

Announcements July 13, 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.

Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendar for a congregational meeting on **Sunday, August 10 at 12:00 PM** in the sanctuary.

New Communion Procedure for our Traditional Service Next Sunday

Beginning next Sunday, during our Traditional Worship Service, we will have both sides of the church come up the center aisle for communion as begin offering the Common Cup during Communion.

- Pastors and/or an Elder will distribute the regular communion wafer (host).
- Ushers and/or Communion assistants will distribute the wine via communion trays.
- An Elder in the center (closer to the communion rails) will distribute the gluten free host and the wine in the Common Cup.

Below are the procedures to help make this happen smoothly:

If you normally receive the regular host from the pastor, and would like an individual cup (as we have been doing):

After receiving the regular host from the pastor, continue the same side that you came up, and take from the tray closest to you. Then you can continue around to your pew.

If you normally receive the regular host from the pastor and would like the Common Cup:

After receiving the regular host from the pastor, continue forward up the center aisle. And the center Elder will be there to offer the Common cup. Once you have received from the common cup, please exit to the side your came up on, back to your pew.

If you normally receive the gluten free host from the pastor and would like an individual cup (as you have been doing):

After receiving the gluten free host from the **Center Elder**, turn to the side which you came up and receive the individual cup before continuing around to your pew.

If you normally receive the gluten free host from the pastor, and would like the Common Cup:

Come up the middle of the center aisle, letting the elder know that you would like both the gluten free host and the common cup, then partake first the gluten free host and then the common cup. Before returning to the side aisle of the side of the church you originally came from.

Field Trip to Generations Center

Come with me on a field trip!! We will meet at St. John's and carpool, or you can drive on your own. We are going to the new (2023) Generations Center on Shorefair Dr. W-S. The tour will include all that is offered to you in this one building and we can even sit down and have food at the Cafe. **August 1, at 11 AM** we have a private tour scheduled (approximately 30-45 minutes). It is important for you to Sam Drouillard know by **July 27** if you are attending so she can arrange transportation accordingly.

Youth Gathering Update:

The commissioning service for youth and adults traveling to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans will take place today, **Sunday, July 13 at the 10:30am service**. Please join us in prayer for God's blessings of safe travel and a rich Spirit-filled experience for all.

LWML Convention Omaha, Nebraska

Kathleen & Bruce Sawicki and Cheryl Wulfert had a wonderful time at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Convention in Omaha, Nebraska June 26-29, 2025. The convention started on Thursday night with a worship service with 4,000 people attending. The singing was great. Our first offering always goes to the new Mite Goal.

Friday morning started with singing. Then came the Banner Procession. Each of the 40 Districts of the LWML creates a banner and the District President carries it in. Paula Daniels is our Carolinas District President. We had Bible Study by Christina Hergenrader who is a devotional writer for Concordia Publishing House (CPH).

In the morning, we voted on amendments to the Bylaws and voted on a Mission Goal. The goal voted on was \$2,600,000. This was later amended to \$2,622,270 so that the final project will be fully funded. Our first Mission Speaker was **Deaconess Kelly Bristow from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch**. In the afternoon, we had a keynote address, and our 33 Mission Grants were presented. The second offering was for Camp Linn Haven. Our next Mission Speaker was **Chelsea Irwin who is the LCMS Missionary Coordinator for the Eurasia Region**.

Saturday morning started with a procession of flags from all the countries that the LWML has helped over the years. We had our second Bible Study and then **Rev Kevin Robson, LCMS Chief Mission Officer introduced Carol Halter. Carol has been a Missionary in Hong Kong and China for 44 years**. The next Mission Speaker was **Rachel Potts from Lutheran Braile Workers**.

The afternoon Mission Speaker was **Rev. Dr. John Reinke from Lutheran Deaf Outreach**. Then the delegates voted on officers to lead us for the next four years. We adjourned early for our Mission Walk. The walk was across the bridge between Nebraska and Iowa.

Sunday morning our Mission Speaker was **Rev. Paul Ernewein from Forged by Fire Services**. We ended with a Sending Church Service

Camp Linn Haven Retreat

Please join us for a family summer trip to CLH for our St. John's Weekend on **August 22-24, 2025**. We will enjoy great meals, fellowship, devotions, relaxation and cooler temperatures! Our camp looks beautiful, and all the cabins, church and kitchen have been updated and refurbished. Our church contributed over \$4000 for the repairs and updating of the facilities. God has truly blessed us with all the prayers, volunteers and monetary offerings. **The camp forms are at the back of the church. Forms need to be returned by August 17**. If you have any questions, please call Martha Burke 336-416-2748.

Summer Choir is cancelled

Regular choir will resume mid-August, the actual date and rehearsal times to be announced later. New singers and folk new to singing are most welcome! Hope to see and hear you! Frances

100th Anniversary

Do you know.....? Arden Lackey, current member of St. John's since 1945, took time to share some St. John's memories with me. "Dad worked in Greensboro on weekends. He would bring our family to church on his way to work on Sunday morning. Mom would pack us a lunch and we would stay at church until he came to pick us up around 4pm. We had Walther League in the afternoon and sometimes church meetings. Gradually more people started bringing their lunch and staying too. We had a good time. Later in years, our family rode the Greyhound bus to downtown and then took a city bus to church (we lived in Stanleyville). Pastor Meibohm had a 1946 Ford Coach. On Saturday he would drive around and pick up 3 families- 3 Hayes children, 2 Blizzard children and 3 Lackey children and bring us to church for Confirmation class. He was very dedicated to the youth and their Confirmation. When Pastor Rupprecht came he started Confirmation on Sundays, along with Walther League and other meetings. Church was a close family then. The 40s were financially hard and the 50s things began to "pick up". Forest Houston (Dot Anderson's father-in-law) used to drive a Greyhound Bus for a living. When the churches in the area wanted to go somewhere for an activity, Forest would bring one of the big Greyhound buses and take all of us!" (Comments/questions, see Leatha "Sam" Drouillard-100th Anniversary Committee).

100th Anniversary T-Shirts

We now have t-shirts available in all sizes and colors. Polo shirts still need to be ordered on the forms We also have coffee mugs and our St. John's red bags with pen and notepad. These are available for purchase Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall any time before Sunday school or before late service or contact Cyndie Anderson at 336-978-1210.

Stewardship Corner

The pastor of St. John's was indulging in a malted milk and a frown. "Who did you scrap with this time?" I asked him.

"With one of my parishioners, worse luck," he replied. "While I was out to dinner at his home the other night he beamingly showed me three piggy banks he had given his three children, and right away he was having them go through the drill of putting nickels into their banks. 'They do it religiously every week,' he purred softly. Then I blew up. I denounced the piggy bank as an emissary of Satan. Well, not quite, but I did denounce reliance on it as a shaper of character. My parishioner had been training his children in thrift and saving, but what, I asked him, were his means of training them to generosity? He had none. I told him he was training up a nice trio of tightwads."

Perhaps the old scrapper has a point. In many, many homes Johnny is being given training in thrift and saving. I can just hear the proud parent saying, "Put your quarters into the piggy bank, Sweetheart! Listen, you can hear them: Ping! Ping! Ping!" Little Johnny and little Mary are being conditioned to like the "ping!" of a coin dropping into a china bank as if it were among life's sweetest sounds. So it is that the piggy bank helps the young financiers grow up to epitomize the little pig who went to market. Or maybe ... and this goes for boys and girls equally ... the little pig who stayed home, who never set forth on any adventure in giving, who never took part in any enterprise of service. When Junior gets to be Senior you may very likely find him or her down in the cellar sitting on their piggy bank.

Training in generosity is quite important too! You might try the church offering envelopes for a good beginning. A good practice is to let the children have their own envelopes and contribute a regular sum from their allowance. It's good training in bookkeeping as well as benevolence.

Email Distribution Lists

We currently send out two weekly emails. One is for our **prayer list** and the other is for the **weekly announcements**. If you currently do not receive either or both of these emails, please send an email to the appropriate address or indicate which list you would like to be included in on the attendance pad.

For our **prayer list** – prayerlist@stjohnsws.org

For our **announcements** – news@stjohnsws.org

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

This meeting is suspended for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next get together will be on Sunday, July 20th (back to the third Sunday) from 2 to 4 pm at the home of Ann Carney 5920 Greenhaven Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27103. Ann's phone number is 336-602-1232 in case there are any concerns. Everyone is welcome to join this wonderful caring ministry. Any questions please contact Cherry Horn (910-617-8122), Claudia Essbach (336-293-6380), or Ann Carney (336-602-1232).

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Fran Johnson.

Worship Assistants: 8:30am – Karl Hastings; 10:30am – Dale Mierisch, Bruce Sawicki

Lectors: 8:30am – Judy Meisinger; 10:30am – Susan Bowers

Altar Guild for July: Karin Lennon, Pr. Philip & Debra Vangen, Kathleen Sawicki

Crisis Control Items for July: Canned pastas – Chef Boyardee, Beefaroni, SpaghettiOs, etc.

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 meeting scheduled will be **August 12, 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 meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on **August 19, 2025 at 7:00pm**

July Birthdays

Jul 13 Allison Plyler
Jul 16 Martha Burke
Jul 19 Anne Amos
Jul 25 Robbie Broedow
Jul 25 Dale Mierisch
Jul 27 Ronnie Lovejoy
Jul 29 Stef Hamilton
Jul 30 Richard Essbach
Jul 31 Addisyn Thomas

July Anniversaries

Jul 17 Ardel and Judy Meisinger (54)
Jul 20 Allen and Pat Hall (29)
Jul 22 Norman and Sam Drouillard (47)

July Ushers

Shawn, Tyler, & Trevor Tibbits
Philip Vangen