

Announcements

October 1, 2023 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship and Bible Study will be as follows:

Contemporary Worship “The Well” – 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study/Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.

Traditional Service – 10:30 a.m.

Offering Plates are located in the back of the church on the tables and as you come forward for communion.

Welcome Pastor John Fair

Thank you to Pastor Fair for leading service today! We are blessed that you were able to serve so that we may hear God's word.

Kerstin on vacation

Kerstin will be out of the church office from **Monday, October 16 – Sunday, October 29. (2 weeks)** I will have limited access to email and phone. All bulletins will be prepared for each Sunday. There will be no written announcements for October 22 & 29. Any announcements should be sent to PrayerList@stjohnsws.org during those 2 weeks. Nathan or Dale will send them in the Saturday email.

Trunk or Treat – candy and trunks needed!

St. John's Trunk or Treat is scheduled for **Saturday, October 28 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm**. Please help us out by decorating your trunk and/or donating candy. Drop off candy in school lobby. Any questions contact the school office.

Room 100 change

Due to Preschool licensing, we will be switching the contents and schedules of Room 100 with **Room 102**. Bible study, choir rehearsals, prayer shawl ministry, etc. will now be in Room 102 so that Room 100 can be used for Preschool extra-curricular activities. If you have any questions about this, please contact your group leader or Mrs. Tiffany Banks.

Jr. Youth Group begins

4th and 5th Grade Youth Group - We will be starting back up on **Sunday, October 8th from 4pm-6pm**.

Anyone in 4th or 5th Grade is welcome to attend. We will meet in the gym. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Tiffany Banks (775) 450-1863

We need your shoes!

The church and school will be working together on a **shoe fundraiser called Fund2Orgs**. We will be collecting men's, women's, and kids gently worn used and new shoes. Any shoes can be collected including tennis shoes, boots, dress shoes, sandals, cleats, or crocs but **MUST** be gently worn, used and new shoes in wearable condition. **NO holes, tears, broken heels, single or mismatched, ice skates, roller skates/roller blades, dirty, or moldy shoes**. The shoes are then shipped to micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations, such as Dominican Republic, Haiti, and the Philippines, who repurpose and sell the shoes in their community to help themselves out of poverty. Be sure to ask friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to donate also! Collection boxes will be in the school lobby.

Call Committee update

The Committee is meeting weekly. We are presently waiting for the assignment of 2 qualified replacement members to be provided by the BOD. Last week we carefully reviewed and evaluated prospective Pastoral candidates. For the next 2 weeks we will be fine tuning interview questions and strategies. Thereafter, we will start scheduling and arranging Zoom interviews with candidates as they are available. In the meantime, kindly continue to pray for us and the process as it moves forward. We proceed with urgency fully understanding that this process takes time. Please also understand that that the work being done is highly confidential and cannot be discussed.

Bereavement Committee Help needed

We have been blessed at St. John's for many years to be able to furnish a bereavement meal for our church families in need. We set up a list about 4 years ago, but we have lost some members. There are four groups on the Bereavement Committee with chairmen for each committee. You would be asked to furnish a small monetary donation (5 – 10 dollars) or a pack of rolls, etc. for the meal. The chairmen would deliver the meal to the family. This groups are each used about once a year on average. If you are not on a committee or not sure if you have signed up, please give Martha Burke (336-416-2748) or Judy Meisinger (336-416-2728) a call/text and we can tell you whether you are already on a group or sign you up! You may email also: rburke2@triad.rr.com. This committee is so appreciated and we would like to continue it with your help, Thanks so much!

Meal Train for the Foote Family

Derek Lidbom has setup a Meal Train for the Foote family to help them get settled in with their new baby Camilla Suzette. If you would like to sign up for a meal, please visit the link below. Derek Lidbom can answer questions by text at 336-577-8938. Also, he will provide their address for those who sign up. Meal Train for the Foote Family: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/712z69>

Tuesday Morning Senior Ladies Bible Class

Women's Bible study has begun! Join us from **10:30-11:30AM** in room **102. (NEW ROOM!)** We will be using a book titled **“Pursuing Contentment”**. Join us to share, study God's Word, and pray. Any questions, please email Sue Brake at sue.e.marks@gmail.com or call 908-447-4628.

Coffee Makers needed

We are looking for more people to help make the coffee on Sunday mornings. The coffee needs to be made Sunday morning prior to bible study. You may come in on Saturday to set up or and someone will plug it in on Sunday morning. Please contact Kerstin in the church office if you can help. churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next meeting will be October 15, at 12:30pm room 102. (NEW ROOM!) Everyone is welcome to join this Ministry Team. Any questions contact Claudia Essbach, Cherry Horn, or Ann Carney.

Crisis Control Item of the month – October – Beef Stew

If you would like to donate food to Crisis Control, please drop the food off in the basket in the back of the church. – **73 lbs. was collected for the month of September. Thank you for your donations!**

Worship Assistant: **8:30am** – Bill Thorpe, Rich Essbach; **10:30am** – Mark Meier

Lector: **8:30am** – Claudia Essbach; **10:30am** – Cherry Horn

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by, Sue & Ted Frake in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary.

Altar Guild for October: Gayle Barcio, Karin Lennon