



St. John's
LUTHERAN
Church & School

Weekly News

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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 8, 2019 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Baptism!

Today during Late Service we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. **Marian Markey Bredenberg**, granddaughter of John & Helen Bredenberg, born September 2, 2018.

Voters Meeting – Next Sunday!

The voter's meeting will be **Sunday, September 15, 2019** following late service.

Meal Train for the Edmiston's

A meal calendar has been created for the Edmiston's, if you would like to provide them a meal, rather than contacting them, please visit the following link to sign up for a day that works for you & they have requested food be brought by. <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/y2n1e1>

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel.orsborn@gmail.com or 402-960-2721.

Come join us for the New Prayer Warriors

Spend an hour in **PRAYER** for St. Johns. We are still meeting on **Thursday mornings (9:30-10:30) in the sanctuary**. We only pray...no interruptions and everyone can choose to participate! We are following a new format!! We have a focus for our time together which comes from a Bible verse. Next, we read aloud Jesus' connection and/or Christian authors' quotes about our focus for the day. That's followed by definitions of our focus. Now we start our Intercession by preparing our hearts for prayer. We read aloud "putting on the armor of God" from Ephesians 6:10-18. Our second step here is to confess our sins silently and receive forgiveness. (We've learned that to pray with unforgiven sins is to prevent God's answer. The Bible makes this clear: "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the LORD would not have listened." Psalm 66:18). Our forgiveness of sins comes from various Bible verses like I John: 8-9. During our time of Intercession, we pray for on-going weekly requests and specific requests that we have received from others. As Christians, we believe that prayer is very important to our faith walk as we grow closer to Him, our Savior, and for the church's service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE COME AND HELP US LIFT OUR ADORATION, THANKSGIVING, AND REQUESTS TO OUR THRONE OF HIS GRACE!

New Members Sunday

On Reformation Sunday (October 27th), we will recognize all our new members who have begun attending in the last year or so.

If you need to get a transfer from your previous congregation please e-mail the church office so Kerstin can process that for you.

If you have never belonged to a Lutheran congregation please let Pastor Tom know so we can arrange membership classes for you. revclocker@gmail.com

Church & School BBQ – Save the Date! **Saturday, October 19th – more info coming!**

A Taste of Kenya

Save the date, the next Taste of Kenya Dinner will be **Saturday, September 28, 5-7pm**. Experience the Kenyan culture and a delicious Kenyan meal prepared by Sister Purity Ruchugo, the founder of Sister2Sister International Outreach Ministry. All proceeds from the dinner go to building the school in Kenya.

Music Notes

Actively looking for new members for the Adult Choir. Ability to read music is not required but a willingness work hard is. **Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 starting September 4**. The Sunday morning schedule is a bit complicated. Group I meets at 9:00 for warmup and touchup. These singers then go to Bible Study. Group II meets at 10:00 and has the same warmup and touchup. These are the non-Bible Study singers. At 10:25 the two groups meet in the Chancel and run the anthem.

At our first rehearsal we will share a potluck supper at 6:00 at the church and then rehearse at 7:00. Try it out – join us! I'm looking forward to an exciting year! - Frances

Cancer Prayer Service – Today!

September is here and let's turn to fitness in our journey. Jimmy Johnson from the Jerry Long YMCA will be the speaker. He is the Associate Engagement Director - Wellness at the YMCA who does the Livestrong class. The Livestrong class is designed is a 12 week small group program for adult cancer survivors who are post treatment up to five years. This program is designed to

help in physically and emotional strength to return to their normal life or their New normal life. The weekly 90 minute sessions are adjusted to the individual's ability level. Always know you are all invited to attend and learn what our community has to offer those in the journey.

Women's Mountain Retreat – November 1-3, 2019

Hello, Girlfriends!

Wishing you could sneak away for a relaxing time in the mountains? We've got the perfect plan!

Cozy Mountain Lodge is a relaxing mountain lodge themed retreat the women of our church are doing together. It includes worship, Bible study, and time for laughter as well as time for quiet reflection.

We'll begin at 7:30 pm on **Friday November 1** (dinner on your own beforehand) and will finish by 11 a.m. on Sunday November 3. Our retreat will be held at the **YMCA Blue Ridge Retreat Center in Black Mountain, NC**, and the cost is \$170 per person, which covers 2-nights' lodging in our own lodge, 4 meals, a T-shirt, & other goodies. Financial assistance is available-we don't want the expense to keep interested women from joining us! We'll supply some refreshments but please bring any snacks/beverages you'd like to share.

Contact Kathleen Sawicki (Kathleen@kb-promotions.net) or Beth Meier (beth.fordhammeier@gmail.com) for more information. **There is still time to join us!**

Take time to relax, to make new friends, to worship, and to draw closer to God. We hope you'll join us at Cozy Mountain Lodge.

Tuesday Morning Senior Women's Bible Study

We will be starting the "New Fall Season" by studying the Books of 1 & 2 Timothy & Titus!!! Join us for coffee as we study how these words will show us how to protect and pass on the true Gospel of Jesus Christ! We will continue to have "sack lunch & games" on the 4th Tuesday of every month after class.

You are all invited to join us! Any questions contact Dot Cleary - #336-767-4116.

Thursday Evening Bible Study Began Sept. 5th

We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke. Using John MacArthur's study guide Luke, we will begin with Chapter 7. MacArthur devotes two chapters to "Christ's Lessons and Parables". MacArthur defines the parable "as a long analogy, often cast in the form of a story" . When it refers to the Biblical parables, a better definition may be: "A miracle is a parable in works; a parable is a miracle in words" (John Lockyer).

If you did not attend in the Spring, no problem – we are studying Luke, reading and studying each verse. So join us each **Thursday** this Fall at **7 PM** in the Library for about one hour. Contact Bill Thorpe or Rich Essbach for more information.

Please be sure doors are locked!

Lately several exterior doors have been left unlocked. Please be sure when you leave to check the doors and pull them shut. The safety of the children in our care could depend on this simple action.

Sunday Mornings 9:45 in Fellowship Hall

Please join Pastor Tom and others for some time in God's Word. We are currently finishing up the Lord's Prayer. Lessons are fairly "self-contained" so you don't have to make it every week to keep up sooo....Drop in any Sunday!

Name Tags

Number One: Please wear your name tags! It is a simple thing to do that greatly helps our newer members know and learn our names.

Number Two: If you need a name tag, **Please make a note on the attendance pads.** We will order new ones in a couple of weeks.

Speaking of Name Tags

Don't forget our **Five Minute Rule.** For the first five minutes after service introduce yourself and speak to someone, you do not already know. Especially try to speak to visitors. Then, greet your friends.

Email Address updates:

We would be most appreciative if you can send your updated email address to Kerstin or notate on the pew pads. churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org Thanks in advance for your help. This will help us keep our St John's email address list "current" and assure that we will be able to forward important messages to you when necessary.

Fruit of the Spirit notecards

Get your St. John's Lutheran Banner notecards. Cards are only \$10 and they make great gifts. Please see Kerstin in the church office or during bible study to purchase a box. All proceeds go to St. John's Lutheran Church and School.

Sunday Small Group Bible Class

The Sunday Small Group Bible Class will continue the discussion about witnessing to those around us. Join us as we consider how to talk with "head", "heart", and "hand" friends. See you at 9:45 Sunday morning.

Bible Study Opportunities at St. John's Sunday's

- 9:45am – Pastor Tom's Class (Social Hall)
- 9:45am – Dot Anderson's Class (Teachers Workroom)

Tuesday's

- 10:00am – Senior Women's (Library)

Thursday's

- **7:00pm – Adult Bible Study (Library – begins Sept 5)**

Crisis Control for September: Rice (1lb. bags) thank you for your August donations of 27 lbs.!

Altar Flowers Today – Are given to the Glory of God by John & Helen Bredenberg in honor of Marian Markey's baptism.



Sunday, 9/8

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Baptism of Marian Markey Bredenberg
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
2:00 p.m. – Cancer Prayer Service

Tuesday, 9/10

10:00 a.m. – Senior Bible Study
5:00 p.m. – Spirit Night – Red Robin – Hanes Mall
6:30 p.m. – Elders

Wednesday, 9/11

Announcements due 12 noon
8:30 a.m. – Chapel

Thursday, 9/12

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors
7:00 p.m. – Adult Bible Study

Sunday, 9/15

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Voters Meeting following 2nd service

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!

- **Link your Harris Teeter** VIC card - #2929
- **Link your Lowes Foods card to our school.**
<https://rewards.lowesfoods.com/Account/SelectCard?mode=CartToClass> to sign up
- **Publix**
- **Box Tops – place tops in mailbox in lobby**
- **Coke Give – bottle caps, can case codes put in mailbox in lobby**

- **Shoparoo – app download – St. John's Day School – take pictures of your receipts, earn points.**

Upcoming Games /Meets (Volleyball/Cross Country)

Volleyball – SJS vs. Salem Baptist – Sept. 6 – 4:00pm
– SJS @ Burlington – Sept. 10 – 4:00pm
Cross Country – Salem Baptist – Sept. 9 – 4:00pm

Upcoming Scrip Deadlines

Sunday, September 15, 9pm – Delivery on Thurs. Sept 19th
Sunday, October 13, 9pm – Delivery on Thurs. Oct. 17
Sunday, November 17, 9pm – Delivery on Thur. Nov. 21

Spirit Nights

Sept 10th – Red Robin – Hanes Mall – 5-8pm
Sept 26th – Jason's Deli- Hanes Mall Blvd across from Home Depot – 5-8pm
Oct 8th – Hwy 55 (Burgers, Shakes, & Fries) - 386 E. Hanes Mill Rd – 4pm-7pm
Oct. 15th – Dairi-O – 1207 W. Clemmonsville Road (off Peters Creek Parkway) – 5-8pm



Happy Birthday to:

9/9 Lin Johnson
9/10 Nancy Livengood
9/11 Grant Summerton
9/11 Andy Witner
9/13 Mara Henderson

Happy Anniversary to:

9/11 Don & Renee Henderson

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 Teachers
- Our Staff
- Frances Burmeister
- Michael Zeoli
- Board of Elders

Our Board of Directors: Adam Orsborn Chairman; Tim Nelson, Steve Lorenz, Jeff Goad, Pat Hall

We remember those who are shut in:

Chris Johnston, Kay Moose, Mary Riggs, Millie Tetzlaff,

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Mary Deakle, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father), Clarice George, Katie Goad, Isaiah Hall – 2 yrs old, battling Leukemia, (son of a friend of Pastor Tom) Melody Hawkins, (Nancy Livengood' s cousin), Bob Jordan, (Jamie Deal's uncle) , Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Steve Miller (Beth Hardin's brother), Rebecca Perry, (Stacey Perry- school secretary's, mother-in-law), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), Gene Rapiet, Kim Taylor, (Pastor's daughter's Mother-in-Law), Frank Williams (Sarah Williams' husband), Cindy Woods (Cancer Prayer Service walk-in).

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

Travis Bane (Cyndi Bane's son), Isabelle Baldwin, (Tom Baldwin's mother), Meredith Cantrell (Lin Johnson's daughter, pregnant with twins), Steve Covington, Teddy Deranemie, Jeanette Dyson, Dave Genevie, Chris Gwaltney, (Debbie Baronowski's son), Whitney Hall, (Anita Hoisington's granddaughter), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Christine Karim, (friend of Rich Essbach), Maddie Kiel, Peter Morlock, (friend of Essbach's), Uncle Steve Morrison & family (Pastor Clocker's son-in-law's uncle), Jean Nelson (Tim Nelson's mom), Florence Renken (John Renken's wife), Butch Roberts, Kiel Ross, (Jan Lundmark's granddaughter), Jean Rudolph, Jacki Rullman, David Sablich, (friend of Rich Essbach), Lucas Shannon (upcoming eye surgery 9/27), Millie Tetzlaff, Frank Williams (Sara Williams husband, Steve Covington's brother-in-law), Zeld Wilson (3 year old friend of Meg Lorenz)

For those serving in our armed forces; for continued safety and extra comfort if serving away from home:
Dallas Kay Darcy, **Loren Jacobi**, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, **Brad Rullman**, Steven Thorpe,

(Please notify Kerstin in the office if you have any names for our prayer list.

churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org)

Persecution Prayer:

A recently commissioned and released study by the British government states that persecution on grounds of religious faith is a global phenomenon that is growing in scale and intensity. While it is impossible to know the exact numbers of people persecuted for their faith, it is estimated that one third of the world's population suffers from religious persecution in some form, with Christians being the most persecuted group. According to the report, an estimated 80% of persecuted believers around the world are Christians. Pray that world leaders will come together on behalf of those being persecuted. Pray that they remain firm in their faith, and that they become an example to those around them.

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

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)

Participation September 1, 2019

8:30	67
10:45	88
Nursery	3

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.

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