

Announcements February 16, 2025

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.

Nursery for Traditional Service

The nursery for the 10:30am service has been suspended. We will let it be known when the service will be reinstated.

St. John's School – Job Opening

We are looking for someone to work Extended Care from **3-6pm Monday-Friday**. This person would work with another staff member to plan activities and supervise students after school hours.

If you know of anyone who would be interested, please have them call the school at 336-725-1651 or email Tiffany Banks at tbanks@stjohnsws.org.

The Church Directory is Being Updated

If you have changed your address, phone, or email address since the last one please **use the pew pad** to enter your current information or you can email it to Kerstin at ChurchSecretary@stjohnsws.org. The church office will be issuing an updated directory in the near future.

Youth Fundraiser:

The Youth group will be pre-selling homemade **Poppy Seed Chicken** and **Ravioli Casserole** to take home to eat for dinner, stock your freezer, or buy for someone in need. They will be in 8.5" x 6" pans with a lid for easy transport. Food will be prepared and ready for pick up on March 9 from 9:30 am-12:00 pm. **Sign up on the bulletin board by March 2** or ask a youth. All proceeds will go towards the LCMS Youth Gathering in July.

Calling All OWLS!

Attention all Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS), we are having a party just for you. On **Sunday, February 23 at 4:00** we will gather in the atmosphere of the Daddy/Daughter Dance in the Gym for a dinner party hosted by our Youth. Dinner will include salad, rolls, Pork Roast, sweet potatoes, apples, and dessert. For those needing assistance getting up the ramp a *chauffeured* wheel chair will be waiting. Come to the party and see the awesome decorations and play some games. A Donation of \$20 will get a ticket to the party. Tickets will be available on Sundays before Sunday School and by calling Sarah Strahm at 336-575-3926 or Kathleen Sawicki at 336-283-3219. ONLY 36 tickets will be sold.

100th Anniversary Trivia Night

Do you know? Jerry Rowe, age 98, current St. John's member and living at Trinity Elms, attended St. John's Lutheran Church in a 2nd story meeting hall at 200 N. Main St. in 1926. Jerry's sister, Pat Rowe Eury, also a current member of St. John's, was baptized by our first resident Pastor (Melbohm) February 17, 1939 at the **rented parsonage/church** in the 1000 block of Miller St. Pat Rowe was confirmed June 11, 1952 by Pastor Rupprecht and received a prayer book from him, which she still has. Side note: Pat stated that the title "Reverend" was used at that time, not "Pastor". Another current member, Arden Lackey, with his parents and siblings, joined St. John's Church in 1945. Some of this information will be helpful for Trivia Night, March 1. (Comments/questions, see Leatha "Sam" Drouillard--100th Anniversary Committee).

Youth Group Superbowl Penny War Fundraiser

Update: The Philadelphia Eagles won the Penny War at St. John's by a landslide. Thank you to all who contributed as the money collected will go towards the LCMS Youth Gathering July 2025.

19th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance – This Saturday!

Did you know? This is the 19th year for the Daddy/Daughter Dance! It was started in 2006, by Kris Gartley, as soon as the Family Life Center was completed. There have been approximately 1,650 attendees. Thank you, Kris and helpers, for this fun evening. This year's dance will be **Saturday February 22, 2025** from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.

Help is needed with preparation (decorating, mailings, planning, and food donations). Also, we need help the night of the event. Sign-up sheets are on the Board in the Fellowship Hall. Or sign up electronically Type in this link to see our SignUpGenius.com:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849ACA723A3F94-daddy>



For more information please contact Kris Gartley, kristinagartley@gmail.com Or Rachel Orsborn, rachel.orsborn@gmail.com .

REFURNISHING OUR CAMP LINN HAVEN CABIN 13 AND KITCHEN

This Fall we had a generous offering from our congregation to repair the damage that was caused by Hurricane Helene to our Camp. The repairs are going well and it is now time to replace the items that go into our cabin and kitchen. Our St. John's cabin lost all furnishings - tables, curtains, mattresses, lamps, bookcase, etc. and our kitchen (where our wonderful meals are prepared) lost refrigerators, freezers, kitchen utensils, mixers, etc. Our offerings collected during **February and March** will help replace these items. Please make your checks payable to St. John's and earmarked for Camp Linn Haven. Camp plans to be open for this year's camping season but there is still a lot of work required. We will have another workday in early Spring to work on our cabin. Please consider joining us! Thank you for your generous support!

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! **March and April are needed now!**

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. This is a great opportunity to study God's word and make new friends.

Stewardship Corner: Time, Talent and Treasure

It is good for us to reflect upon the way we fulfill our role of steward, with regard to these three gifts from God: Time, Talent and Treasure.

Time: This is perhaps one of our most important resources. What do we do with the time that God gives us? Do we waste it? Do we use it to better the world in which we live? Do we spend it in such a way that most of our "time" is for our selfish ends? Do we have a healthy balance in our lives with regard to time? Time used to better our life and the life of those entrusted to us; time for personal relaxation and refreshment. How do you use your time?

Talent: We are perhaps one of the best resources we have in order to reach our destiny. Do I respect my own abilities and gifts? Do I develop them and use them for the kingdom of God? Do I use the gifts God has given me so that others may be happier? Do I see myself as unique, as important and gifted? In what way have I used my talents for myself, for my family, for my church and community? Jesus chastised the

person who hid his talents under a bushel basket, or buried them in the ground. Have we done better with our talents than that servant?

Treasure: With the God-given gifts I am able to work, I am able to make money and acquire property and possessions. But God has only placed me in charge of this treasure, not only that I might benefit from it, but that others, who are not as fortunate as I may benefit as well! Am I generous and am I willing to share. Do I hoard or am I willing to let go? Remember, the only treasure we take with ourselves into eternity is the treasure we have given away.

Many calls come to us, for our time, talent and treasure. Do we respond to these calls on the personal level, family level, church level, community level? Do we balance our response to these calls?

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.

Card Correspondence Ministry

The Card Correspondence Ministry of St. John's has begun sending cards to congregation members for birthdays, births, get-wells, anniversaries, and every month to the college students. **We are now asking that you, the congregation, assist us by donating cards and postage stamps to this endeavor.**

Boxes have been placed in the Narthex to receive your donations. Thank you and contact Dot Cleary (336) 767-4116 with any questions.

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. 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.

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

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. Our current study focuses on the Gospel of Luke. All ladies are welcome. If you have questions, please email Sue Brake at sue.e.marks@gmail.com or call her at 908-447-4628.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next get-together is today, **February 16 from 12 to 2 pm**. This meeting will now be held in the Fellowship Hall at the church so that the members of the PSM can work on a project together. 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 Steve Covington in memory of Reesa.

Worship Assistants: **8:30am** – Karl Hastings **10:30am** – Dale Mierisch, Rod Anderson

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

Altar Guild for February: Claudia Essbach, Karin Lennon, Cyndie Anderson

Crisis Control Item for February: **Soul foods: Black-eyed peas, canned greens, Jiffy Cornbread Mix, etc.** 110 lbs. was collected for January! 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 **March 11, 2025** at 7:30 PM. 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. The next meeting will be **February 18, 2025** at 7:30pm

February Birthdays

Feb 15 Martha Tegeler

Feb 20 Millie Tetzlaff

Feb 27 Ryan Rutherford

February Anniversaries

Feb 11 Tim and Kris Gartley (36)

February Ushers for the 10:30 service

Steve & Nichole Shannon

Lily Shannon

Tiffany Banks