

Announcements

July 27, 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.

- Board of Directors candidates
 - At the August 10 Voters' Meeting, the congregation will elect Board of Directors members for the 2025-2027 term. Two seats will be up for election: one seat previously held by Pat Hall, who has reached her term limit; and one seat held by Norman Drouillard, who will run for reelection as an incumbent.
 - At this point in time, we have one confirmed candidate, Adam Orsborn, and several others who are prayerfully considering their candidacy. **The ballot will be finalized and publicized to the congregation on Sunday, July 27.**
 - From now until July 27, members also have the right to offer nominations, of themselves or of other members. Please note that you should not nominate someone other than yourself if you have not spoken to that person and they have agreed to consider candidacy. Send nominations to bod@stjohnsws.org.
 - Thank you to Pat Hall for her faithful service of six years, and to Adam Orsborn for accepting the opportunity for service.

St. John's Clean Up Day: Saturday, August 2nd from 7am-12pm

As the start of school creeps closer, we would love to have some help getting ready for the new year. This is a time to reset our church and school buildings. We will be getting everything ready to welcome back congregants and school families after summer vacations. We could use help deep cleaning; windows, shelves, tables, baseboards, dusting, etc. There will be plenty of jobs for people of every skill level. If you have any pressure washers that we can borrow, that would be great! We always have a fun time and there will be donuts and pizza. Many hands make light work.

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." Colossians 3:23

New Communion Procedure for our Traditional Service

Beginning today, during our Traditional Worship Service, we will have both sides of the church come up the center aisle for communion as we 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 you 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.

Lost

A silver chain necklace with a small silver crucifix cross was left in the church sanctuary after late service on Sunday, June 29th. If found or seen please let Kerstin in the church office know. Thank you.

Field Trip to Generations Center

Come with Leatha "Sam" Drouillard and Cyndie Anderson on a field trip to the new (built in 2023) Intergenerational Center for Arts and Wellness to learn what is offered for you to enjoy ---- Art, Music, Dance, Computer Skills, Writing, Games and Fellowship with children and/or adults.

We will meet at St. John's at 10AM, Friday, August 1, with plans to depart at 10:15. You can drive on your own or you can ride in another car that is going.

The Generations Center is located at 114 30th St. We have a **private** tour set up for 11 AM, Friday, August 1. The tour will last approximately 30 - 45 minutes. After the tour, we will have lunch at the Cafe located in the same building. They serve breakfast items, sandwiches and salads. (or you can bring your own bag lunch). This is a good time to socialize, play games such as checkers or cards, or wander around the areas we just toured to get a "second look" and chance to ask more questions.

We will depart the "Generations Center" at approximately 1pm, which will bring us back to St. John's by 1:30pm.

If you wish to read more about the Intergenerational Center for Arts and Wellness visit online seniorservicesinc.org , go to the tab - Intergenerational Center, after that there is a tab that lists the events and classes and the calendar.

If you have questions about the field trip, please email "Sam" samandnorman53@gmail.com or call 336 768 2121.

We need to let the tour guide know how many are coming and to make sure we have enough vehicles to transport everyone, **please let "Sam" know today if you are going to join us on this field trip.**

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.

100th Anniversary

Do you know.....? I don't know, so please share in a few sentences, "Why do I attend St. John's Lutheran Church?" Send your response to samandnorman53@gmail.com or call 336 768 2121 or tell "Sam" Drouillard when you see her. With your permission, we may put your response in the 100 year Anniversary Book that is being compiled now. Please include your name, or, if you wish, sign anonymously. The deadline for responses to "Why do I attend St. John's Lutheran Church?" is August 1. (Comments/questions, see Leatha "Sam" Drouillard-100th Anniversary Committee).

Guest Pastor and Potluck

On **Sunday August 17**, Pastor McLain will be our guest Pastor in honor of our 100th Anniversary celebrating Gods Faithfulness. We will also have a potluck after late service. Please mark your calendar and bring your favorite dish to share.

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: *Graceful Thoughts*

Too often we fail to understand that Christian instruction about money is one of the best opportunities we have to teach our children about God's love for us, and his ownership of all things.

"My mother drew a distinction between achievement and success. She said that achievement is the knowledge that you have studied and worked hard and done the best that is in you. Success is being praised by others and that's nice too, but not as important or satisfying. Always aim for achievement and forget about success." *Helen Hayes*

Regardless of whether you tithe or use some other method of measure, the return you make to God should come from the "first fruits" of your labor. This means that your return to God comes first, before paying all your other bills.

If we give simply from what we have left over after all our needs are met, it is not really sacrificial. If there is no pain in our giving, then we can be sure that we are not giving enough.

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, August 17, 2025**, from 2 to 4 pm at the home of Kathie Najdek, 260 Covington Drive, Advance, NC 27006. Kathie's phone number is 336-462-9499 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 Jackie Downey in memory of her sister Barbara Troutman Tate.

Worship Assistants: **8:30am** – Andy Witner; **10:30am** – Nathan Kottlowski, Dale Mierisch, Bruce Sawicki, and Phil Vangen

Lectors: **8:30am** – Rachel Orsborn; **10:30am** – Fred Black

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

Altar Guild for August: Jackie Downey, Martha Musser, Kathleen Sawicki

Crisis Control Items for August: Toilet paper

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 **September 2, 2025 at 7:00pm**

July Birthdays

Jul 27 Ronnie Lovejoy
Jul 29 Stef Hamilton
Jul 30 Richard Essbach
Jul 31 Addisyn Thomas

July Ushers

Shawn, Tyler, & Trevor Tibbits
Philip Vangen

August Birthdays

Aug 4 Lori Bahuk
Aug 5 Adam Orsborn
Aug 7 Brad Honeycutt
Aug 7 Jay Keller
Aug 7 Annabella Schmidt
Aug 8 Judy Meisinger
Aug 10 Shannon Foote
Aug 10 Karl Hastings
Aug 10 Fred Neise
Aug 12 Ethan McKee
Aug 13 Jeanne Blizard
Aug 15 Andy Sayles
Aug 16 Teresa Witner

Aug 18 Stephanie Andrews
Aug 19 Renee Henderson
Aug 21 Dot Anderson
Aug 23 Chris Peele
Aug 23 Jeff Strahm
Aug 25 Kathy Hayden
Aug 25 Meg Lorenz
Aug 26 Kay Moose
Aug 27 Kendall Peele
Aug 28 Debbie Sayles
Aug 30 Jackie Downey
Aug 31 Rod Anderson
Aug 31 Debbie Webb

August Anniversaries

Aug 8 Randy and Kathy Hayden (33 years)
Aug 11 Scott and Tiffany Banks (13 years)
Aug 15 Fred and Linda Neise (44 years)
Aug 25 Don and Clare Adamick (63 years)
Aug 30 Rod and Cyndie Anderson (44 years)
Aug 31 Nick and Rachael Kottlowski (6 years)

August Ushers

Fred & Stephanie Black
Isaac Lidbom
Gary Brake