region’s population is Christian, compared with 20% before the First World War. Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Egypt. Pray that they remain faithful to our Savior. Pray that they can witness their faith to those who persecute them. Pray for the children, that they will grow in their faith under very adverse circumstances.

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

Participation September 16, 2018 – Hurricane Florence

8:30 51
10:45 66
Nursery 2

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.

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203,
revclocker@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**

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
ChurchSecretary@stjohnsws.org

Elder Assignments

Member/families

Bob Burke -----	(A-Bra)
Steve Anderson-----	(Bre-Der)
Rich Essbach -----	(Do-Ga)
Rich Essbach -----	(Ge-Hen)
Larry Bowman-----	(Hes-Kie)
Bill Thorpe-----	(Ko-Lor)
Mark Meier -----	(Lov-O)
Mark Meier -----	(P-R)
Dale Mierisch -----	(S)
Rob Schwabe-----	(T-Z)