

## Announcements March 23, 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.

### Easter Breakfast – April 20, 2025

The youth will be making and serving pancakes, bacon, and sausage for the Easter breakfast from **9:30-10:20**. We are also asking that congregation members sign up to bring some items such as egg casseroles and juice. A Free Will Offering will be taken with the proceeds going to the LCMS Youth Gathering in July. Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board soon. See Sarah Strahm or Meg Lorenz for questions.

### Easter Lilies

It's that time again. Sign up for a Lily or two. **Last day to sign-up is Sunday, April 13**. This year the price will be **\$20 plus tax**. There will be no delivery charge. Flower shop will bill you. Sign-up sheet will be on back counter by the Sunday flower book or in Fellowship Hall. Or call Mary Rochester. Please take your flower home after the Easter service. Thank you!

### Wee Care! Cereal Drive

St. John's School is participating in Crisis Control Ministry's Wee Care! Cereal Drive. Wee Care! is a program designed to educate preschool and elementary school age children about the importance of good nutrition while encouraging them to give back in their local community. **There will be a donation box in the school lobby and in the back of the church to collect unopened boxes of cereal until April 13.**

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

**Hurry!!! You must direct 2024 Choice Dollars by March 31!** Here's How:

Go to [thrivent.com/Thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/Thriventchoice) or call 800--THRIVENT (800-847-4836) to find out if you have 2024 Choice Dollars to direct or to make a Choice Dollars direction.

If you have already Directed 2024 Choice Dollars to **St John Lutheran Church** (notice no period after St and no 's after John that is how it is listed) **Thank you!!!**

### Midweek Lenten Suppers and Services

The worship service will begin at **7:00 PM**.

Lent Suppers will be served 5:30-6:30pm the following weeks, prior to worship services at 7:00 PM.

- **March 26** - BBQ and buns, slaw, green beans, drinks - Martha Musser
- **April 2** - Lasagna and bread, drinks - Elders
- **April 9** - Baked Spaghetti, Jello, drinks - Cyndie Anderson

If you wish to bring a dessert, would you please let the "host" know or "Sam" Drouillard. Thank you. There will be a free will offering to cover food expenses.

Each week we will need assistance with set up (4:30 pm) and clean up (6:30 pm). "Many hands make light work," so if you could assist, let the "host" know, or "Sam" Drouillard.

Also, if you have questions, please email or call Leatha "Sam" Drouillard, (336) 768-2121.

A big THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to help prepare these meals for all of us to enjoy.

### Camp Linn Haven Family Weekend

Save the date – **August 22-24, 2025**

### Easter Bunny Breakfast

Save the date the annual Easter Bunny Breakfast is **April 12 from 9:00-11:00**. More details to come!

### 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!

### Preview of Holy Week Schedule:

**Palm Sunday** – 8:30 am Palm Sunday Praise  
9:45 am Bible Class/Sunday School  
10:30 am Traditional Psalm Sunday

**Maundy Thursday** - 7:00 pm Traditional

**Good Friday** - 12:30pm – Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm – Tenebrae Service

**Easter Sunday** - 8:30 – Easter Praise  
Easter Breakfast – no Sunday School  
10:30 am – Traditional Easter Service

### Concert – Rossini's *Stabat Mater*

On **Palm Sunday, April 13 at 4 PM**, St. John's Choir and featured soloists under the direction of Frances Burmeister will present the Gioachino Rossini *Stabat Mater*. The music is high drama of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Mother (Mary) is standing at the foot of the Cross, weeping. All are welcome - there is no ticket price for the performance, but a freewill offering is welcome.

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Do you know?..... St. John's **Mission & Altar Guild** started in March, 1950. It was directly affiliated with LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League). They met during the day and their aim was to greet visitors at the church services, to care for the sanctuary, furnish the appropriate liturgical vestment for the altar, and to study methods of mission work for the purpose of gaining souls for Jesus. At this time, I do not know what year the name changed to Altar Guild. A few of the leaders over the years have been Mrs. Lawrence Rettinger, Marie Von Stein, Jane Greenfield, Kay Moose (current member), Claire Adamick (current member), Meg Lorenz (current leader). (Comments/questions, see Leatha "Sam" Drouillard-- 100th Anniversary Committee).

### 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.

### 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! **April and May 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](mailto:dea821@twc.com). This is a great opportunity to study God's word and make new friends.

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

**Invite others to work with you.** A text from the Letter to the Hebrews is always relevant: "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, ...but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10:24

"You shall open your hands wide to your brother, and to your needy in the land." (Deut. 15:11) In addition to faith, add brotherly kindness, love, self-control, knowledge and goodness to create a recipe for stewardship.

"Charge them to do good, to be rich in good works and generous, sharing what they have."

1 Timothy 6:18. May Timothy's letter move us to better see how we are using all that the Lord has entrusted to us; our income, our talents. This sense of stewardship will help us grow in faith and concern one for another.

### **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 serves by 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](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.

### **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)

### **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](mailto:sue.e.marks@gmail.com) or call her at 908-447-4628.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

We will not meet in April as our regular meeting date falls on Easter Sunday. Our next get-together is **May 18 from 2 to 4 pm** at the home of Claudia Essbach, 5126 Dock Davis Rd., Clemmons, NC. Claudia's phone is 845-239-8709. 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.

**Worship Assistants:** 8:30am – Bob Burke 10:30am – Steve Anderson, Bruce Sawicki

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

**Wednesday 7:00 PM Lector:** - Cherry Horn

**Altar Guild for March:** Renee Henderson, Shawn Tibbets, Pastor & Deb Vangen, Cyndie Anderson

**Crisis Control Item for March:** Pancake mix and syrup. 112 lb. was collected in February. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

### **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 **April 8, 2025 at 7:00 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 meet at **7:00 PM** on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be **April 15, 2025 at 7:00pm**.

### **March Birthdays**

Mar 23 Donna Gronewoller

Mar 23 Madelyn Orsborn

Mar 25 Aaron Foote

Mar 30 Mary Rochester

### **March Anniversaries**

Mar 29 Steve and Nancy Golden (45)

### **March Ushers for the 10:30 service**

Shawn, Tyler, and Trevor Tibbits

Pr. Phil Vangen

### **Ushers for Wednesday services in Lent:**

Mar 26 Derek & Isaac Lidbom, Jean Elizabeth & Felix Hamilton

Apr 2 Derek & Anna Lidbom, Jean Elizabeth & Felix Hamilton

Apr 9 Philip & Debra Vangen, Jean Elizabeth & Felix Hamilton

### **Ushers for Holy Week Services:**

Maundy Thursday, Apr 17 – Steve Shannon  
and Gary Brake

Good Friday, Apr 18 – Derek and Anna Lidbom