



Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway
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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 25, 2016 – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Corner

Dear family of St. John's, We have only just really gotten here and you have been asked to step into a situation that would baffle a pastor and congregation with a much longer history. Denise, Kiri and I can't begin to tell you how cared for we have been during this singularly tragic event. The cards, visits, food, flowers, and many kindnesses have not only touched us, but held us up. You have embraced a stranger in your midst. Truly you are God's children doing the heavy and hard work of caring for the broken. We can never, ever thank you enough. "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4 We are truly blessed to be in your midst.

Pastor Keith

Participation last week, September 18, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 91
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 109
Nursery: 8

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 Sue & Ted Frake in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary.

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

Ushers for October:

Bob Hoisington, Holly Richardson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel

Altar Guild for October:

Mary Rochester, Sarah Strahm

Crisis Control Items Needed for October:

Boxed dinners (like Hamburger Helper)

Lock-ups for October:

Don Adamek, Don Henderson, Carl Schlotzhauer

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 meets in the sixth grade classroom at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings.



Today, 9/25

4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. – Sr. Youth
7:00 p.m. – Keyboard concert by Frances Burmeister

School Book Fair This Week in Library

Monday, 9/26

6:30 p.m. – Board of Directors

Tuesday, 9/27

10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study
5 – 9 p.m. – Zaxby's School Spirit Night

Wednesday, 9/28

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

Thursday, 9/29

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

Sunday, 10/2 – LWML Sunday

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

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:

Like to sing but cannot make a long commitment to rehearsals? We are inviting the community (and you, too!) to join us in a Christmas concert to be held on Sunday, November 27 at 7:00 P.M. Featured works are the Vivaldi *Gloria* (the Song of the Angels) accompanied by a small orchestra, along with some seasonal carols. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:15 – 8:15 starting October 5. Each singer is asked to contribute \$10 to help cover the cost of sheet music. Hope to see you and hear you! *Frances*

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

WOMEN IN MISSION ARE BACK AT IT!!

"Hospice & Palliative Care" will be our next trip outside the walls of St. John's. Join us on the morning of October 17, 2016 as we take breakfast at 8 AM to share with family and friends.

Want to help and/or come with us? Sign up on the bulletin board by the church office. Call Mary Rochester with any questions.

Gayle Whitlach from Treasure Coast Mission Coalition will be sharing some of her experiences during the Chapel Service on October 12 and the LWML meeting on October 10. Come and join us at either, or both times, to see what you can do to help spread the Gospel message by serving others from home, or by going into a local or international mission field. We will be taking donations of school supplies of all kinds, to distribute "because Jesus loves us and has blessed us" so we may be a blessing to others. There will be a collection box in the school lobby and one in the fellowship hall for the school supplies. See more detailed list on the church bulletin board, or see Bettie Irsch.

LWML SUNDAY IS COMING OCTOBER 2. Pull out your purple/gold and join us at the late worship service as we praise, thank and learn under the theme "Come and See" based on Psalm 66:5. This service was written by Dr. Leopoldo A. Sanchez. Want to be an Usher? Speak to Mary Rochester.

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 on October 16. It is quite a collection to behold.

The next meeting of the group will be at 2:00, October 16, at the home of Ann Carney, 5920 Greenhaven Dr, W-S. You are invited to bring projects to share with the group. Please give Ann a call (336-602-1232) 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.

FREE TUTORING

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

at St. John's Lutheran
Church & School



Our outreach ministry to our Hispanic neighbors began last 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!



Happy Birthday to:

9/26 – Mick Long
9/27 – Karen Scott
9/28 – Gayle Barcio
9/30 – Kerstin Walker
10/2 – Micah Wells

Happy Anniversary to:

9/27 – Stef & Sonya Hamilton – 14 years
9/29 – Ted & Sue Frake – 37 years

YARD SALE – Girl Scout Troop 2495 will be having a yard sale next Saturday, October 1, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Epiphany Lutheran Church on Silas Creek Parkway. Hannah Lorenz is a member of this troop. They are raising money for their Bronze Award, to support the Humane Society. Donations are accepted. If you have questions, call Hannah or her mom, Meg, at 336-624-0061. Thank you for your support.

Jr/Sr Youth Event on Sunday, October 23 – Kersey Valley Maize Adventure. Watch for details.



Join St. John's School on Tuesday during the hours from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Zaxby's location next to Hobby Lobby at 3840 Oxford Station Way. Invite friends, neighbors, church members and family! 10% of ALL sales go to St. John's.

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 will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 15 from 2-4pm in the parking lot. If anyone wants to participate by decorating a trunk, please sign up on the form on the bulletin boards. We are looking for donations of candy and small trinkets to help supply the teacher's trunks. Please give any donated items to Sonia Davidson or place in the basket by her office. Stay tuned for more details. Thanks for your support.

"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.



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 Kottlowski, 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), Doris Carroll (Sonya Davidson's mother), Ted Frake, Bobbi & Dean Hoegemeyer (friends of Rich Essbach), 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), Natalie Zitzelsberger (Dale & Alice Mierisch's granddaughter)

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

Persecution Prayer

North Korea is ranked #1 on the World Watch List, which gives the top 50 countries engaged in persecution of Christian citizens. The ramp up of tensions between the USA and North Korea means increased danger for Christians living there. We have no concept of the conditions under which they live on a daily basis. Pray for our fellow Christians, that God will use their hostile environment for good and for His purpose.

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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Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship