

Weekly News

8:30 a.m. – The Well
(Contemporary Service)
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

Sunday, August 14, 2016 – The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Corner

Have you often wondered why we call certain things in worship by the names that we do? Or, have you wondered what or why we do what we do in worship? Even in the Well there is a certain structure. Have you ever just sat and pondered about worship in general? I bet that many of us even wonder how we ended up with the worship order that we have and what the different parts mean. Over the next several weeks I will be utilizing the Pastor's Corner to explain and clarify the parts of the worship service and even explain why we do some of what we do as liturgical Christians. I hope you will find this beneficial and clarifying.

Pastor Less

"The Well Update": There has been comment recently that Well band instruments are overpowering the vocals. This is difficult to adjust in any space. To help alleviate some of the ambient sound not going thru the sound system and speakers, it has been proposed to add Drum enclosure extensions with lid to The Well band area. This would be a \$400 expense. Any donations to help defray the costs should be marked as 'The Well Sound'.
Thank you – BOE

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 Kae Elliott.

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

Get involved in a Bible Study! Bible Study and Sunday School happens every Sunday from 9:45 - 10:30. Jump in, and **grow** in and in the Word!

- In the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Less.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study begins again on August 25, 2016 at 10:00am. 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.

Truth Seekers Bible Class

The Truth Seeker Bible Class has completed its study of Islam and will now join Pastor's class in the Fellowship Hall until further notice.

Church Picnic

The Fellowship Ministry Team would like to invite you to a picnic to **WELCOME PASTOR KEITH ("PK"), DENISE & KIRI TO ST. JOHN'S** on Sunday, August 28, immediately following the late church service. The picnic will be on our campus (Inside or outside is TBD based on the weather). Let's **CELEBRATE & WELCOME** the LESS FAMILY into our ST. JOHN'S FAMILY. Please bring your lawn chairs, games and a side dish/condiments to share (a sign-up sheet is posted on bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall). Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Meier.

Why: To welcome the Less family & to celebrate our St. John's family!

When: Sunday, August 28, Noon (following late service)

Where: Fellowship Hall & Campus, St. John's

What to bring: Lawn chairs, games and a side dish/condiments to share (sign-up sheet on bulletin board at Church)



Get Your St. John's Cookbook Today! 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.

Circuit Forum Today!

From July 9-14th, Pastor John Wilson Fair and I attended the 66th LCMS Synod Convention, in Milwaukee, WI. Pastor Fair and I will be available at a Circuit Forum to be held **today at 3:30 pm here** at St. John's Lutheran Church. There we will discuss changes and affirmations taken at this Convention.

Many of the themes listed below were discussed and acted upon:

1. The extent of the authority of the President of the Synod.
2. A review of the funding model for missionaries.
3. Fertility issues.
4. Doctrinal review and evaluation of worship & catechetical practices and materials.
5. Admission to the Lord's Supper.
6. Women in the church and in the military.
7. Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) & Licensed Lay Deacon (LLD) programs.
8. Financial support for Seminary education.
9. Ecclesiastical Supervision & Dispute Resolution.
10. Guidance for addressing public issues in challenging times.

Do you have concerns or questions about any of these topics? Then please plan on attending the Circuit Forum at here today at 3:30pm. Please keep the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in your prayers.

Don Henderson

"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.

Participation last week, August 7, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 82
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 110

Nursery: 3

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.** Amazing saints at St. John's have donated yarn which can be used to make shawls and lap-afghans. There are several easy (and fast) patterns for knitters and crocheters if you'd like to try your hand at making one (or more). Many of the shawls can be started and finished in a couple of weekends, during your lunch break or while watching TV. For those of you who **Scrap Book**, the Shawl Ministry would like to enlist your help to make and donate tags to go with the shawls. Your creative genius and time are the two primary requirements. If you have some scrap booking materials you could donate to make the tags, it would be greatly appreciated! 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)

Ushers for August:

Bob Hoisington, Holly Richardson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel

Alter Guild for August:

Anita Hoisington and Claudia Essbach

Crisis Control Items Needed for August

Jelly

Lock-ups for August

Don Adamick, Nathan Kottlowski
& Carl Schlotzhauer



Falcon Newsletter

We will be sending out a one page update with important dates and lunch menu weekly and a larger newsletter with more content at the end of each month. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact the church office to be sure we have your correct email.

Women in Mission

LEARN AND LAUGH!!

All women are invited to the Carolinas District LWML convention in Summerville, SC September 16-17. Learn what happens to the percentage of your Mites that we distribute in the Carolinas District. Details are on the bulletin board. Registration Deadline is August 31, \$55, and the Holiday Inn Express is \$90 plus tax for up to 4 in a room.

CAMP LINN HAVEN FAMILY WEEKEND

Please join us for a relaxing family weekend at Camp Linn Haven, Linville, NC **September 23-25, 2016**. We always seem to have great food, fellowship, Bible study, devotions, and free time! Pastor Less will be our dean this year. Please give your completed form (found on the table in the back of the church) and deposit to Martha Burke by Sunday, September 18. We need a food count by that date! If you have any questions, give Martha a call at 336-766-0575.



Tues 7/16

7:00 p.m. Elders

Wed 7/17

12:00 p.m. Bulletin & Announcement Deadline

Fri – Sun – LWML Retreat

Sun 7/21

8:30 a.m. -"The Well" Service w/ Communion

10:45 a.m. -Traditional Service

2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry

4:00 p.m. - Well Rehearsal



Happy Birthday to:

8/15 Dave Lundmark

8/15 Andy Sayles

8/16 Teresa Witner

8/18 Stephanie Andrews

8/18 Joan Happel

8/18 Brady Hepner

8/19 Renee Henderson

8/20 Mitchell Price

8/20 Linda Pennucci

8/20 Tom Baldwin

8/21 Dot Anderson



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
Transitional Task Force
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
Millie Tetzlaff Irene Whitener
Chris Johnston Marty Loper
Dorothy Zick

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:
Becky Baker David Penno
Bill Lonnecker Bambi Braun
Jack Fordham Mike Timms
Bob Hoisington Arline Urban
Eva Hammaker JoAnn Klein
(Don Gronewoller's mother)

For those recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

Rose Crafton Fred Neise
Marty Loper Nancy Roberts
Nathan Kottlowski Bill Roth
Mary Lee Millie Tetzlaff
Arlene Sawicki Glenda Lackey
(Bruce Sawicki's mom) Bill and Karen Cole
Christine Mann Katie Goad
Carole Frioli Ann Carney
Jeanette Allred Stan Moeller
Frances Burmeister Gene Rapier
David Genevie

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

Dallas Darcy

Allie Petty

Loren Jacobi

Brad Rullman

Branden Lackey

Jon Tessmann

Andrew Nelson

Kevin Wilson

Tegan Owen

Janna Less

Persecution Prayer

Christians in Pakistan face numerous obstacles in the Muslim-majority nation. For instance, two Christian citizens are facing life imprisonment, even death, for crimes against Islam. In 2009 Asia Bibi and Imran Ghafur were charged and jailed under Pakistan's strict blasphemy laws. Their cases have not been resolved yet. One thing that has made a difference for both is to know that many people worldwide are concerned and praying for them. Continue to pray for Asia, Ghafur, and all Christians who are being persecuted for their love of Jesus. Thank God for the religious freedom we experience in America.

Great News: The Kitchen refrigerator has been repaired and is working again!

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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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

If you have any announcements of activities that resume in September, please provide complete information to the church office so that your items may be included in the September Calendar and News.

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 8:30 a.m. - "The Well" service w/ Communion 10:45 a.m. - Traditional Service 4:00 p.m.- Well Rehearsal	8	9	10 12:00 p.m. - Bulletin & Announcement Deadline	11	12 Pastor's Day off	13
14 8:30 a.m. - "The Well" service 10:45 a.m. - Traditional Service w/ Communion 3:30 p.m. - Circuit Forum 4:00 p.m.- Well Rehearsal	15	16 7:00 p.m. - Elders	17 12:00 p.m. - Bulletin & Announcement Deadline	18	19 Pastor's Day off LWML Retreat thru Sunday	20
21 8:30 a.m. - "The Well" service w/ Communion 10:45 a.m. - Traditional Service 2:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 p.m.- Well Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. - Youth Group	22 6:30 p.m.- Pre-School Parent Orientation	23 4:00 p.m.- Open House Grades K-8	24 First Day of School! 12:00 p.m. - Bulletin & Announcement Deadline 6:30 p.m. - Parent Orientation K-8	25 10:00 a.m.- Women's Bible Study	26 Pastor's Day off	27
28 8:30 a.m. - "The Well" service 10:45 a.m. - Traditional Service w/ Communion 12:00 p.m. - Potluck Picnic 4:00 p.m.- Well Rehearsal	29	30	31 12:00 p.m. - Bulletin & Announcement Deadline	Looking ahead to September Labor Day Sept 5 Jr/Sr Youth Pizza Party Sept 11	Camp Linn Haven Sept 23-25 Sister2Sister Sept 10 OWLS Lunch Sept 18	Hispanic Ministry Resumes Sept 21