

Announcements April 28, 2024 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Worship and Bible Study will be as follows:

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

Bible Study/Sunday School – 9:45a.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.

Thank You Pastor Vangen

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

Kerstin out of office

I will be out of the office from **Friday, April 26 through Friday, May 3**. I will have limited access to email and phone. You may email or text (if you have an iPhone) and I will respond when I am able. **There will be NO printed announcements for Sunday, May 5. I will print extra of the April 28 announcements.** Dale will notify everyone by email of any upcoming events. Any other urgent requests please contact Dale at PrayerList@stjohnswws.org

Thank you for the Sanctuary Spruce Up!

Many thanks for all of you who helped spruce up the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall yesterday. Many hands make light work! We will still have our annual workday this summer (July) before school starts.

SJLS Children singing at 8:30am service

Students from St. John’s Lutheran school will sing on the following Sundays at the 8:30am service.
April 28 – 3rd – 5th grade

EXCITING NEWS FOR ST JOHNS CONGREGATION

We are pleased to announce that **Sunday, May 5, 2024**, our new Shepherd **Pastor Tyson Labuhn** will begin his ministry among us. Pastor Tyson will be leading Worship beginning on that date. We remind all congregants to mindfully wear their name badges so that each of us will be identifiable to Pastor.

Many have asked about his formal Pastoral Installation. Arrangements are being worked out with District at this time. We expect that Service to be in the very near future, on a Saturday, so please keep that in mind. We have so much to be thankful for and we rejoice greatly with this wonderful news.

In His Service, Rich Essbach for your BOE and Call Committee

Installation Reception

Our St. John’s family will be hosting a welcome reception after Pastor Tyson’s installation service on **Saturday, May 18 at 2:00pm**. We could use help setting up on Saturday morning, clean-up after the reception and providing a few desserts.

Monetary donations are also needed for food that will be provided. Please put “Installation” on the memo line and put in the offering plate. If donating cash, please indicate on your envelope. You may also hand the money to Martha Burke or Kerstin Walker in the church office.

Everything else will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet in the social hall or sign up on <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA8AD2BA4FB6-49303973-pastor#/>

St. John's Church Family – We need your help and your Name Badges!

Our new Shepherd, Pastor Tyson Labuhn, will be joining us very shortly. We know who he is, but he doesn't know us individually, yet. In an effort to make this transition easier and more comfortable we're asking you to dig out your name badges and start wearing them immediately.

If you have misplaced your badge or do not have one kindly let Kerstin know immediately. She can make you one. Please indicate on the attendance pad that you need a badge. . . and kindly print clearly. You may also email her with your information. The new badges will be different from the last batch. It is not our intention to do a total reissue. **There is also a sign-up sheet in back of church.**

This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to be "known" more specifically. We've been blessed with new members, Bible studies. Church & School activities and 2 Worship settings. Many of us don't get to see old friends or new congregants as much as we should so this is a win- win situation for us all.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation. In His service, Your Board of Elders

Please take your name badges with you! At this time, I don't have the magnets to stick on the name board.

May Baskets for our St. John's Neighbors

Did you know that our school students and staff pass out May baskets to our neighbors? This is a great outreach to our neighborhood and gets St. John's name, service times, invitations to events, etc. to our neighbors! It certainly has been received well and the children love participating in this project. Last year 24 baskets were delivered but this year **the goal is 100!** Please help us by donating candy (not chocolate because it melts), notepads, bookmarks, pencils, and pens. Christian bookmarks and pencils can be ordered from Oriental Trading Company at <https://www.orientaltrading.com/> Please put items in basket in school lobby by **Sunday, April 28.** Thanks for your support!

Salem Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign

Our yearly outreach project for the Salem Pregnancy Center will run from **April 7 until Mother's Day, May 12.** This center is the only one in Forsyth County that supports all mothers with spiritual counseling, medical help, and baby supplies. They offer emotional and passionate care especially for women with unplanned pregnancies. Please pick up a bottle at the back of the church – fill it with coins, bills, or checks made out to Salem Pregnancy Center. Please return bottles to the basket or to the church office. Thanks for your support!

Camp Linn Haven Weekend

Please join us for a fun and relaxing weekend at Camp Linn Haven. **May 24 – May 27, 2024 (Memorial Day Weekend).** If you have any questions, please call Martha Burke at 336-416-2748. **Sign-up sheets in the back of the church** – please return to Martha Burke along with your check.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

Join us from **10:30-11:30am** in room 102. – All ages welcome! 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next meeting will be Sunday, **May 19, from 2:00 pm to 4:00pm, at the home of Ann Carney.** Address and phone info are in the church directory. Everyone is welcome to join this wonderful group of women. Any questions contact Cherry Horn, Ann Carney, or Claudia Essbach.

Crisis Control Item of the month – Spices – Pancake Mix and Syrup. If you would like to donate food to Crisis Control, please drop the food off in the basket in the back of the church. – **79 lbs. was collected for the month of April. Thank you for your donations!**

Worship Assistant: 8:30am – Bob Burke, Rich Essbach; **10:30am** – Nathan Kottlowski, Steve Anderson

Lector: 8:30am – Ann Carney; **10:30am** – Cherry Horn

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, by Jane Davidson, in memory of Dewey and Debbie Davidson

Altar Guild for April: Jackie Downey, Karin Lennon