



Weekly News

2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
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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 11, 2016 – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Corner

Invocation and how it works: The word "Invocation" comes from the word invoke which is also a derivative from vocalis, meaning to voice or give voice. We get the word vocal from this. To invoke or to perform an invocation is to invite via voice or to speak into the presence of. When the pastor does the Invocation he is literally inviting God into the worship service. However, since God is already present, the Invocation is a reminder that we worship in the presence of God as well as being a sign of respect. Anything can be invited into an experience. For the Christian, to worship in the presence of God is the goal of our efforts. We worship the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we begin every service, no matter how small or low key, with the Trinitarian invocation.

Pastor Keith

Participation last week, September 4, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 93
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 102
Nursery: 4

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 Morris & Rose Crafton in honor of their 19th wedding anniversary.

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

Ushers for September:

John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman

Altar Guild for September:

Renee Henderson, Jackie Downey

Crisis Control Items Needed for September

Grits and Oatmeal

Lock-ups for September

Wes Walker, Carl Schlotzhauer, Glenn Rullman

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. This morning during The Well service, the Sunday school Bibles will be blessed.

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.

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.

Youth Confirmation Class: Parents of confirmation age students, fifth through eighth grade, are asked to speak with Pastor Keith after either of the services today. This class will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room, beginning September 28.

Adult Instruction Classes will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings beginning September 22. Please contact Pastor Keith if you are interested in participating in these classes, 443-480-3075 or revkeith54@gmail.com.



Today, 9/11

Noon – Congregational Meeting
4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. – Jr./Sr. Youth Pizza Party

Pastor Keith will be in Haiti this week,
Monday through very late Friday

Monday, 9/12

7:00 p.m. – Women in Mission

Tuesday, 9/13

10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. – Church/School Support Team

Wednesday, 9/14

8:30 a.m. – Chapel
Noon – Bulletin & Announcement Deadline
7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 9/15

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study

Friday, 9/16

4 - 9 p.m. – School Spirit Night at PDQ

LWML District Convention Friday and Saturday

Sunday, 9/18

8:30 a.m. - "The Well" Service w/ Communion
9:45 a.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service
Dedication of Prayer Shawls at both services
Noon – OWLs Luncheon
2:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Senior Youth

First School Spirit Night for this school year will be this Friday, September 16, at PDQ off of Stratford Rd (address is 285 Harvey St) from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. The school receives 10% of the sales, so come on out and enjoy the food and fellowship while benefiting our school.

Today: ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING AFTER LATE SERVICE!

Hot dogs, chips and drinks provided
State of the Mission Report: includes announcing new staff
School report
Elders' report
Pastor's remarks
Presentation and vote on fiscal year budget (including potential SMART Loan for school roof and parking lot improvements)
New projects (**You don't want to miss this!**)
Ministry Teams' update

Altar Flowers – There are openings in October, 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: Actively looking for new members for the Adult Choir! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. starting this week, September 7. The Sunday morning schedule is a bit complicated. Group I meets at 9:00 for warmup and touchup. These singers then go to Bible Class. Group II meets at 10:00 and has the same warmup and touchup. These are the non-Bible Class singers. At 10:25 the two groups meet in the Chancel and run through the anthem.
I'm looking forward to an exciting year! *Frances*

Jr./Sr. Youth will be having a combined pizza party today, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. After pizza, there will be games and fellowship. Senior Youth, please RSVP to Brooke Gartley. Junior Youth, please RSVP to Mike & Linda Pennucci at Linda.Pennucci@gmail.com.

O.W.L.S. ["OLDER, WISER LUTHERANS"] Lunch:

The Fellowship Ministry Team would like to invite all church members who are 55 years old or older to an O. W. L. S. lunch on Sunday, September 18th immediately following the late service in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in coming to the lunch, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not an O.W.L. and would like to help with the lunch (i.e., make a dessert, help set up/decorate, serve the meal, clean up, etc.), please sign your name on the *volunteer* sign-up sheet.

Name Tags: For those of you needing a Name Tag, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church in the narthex. Today is the last day to sign up.

Women in Mission

WE WILL BE LEAVING LOVE BEHIND! Wherever the LWML has an event, we leave Gifts from the Heart for local needs, everything from plastic only infant rattles, UNO cards, coloring books, DVDs, gift cards and so much more. The list is on the bulletin board and in the latest Carolinas Cross Connection. Look for the collection box. The items will be delivered by our women who are

Women in Mission, continued

attending the convention Sept 16-17 in Summerville, SC. Medical University of South Carolina patients will benefit from your love.

Women in Mission at St. John's will be back, starting by getting together on tomorrow, September 12, at 7 p.m. Join us to start our year off! Bring a friend; maybe bring someone who no longer drives at night.

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 next Sunday, September 18, half in each service. It is quite a collection to behold.

That same afternoon, the group will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Katie and Jeff Goad, 3960 Talcott Ave, W-S 27106 (in the area of Reynolda Road and Shattalon Dr.). You are invited to bring projects to share with the group. Please give Katie a call (336-924-6977) 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!

CAMP LINN HAVEN FAMILY WEEKEND

Please join us for a relaxing family weekend at Camp Linn Haven, Linville, NC **September 23-25, 2016**. The theme will be "Listening for the Heartbeat of God." 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.

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.

We welcome into membership:

Adam & Rachel Orsborn, Madelyn and Hannah.
8105 Whitmore Cove Lane, Clemmons, NC 27012.
336-293-4953

Pastor Keith & Denise Less, Kiri and Janna.
2870 Woodworth Dr., W-S, NC 27103.
443-480-3075 (PK) & 443-480-3076 (Denise).

John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

We are thankful to the people of St. John's Lutheran Church who generously gave over \$1,100 to help those in Louisiana and Mississippi affected by the flooding! Thank you for your giving hearts! Donations will be distributed through Lutheran World Relief.



Our outreach ministry to our Hispanic neighbors will begin again on 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 Wulfort. Hope to see you there!



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.

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 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.



Happy Birthday to:

9/13 Mara Henderson
9/13 Evan Peting
9/15 Ted Frake
9/17 Beth Meier



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

For those who mourn:

*Dennis & Jessica Shea and family on the death of Dennis' father, Dennis Shea, Sr.
Patricia Kempainen and family on the death of her husband Will, dear friend of Bob & Anita Hoisington and member of Trinity Lutheran in Toccoa, Georgia.*

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Barb Aron (Ann Carney's sister), Becky Baker, Bambi Braun, Joel Christiansen, Jack Fordham, Katie Goad, Eva Hammaker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, JoAnn Klein, Glenda Lackey, Bill Lonnecker,

Steve Miller, David Penno, Gene Rapier, Mike Timms, Arline Urban, Judy Winkler (Alice Mierisch's sister-in-law)

Gene Rapier gives thanks to God for the strength to get through his treatments and to the people of St. John's for their prayers.

For those recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

Martha Burke, Wade Burlson (Holly Wilson's neighbor), Sonja Gwaltney (Debbie Baranowski's daughter-in-law), Vickie Hutto, Janna Less, Albert Sawicki (Bruce Sawicki's dad)

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

Dallas Darcy, Loren Jacobi, Branden Lackey, Janna Less, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Allie Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Kevin Wilson

Persecution Prayer

In violence-wracked Baghdad, the few Christians still there struggle to cope. Once Baghdad's churches were full of people. Now most of those few Christians left in the city are too poor to leave or not physically able due to sickness or old age. And they are tired of their situation. Pray that God will give them strength to endure, that they hold fast to their faith, and that the world-wide Christian community rises up in support of our persecuted brothers and sisters.

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