



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 4, 2016 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Corner

The meaning of the "Collect" or prayer of the day: We will do a bit of backtracking over the next few weeks, but for now we will begin the breakdown of the Divine Service with an explanation of the first prayer of the Divine Service. A Collect is the prayer that sets the tone of the worship. It is the "collecting" of a few different things. First, it is the collection of God's people in mind and body to focus together on our worship of the true God. So it is the uniting of the whole Body of Christ throughout the world in worship. We collect our thoughts and begin the receiving portion of the service as this short thematic prayer is just before the scripture readings for the appointed day are read to the congregation. If you study the words as they are spoken by the pastor you will recognize or focus on what the readings, hopefully the sermon, and the prayers of the Church are going to be dealing with as the theme for the day. Each day of the cycle has a theme based on the appointed readings. The general prayers of the church should parallel these readings and the collect for the day should be a short statement of the intention of the service.

Pastor Keith

Participation last week, August 28, 2016

8:30 a.m. "The Well": 71
10:45 a.m. Traditional: 121

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 Jane Davidson in memory of Dewey Davidson.

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 will not meet today, September 4. Fall classes will begin next Sunday, September 11.

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study will resume on September 6th 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 on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. 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 resumes this Thursday 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 next Sunday, September 11. This class will meet on Wednesday evenings.

Adult Instruction Classes will be held on Thursday evenings. Please contact Pastor Keith if you are interested in participating in these classes, 443-480-3075 or revkeith54@gmail.com.



Today, 9/4

4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

Monday, 9/5

Labor Day – School & Offices Closed

Tuesday, 9/6

10:00 a.m. – Sr. Women's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, 9/7

8:30 a.m. – Chapel

Noon – Bulletin & Announcement Deadline

6:30 p.m. – Board of Directors

7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 9/8

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. – PTO

7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study

Saturday, 9/10

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Taste of Kenya

Sunday, 9/11

8:30 a.m. – "The Well" Service

9:45 a.m. – Bible Class

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service w/ Communion

Noon – Annual Congregational Meeting

4:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. – Jr./Sr. Youth Pizza Party

Looking ahead:

- Hispanic Ministry activities resume on Wednesday, September 21.

- Sunday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. – Concert - A Musical History Tour of the Keyboard: Frances Burmeister on clavichord, harpsichord and fortepiano.

Sunday, September 11: 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 report

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

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 next Sunday, September 11, 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. The order will be placed by September 11.

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

Women in Mission, continued

latest Carolinas Cross Connection. Look for the collection box. The items will be delivered by our women who are 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 Monday, 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 at each service on Sunday, September 18.

The group will meet next on Sunday, September 18, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the home of Katie & Jeff Goad.

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.

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 who generously gave to help those in Louisiana and Mississippi affected by the flooding, and the tornado victims in Indiana! Thank you for your giving hearts! Donations will be distributed through Lutheran World Relief.



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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.



Happy Birthday to:

9/5 Cora Kretzschmar
9/6 Nancy Roberts
9/9 Lin Johnson
9/9 Sandy Stewart
9/10 Nancy Livengood
9/11 Andy Witner

Happy Anniversary to:

9/11 Don & Renee Henderson – 46 years

"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
Prayers, continued

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, 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)

For those recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

Jeanette Allred, Debbie Baronowski, Danny Bracken (Brianna Henderson Bracken's father-in-law), Martha Burke, Wade Burlson (Holly Wilson's neighbor), David Genevie, Sonja Gwaltney (Debbie Baronowski's daughter-in-law), Vickie Hutto, Mary Lee, Christine Mann, Stan Moeller, Albert Sawicki (Bruce Sawicki's dad)

For those who mourn:

Norma Davis (a friend of Clarice George) and her family, on the loss of her mother last week.

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

Over the past few years an estimated 2,000,000 northern Nigerians were displaced by Boko Haram, an Islamic terrorist group operating in Nigeria. Now the Nigerian government, which has won back territory from the insurgents, is encouraging Nigerian Christians to return to their homes. Despite the dangerous conditions that still exist, many are doing so. However, they are coming back to devastation – homes, schools, health centers, churches, water pumps destroyed and wells polluted. Pray for our brothers and sisters in faith, as they seek to rebuild their homes, their churches, their lives. Pray that the worldwide Christian community supports them with fervent prayers and with financial assistance.

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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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

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

What: **O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser LutheranS) LUNCHEON**

When: Sunday, September 18, Noon

Where: St. John's Fellowship Hall



What: **OKTOBERFEST DINNER**

When: Saturday, October 15, 4:30pm

Where: St. John's Fellowship Hall



What: **HAYRIDE/HOTDOG ROAST/BONFIRE**

When: Saturday, November 12, 5:30pm

Where: 356 Ketner Road, Lewisville (Near Forsyth Country Day School)



What: **CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO THE SHUT-INS/CHILI DINNER**

When: Saturday, December 3, 4:00pm

Where: Meet at Church



Upcoming Events in 2017:

**ALL BIRTHDAYS BIRTHDAY PARTY.....LADIES SPRING
RETREAT...PROGRESSIVE DINNER.....EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST
& EASTER EGG HUNT..... WINERY TOURS & MORE!**





A Taste of Kenya



Proceeds go towards construction of the S2S Children's Home & School in Ngong, Kenya.

Join us for a Kenyan Dinner

Saturday, September 10 5-7pm

St. John's Lutheran Church & School
2415 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem

Special Presentation by
Purity Ruchugo, Founder of Sister2Sister
International Outreach Ministry, Inc.

Adult Tickets are \$25.

St. John's children/student tickets are \$5 per child with the purchase of at least one adult ticket purchase.

**Special Offer for
St. John's Students**



Tickets may be purchased three ways:

1. Go to <http://www.eventbee.com/v/sister2sister/event?eid=167941002>
2. Stop in at Umoja African Crafts (336) 655-0347
535 N. Trade Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101
3. Purchase from any board member.



Call (336) 655-0347 for info.
SistersInternational@gmail.com
SistersInternationalWomen.org

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Lord I know that you defend the cause of the poor and the rights of the needy. Psalms 140:12