

Announcements

August 3, 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.

LWML Mite Box 1st Sunday today

On the first Sunday of every month, we have a Mite Box collection. The Mite Box is based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national [mission grants](#) and implement the LWML program. Look for the collection box in the narthex as you enter.

Congregational Meeting

This past Sunday during both services, the slate of candidates was announced as was a proposed motion to change the membership of the Board of Directors to be composed of seven (7) members instead of five (5).

- The slate of candidates for the two Board of Directors seats is now final. The candidates are Dot Anderson, Fred Black, Norman Drouillard (incumbent), Adam Orsborn, Martha Musser, and Alex Sawicki. Brief candidate bios will be made available to the congregation in the near future, Praise God that so many people are willing to put their names forward to serve with their time and talents.
- The election will take place at our Voters' Meeting to be **held Sunday, August 10, at noon**. In addition to Board elections, the congregation will also be presented with the budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year for St. John's Church and School, for their approval. The congregation will also be presented with a summary of the strategic plan that has been the subject of much work by volunteer members.

LWML Offering for Camp Linn Haven

At the LWML national convention in July a Second Offering was collected from attendees specifically for the rehabilitation of Camp Linn Haven and Mountainside Lutheran Church. The total amount collected was \$45,934.92!

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.

Young Adult Bible Study

We're excited to announce that we're forming a **Young Adult Bible Study** group! If you're a young adult looking to grow in your faith and connect with others, we'd love to have you join us.

Leaders: Nathaniel Andersen #828-381-8181 & Samantha Plyler #336-692-1144

Sign-Up: A sheet is available on the bulletin board in the **Fellowship Hall**.

Questions? Please feel free to reach out to Nathaniel or Samantha for more information.

Let's grow together in Christ!

Thank You!

Thank you to the 27 friends who joined Cyndie and "Sam" on the Field Trip to the **"Generations Center"**. If you wish information, please let us know.

Ushers needed for 10:30am service

If you are interested in helping serve at St. John's, Holly Wilson needs a few more Ushers for the Traditional Service. Please give her a call #410-245-8680.

100th Anniversary

Do you know.....? The Southeastern District recommended salary for a Pastor who just graduated from the seminary in 1974 was \$6,639. A Pastor with 25 years of service was \$11,664. Also, the District recommended other factors that should be considered in determining a pastor's salary such as his skill level, the workload and the congregation's financial ability. From the Southeastern District News- November 24, 1974. (Comments/questions, see Leatha "Sam" Drouillard-100th Anniversary Committee).

Guest Pastor and Potluck

On **Sunday August 17**, Pastor Philip 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:

Picture, for a moment, a small bug that has wandered into a plush mansion.

It makes its way to the living room and crawls onto a multicolored Persian rug. Suddenly, it finds itself amid a kaleidoscope of brilliant hues. As the bug travels from one area of the rug to another, its mood and feelings are affected by each particular color.

The bug first enters a red section. The surrounding crimson atmosphere makes it angry, uptight, ready for a fight. It crawls into a blue area and becomes calm and peaceful. In yellow, it feels cowardly. In white, unclean and unworthy. Back to red, and it's angry again.

Poor little bug. If only it could benefit from another viewpoint ... staying above it all. Up there, it could see how the many colors weave themselves into a magnificent, harmonious pattern.

Don't you feel like that wandering bug sometimes ... snowed under by the financial problems of the moment? Is each problem pulling you in a different direction?

If so, you have fallen victim of the modern lifestyle of easy-come, easy-go. Little thought is given to wise stewardship and the committing of resources to anything other than the immediate needs. Even if you wanted to, you have nothing left to contribute after trying to stretch your finances from week to week. Are you putting God last, giving God nothing? If so, it is unfortunate that you can't put your obligation to God first ... setting aside a definite portion for his kingdom's use ... staying above it all!

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

The Ladies Bible Study group will resume their study of the Gospel of Luke on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 from 10:30 - 11:30AM in Room 102. Women of all ages 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 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 Sue and Gary Brake.

Worship Assistants: **8:30am** – Karl Hastings, Jr.; **10:30am** – *Liturgical Asst.*- Bruce Sawicki; *Host 1*- Pr. Labuhn; *Host 2*: Robert Wallace; *Tray 1* - Nathan Kottlowski, *Tray 2* – Bruce Sawicki; *Runner* – Brandon Plyler; *Common Cup/ GF Wafer* – Rod Anderson

Lectors: **8:30am** – Rachel Orsborn; **10:30am** – Cherry Horn

Altar Guild for August: Jackie Downey, Martha Musser, Sue & Ted Frake

Crisis Control Items for August: Toilet paper - **102bs.** was collected for the month of July. 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 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**

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 Blizzard
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 Lidborn
Gary Brake