

Sunday, September 9, 2018 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Congregational Voters Meeting

The voters' meeting is scheduled for **September 30, 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.

Altar Flowers needed

There are few open Sunday's over the next 8 weeks. Please see sign up book in the narthex for available dates. This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion.

Cancer Prayer Service today 2:00pm!

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.

LWML District Convention

The LWML District Convention will be held Sept. 14-15, 2018 at Lake Junaluska. The Local unit will be attending, including (Delegate) Mary Rochester, (Delegate) Kathleen Sawicki, Kay Bowman, and Dot Cleary. They will be voting for new officers and projects. Cheryl Wulfert and Janis McDaniels will be running for District President.

The ingathering includes items for the Haywood Pathways Center, such as guest needs, office supplies, dorm needs, and kitchen supplies.

The Key note speaker is the Rev. Dr. Gregory Sellz, formerly of the Lutheran Hour Ministries and will also lead in Bible Study. The attendees will be staying at the Lambuth Inn at Inspiration Point overlooking the lake and mountains. Remember them in your prayers for a safe trip and successful convention.

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.

Kitchen help needed

Rachel is looking for part-time help in the kitchen during lunch hours. She needs help with serving and cleaning up. Hours would be approximately 11:30am – 2:30pm Monday – Friday. Please contact Rachel Reynolds or Mark Edmiston with any questions.

Sunday Morning Bible – Starting September 9

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

Obadiah spoke to the Edomites regarding their national pride. God was displeased with them. Is there a message for us today in his warning to Edom? **Join us as we discuss this topic on Sunday morning in our new location - the Teacher's Work Room at 9:45am.**

Salem Bach Festival

Sept. 13 – 16, 2018. All events are free. See www.homemoravian.org/music@home for more information.

Women in Mission

St. John's Lutheran Women in Mission has recently supported the following organizations:

Crisis Control Ministries

Samaritan Ministries

The Rescue Mission

David & Arianna Shirk

These gifts were made possible by the congregations continued support of our cleaning cloth sales. Thank you!

Hispanic Ministry Tutoring

It's that time of year again!! Our outreach ministry to our Hispanic Neighbors will be again 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) STARTS THIS WEEK!!!

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**

This is a non-denominational Bible Study for all age groups and all levels of Bible knowledge- from beginner to advanced. I, Gwen, HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS STUDY!! I have been attending for 17 years (in 3 different states) and I have learned some new gem of wisdom each week.

This year we will be studying half of the Old Testament's prophets (not including Moses' 5 books). Classes run from September till mid-May. Weekly attendance is not mandated but highly encouraged! IT'S FREE!

This is how it works each week. You get a page of questions to answer using a section of the Bible that you do at home. On class day, you meet in a small group to discuss those questions. Then you attend a lecture that goes over the questions again. Finally, as you leave, you receive several pages of notes that go over the material again along with next week's questions. **THAT'S 4 TIMES YOU GO OVER THE SAME SECTION OF THE BIBLE!!** It is an awesome experience and it is where I have received most of my Bible learning/knowledge. **I HIGHLY SUGGEST YOU GIVE THIS STUDY A TRY!** If you have any questions, see me after worship this Sunday!

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.

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!

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>

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!

Weekly Contributions

In order to help the counters out, if you are putting a loose check in the plate please put your envelope # on the memo line. We also encourage you to use your envelopes. If you do not know your envelope number please contact Don Adamick.

Do you have your name tag?

If you do not have a name tag, please contact Kerstin at the church office and she will order you one. We would like all members to have name tags and use them! Please indicate that you need one when you sign your name in the pew pad.
churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org

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

We will resume **Thursday September 13th at 7PM** 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 Steve & Meg Lorenz in honor of our 14th anniversary!



Sunday, 9/9

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
2:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. – **Cancer Prayer Service**

Tuesday, 9/11

10:00 a.m. – Senior Bible Study
4:00 p.m. – **Volleyball @ Triad Baptist**
5:00 p.m. – **Spirit Night – Chipotle take flyer!**
7:00 p.m. – Elders Prayer/Praise

Wednesday, 9/12

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, 9/13

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors
6:00 p.m. – **PTO meeting**
7:00pm – **Evening Bible Study**

Friday, 9/14

4:00 p.m. – **Volleyball @ Redeemer**

Sunday, 9/16

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. – **Back to School Breakfast**
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
2:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. – **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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!

Upcoming Spirit Night:

Tuesday, Sept. 11 – 5pm – Chipotle – please present flyer. Can be shown from your mobile phone.

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:

9/9 Lin Johnson
9/10 Nancy Livengood
9/11 Grant Summerton
9/11 Andy Witner
9/13 Mara Henderson
9/15 Ted Frake

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 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, MillieTetzlaff

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Kim Ashby (friend of Dennis Shea) at home on hospice, young mother of 3 children, 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), Laura McNeil (friend of Dale & Alice Mierisch), Rebecca Perry, (Stacey Perry- school secretary's, mother-in-law), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), Gene Rapiet, 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, Casey Clocker, Danny Collins, (friend of Nicole Shannon), Teddy Deranamie, Lillian Flichman, (Don & Clare Adamick's friend), Joan Happel, (eye procedure for Macular Degeneration), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Avery Johnson, **Chris Johnston, (pray that she will be able to go to Arbor Ridge)**, Don Marzke, (Bruce Sawicki's Brother-in-Law) Peter Morlock, (friend of Essbach's), Karl Mount, (Dot Cleary's son-in-law), Ben Mullins, (Gwen Clockers, son-in-law's 14 year old cousin), 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), Millie Tetzlaff, Zeldia 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:

Christians remain one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world. According to Open Door USA (a Christian persecution watchdog) every month 255 Christians are killed, 104 are abducted, 180 Christian women are raped, sexually harassed or forced into marriage, 66 churches are attacked and 160 Christians are detained without trial and imprisoned. Pray for the persecuted church throughout the world. Especially pray for Christian women, who are the most vulnerable.

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)
Dale Mierisch-----	(T-Z)

Participation September 2, 2018

8:30	66
10:45	89
Nursery	1

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@stjohns.org