

## **Announcements December 22, 2024**

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 during the 8:30am service and passed during the 10:30am service.

### **End of Year Giving**

Don't forget to "catch up" on your tithing for 2024. Give an extra gift for Christmas in honor of God's great Christmas gift of His Son, our Savior! Note: In order for you to deduct this gift from your taxes it must be **RECEIVED by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**. A check dated Dec 31<sup>st</sup> but received after the first of the year will appear on Next Year's statement. This includes any qualified charitable contributions. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

**Christmas Eve Services** will be **5:00 PM** (Traditional) and **7:00 PM** (Praise).

**Preludial music for the 5:00 Christmas Eve service will start at 4:45.** Carol singing and more!

**Christmas Day Service** will be **10:30 AM** (Traditional).

**No Sunday School or Bible Study on December 29!**

### **Tithing Envelopes for 2025**

For those that use envelopes for their tithes, you may pick them up in the back of the church. If you don't have an envelope and would like one, please see Robbie Broedow or contact Kerstin in the church office.

### **2025 Altar Flower Sign-up**

The 2025 sign-up sheets for altar flowers are in the flower book in the back of the church. Sign up now for a week or two that are special to you! **January and February are needed now!**

### **SUCCESS! Food, fellowship and faith**

That is what I observed at the "Simple Suppers for Advent". We had 50 or more that came each week! Thank you to each one of you who participated. The biggest "thank you" goes to those who helped set up, clean up, provide desserts, and helped in the kitchen.

Thank you to those (Kerstin, Don, Dale, Nathan, etc.) who faithfully reminded the congregation about the suppers each week to keep everyone informed.

Also, because the Lord's blessings are abundant, the free will offering covered expenses! Thank you! Leatha "Sam" Drouillard

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-off, January 11, 2025**

Come to the Social Hall on January 11 for **ST. JOHN'S TRIVIA NIGHT**, a night of learning about St. John's past and present. Test your knowledge of St. John's history or learn about it with a fun night of trivia. There will be questions about the church and school, and a chance to enjoy fellowship with other members. Bring a favorite appetizer or dessert to share as we begin to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. John's. For more information see Gregg Vogelsmeier, 336-692-4036 or [gvogelsm@att.net](mailto:gvogelsm@att.net).

### **Small Group Bible Study**

If you are interested in joining a small group Bible study, sign up on the sheet as you leave church or on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Or you can contact Dot Anderson at [dea821@twc.com](mailto:dea821@twc.com). This is a great opportunity to study God's word and make new friends.

### **Stewardship Corner: Graceful Thoughts**

Let us be generous with gifts we can give to others: Time, Good Example, Acceptance, Seeing the Best in People, Self-esteem, Self-disclosure, Helping Someone Learn Something New, Listening, Fun, Letting Others Give to You. Monetary gifts to God teach us patience and prudence. We learn how to control our inordinate wishing for many things that we buy. This discipline of our will makes it easier for us to live God's law. Therefore giving definitely helps us to do God's will. God is a great giver. We can never out-give God. When we share what we have generously, God blesses us with priceless gifts. Peace, health, happiness and satisfaction, courage can never be purchased. They are the rewards of proper investments.

### **Bake Sale**

Baked goods will be available on Sunday mornings between services for \$1. These funds will go directly to the LCMS Youth Gathering fund.

### **St. John's online calendar**

You are now able to access the happenings at St. John's via an online calendar. All events taking place at the church and some of the school events will be published on this calendar. You will be able to copy these events to your calendar. To access the calendar please go to our website or our app and click on the "News" button. <https://stjohnsws.com/news/> if you see any errors please contact the church office.

### **Contacting Pastor Tyson**

If you need to reach Pastor Tyson, you may text him at #703-459-0518 or send him an email at [Tlabuhn@stjohnsws.org](mailto:Tlabuhn@stjohnsws.org). He will respond as soon as he is able. **Please refrain from contacting Pastor Tyson on Thursdays, this is his day off.** In the event of an emergency please contact your Elder first.

### **Confirmation Class – Room 100**

The next Confirmation Class will be on **January 12, 2025**.

### **Event and Activity Form**

If you or your group are interested in hosting an activity or an event on the campus of the church or school, please fill out an event/activity form, so that it can be approved to put on the church calendar. Please check the online calendar and with Kerstin to see if dates/rooms are available. Requests need to be made 30 days in advance. Events/ Forms are available in the church office, or you may email the church. [churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org](mailto:churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org)

### **Nursery open for Traditional Service**

Our nursery is now open for the 10:30am service. It will be held in the 2-year-old classroom, **Room 106**.

### **Gluten Free Wafers**

Are available upon request for communion.

### **Announcements**

As a reminder, please submit your information to the church office by **noon on Wednesdays**. All requests need to come through the church office. Please refrain from last minute announcements on Sunday morning. Announcements will be read prior to the beginning of each service.

### **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class**

Ladies Bible Study meets each Tuesday morning at 10:30 for approximately an hour in Room 102. **We will not meet on December 24 or 31.** We will resume on January 7, 2025 with a study of the Gospel of Luke. All ladies are welcome. If you have questions, please email Sue Brake at [sue.e.marks@gmail.com](mailto:sue.e.marks@gmail.com) or call her at 908-447-4628.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our January get-together is **Jan. 19 from 2 to 4 pm** at the home of **Ann Carney, 5920 Greenhaven Drive, Winston-Salem.** (Mailing address is W-S, but the location is in **Clemmons.**) (336-602-1232) Everyone is welcome to join this wonderful caring ministry. Any questions please contact Cherry Horn (910) 617-8122), Ann Carney (336-602-1232), or Claudia Essbach (336-293-6380).

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Rod, Cyndie, and Lola Anderson in honor of Mia Michel's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Worship Assistants:** **8:30am** –Bob Burke, Rich Essbach. **10:30am** – Don Henderson, Steve Anderson.

**Lector:** **8:30am** – Claudia Essbach; **10:30am** – Cheryl Wulfert

**Altar Guild for December:** Sue & Ted Frake, Claudia Essbach, Renee Henderson

**Crisis Control Item for December:** **Hot Beverages** (Tea, Hot Cocoa, Instant Coffee) – **152 lbs. was collected for the month of December. That's a record! Thank you for your donations!**

### **Board of Directors Meetings:**

Board of Directors meetings are held monthly, on the second Tuesday of each month. Congregational members are invited to attend. The next scheduled meeting will be **January 14, 2025.** If you have an agenda item that you would like to bring to the board, please send that item to Mark Meier at least two weeks in advance of the next scheduled meeting.

**Board of Elders Meetings:** Board of Elders generally meet at 7:30 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. **No meeting will occur in December.** The next meeting will be Tuesday, January, 21, 2025 at 7:30pm

### **December Birthdays**

Dec 24 Brandon Plyler  
Dec 20 Tom Loke  
Dec 29 Nichole Harden

### **December Ushers for 10:30am service**

Steve Shannon  
Lily Shannon  
Rod Anderson

### **December Anniversaries**

Dec 23 Earl and Phyllis Faggert (69)