

Announcements

August 31, 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.

Offices Closed Labor Day

Both church and school offices will be closed on **Monday, September 1, 2025.**

Baptism

Today during the 10:30 service, we rejoice in the sacrament of baptism of **Blair Roberts Wyatt and Claudia Elizabeth Parks**. The parents are Dash & Chandler Wyatt and Christian & Amanda Parks. They are the grandchildren of Stef & Sonya Hamilton and the great-grandchildren of Felix & Jean Elizabeth Hamilton.

Youth Gathering Presentation Today

The Youth will give a short presentation today during the Bible Study time to share the events of the Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We would love for you to attend to thank everyone for their prayers and support!

Camp Linn Haven

Thank you to all of the families that attended camp this past weekend. Thanks also to all who made the weekend a great success - Rachel Orsborn, Steve Anderson, Pastor Tyson, Kerstin and Wes Walker, Bob & Martha Burke and our super Camp Linn Haven Staff! Please consider joining us next year for Labor Day Weekend!

Guest Pastor and Potluck

On **September 14** Pastor Clocker, and his wife, Gwen will be joining us as he is our guest Pastor in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of St. John's Church. You are invited to a potluck after the 10:30 AM service. Please mark your calendar and bring your favorite dish to share

Ice Cream Social

On Saturday, September 27, from 6:30-8:30pm, we will have an Ice Cream Social and video presentation for our 100th Anniversary. If you like, dress in clothing that might have been worn 100 years ago.

Giving Tree

Check out the **Giving Tree on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall!** If you'd like to bless a classroom with extra supplies or helpful resources to make this school year shine, we invite you to stop by and pick an apple. Every gift—big or small—makes a meaningful impact!

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.

Usher Training

Training will be held after the late service on **September 14 for current and new ushers**. Ushers are still needed for the 2nd service. If you are interested in serving as an usher, you are invited to come to the training. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Wilson #410-245-8680.

100 Anniversary Banquet Tickets can be picked up

You can pick up your **already purchased tickets** for the 100th Anniversary Banquet at the table in the back of the church. If you don't see your envelope with your tickets, please contact Cyndie Anderson or Leatha "Sam" Drouillard.

If you are interested in attending but haven't purchased a ticket, please contact Cyndie Anderson #336 978 1210 so that you can be added to the waiting list.

Seeking God's Guidance Through Prayer

Please plan to join us on **Saturday, September 13, from 9:30am to 10:30am**, for a time of prayer and meditation aimed at seeking God's guidance for the future of St. John's School. We'll begin in the Fellowship Hall with light refreshments and an opening, then move to various parts of the school for individual prayer and meditation, finally regathering in the Fellowship Hall to close. Our prayer will be guided by selected Bible verses and hymn lyrics. Even as we celebrate God's blessings of one hundred years to our church and seventy-five years to our school, we look faithfully and joyfully forward to a future in which He fulfills His promise: "The LORD is the one who will go before you. He will be with you...." (Deuteronomy 31:8)

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.

Choir Rehearsals Resume

- **The Well Praise Band**, which serves the 8:30 AM service, rehearses on Wednesdays at **6:30pm** in the sanctuary.
- **Adult choir**, which serves the 10:30 AM service will resume rehearsals in the choir room on **August 27**. Rehearsals will be on **Wednesdays at 7:00pm**.
- **Adult Choir daytime rehearsals:** Daytime choir rehearsals on **Thursdays from 2:00pm - 3:00pm** in the choir room.
- **This group will combine with the other members of the adult choir on Sunday mornings and for concerts.**
- **Youth Choir, will have practice on Wednesdays from 3:20pm – 4:30pm in the music room.**
- Want to sing? Just show up for the choir of your choice. You'll be most welcome and will receive as compensation the wellness benefits and joy of making sacred music with others!

100th Anniversary

Do you know.....? I don't know, so please share with me in a few sentences, **"What are your dreams (your vision) for 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 add your thoughts to the 100 Year Anniversary Book that is being compiled now. (Comments/question, see Leatha "Sam" Drouillard-100th Anniversary Committee).

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This week at the "Generations Center" there are free classes for Tai Chi and also Improv Movement. Check their website and you can find a variety of workshops and activities available.

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September 27, 6:30-8:30pm, in the social hall, is an ICE CREAM SOCIAL and video presentation for our 100th Anniversary. Lots of flavors and lots of toppings will be available! If you like, dress in clothing that might have been worn sometime over the past 100 years. If you have questions, please contact "Sam" 336 768 2121 or Cyndie Anderson 336 978 1210.

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 Generous Farmer

There once was an old farmer who was constantly bragging about how generous he would be if he were only rich. One night God sent an angel to test him.

The angel asked, "If you had \$1 million dollars, would you share some with God?"

"Of course I would," answered the man without hesitation.

"If you lived in a mansion, would you let God have a room?" the angel asked. Again the man quickly answered, "Absolutely."

Finally, the angel asked, "Would you let God use your old horse out back?" The man thought for a long time and finally answered, "No." "Why not?" asked the angel. The man answered, "Because that horse is the only one I have and I need him."

You see ... it is more difficult for many people to be generous with things that we actually have than it is with riches they hope to have someday!

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@stjohnswws.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 **Sunday, September 21, 2025**, at the home of Kathy Najdek, 260 Covington Dr. in Advance. Kathy's phone number is #336-462-9499. 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 Cyndie and Rod Anderson, celebrating their 44th anniversary and Rod's birthday.

Worship Assistants: **8:30am** – Karl Hastings, Jr; **10:30am** – *Liturgical Asst.*- Don Henderson; *Host 1*- Pr. Tyson; *Host 2:* Pr. Wallace; *Tray 1* – Don Henderson, *Tray 2* – Rod Anderson; *Common Cup/ GF Wafer* – Bruce Sawicki; *Runner* – Steve Shannon.

Lectors: **8:30am** – Rachel Orsborn; **10:30am** – Nathaniel Andersen

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

Altar Guild for September: Sarah Strahm, Karin Lennon, Jackie Downey

Crisis Control Items for September: Instant grits and oatmeal – 62 lbs. was collected for the month of August. 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 **September 9, 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 30 Jackie Downey
Aug 31 Rod Anderson
Aug 31 Debbie Webb

August Anniversaries

Aug 30 Rod and Cyndie Anderson (44 years)
Aug 30 Felix and Jean Elizabeth Hamilton (59 years)

August Ushers

Fred & Stephanie Black
Isaac Lidbom
Gary Brake

September Birthdays

Sep 1 Camilla Foote
Sep 1 Jason Lynch
Sep 3 Glenn Rullman
Sep 6 Katrina Peele
Sep 6 Nancy Roberts
Sep 9 Lin Johnson
Sep 9 Sara Tibbits
Sep 10 Nancy Livengood
Sep 10 Shawn Tibbits
Sep 11 Andy Witner

Sep 15 Ted Frake
Sep 17 Tiffany Banks
Sep 17 Beth Meier
Sep 20 Steven Shannon
Sep 21 Teddy Deranamie
Sep 21 Steve Lorenz
Sep 22 Sonya Hamilton
Sep 22 Taryn Strahm
Sep 23 Bruce Sawicki
Sep 25 Jack Thomas
Sep 25 Jessica Thomas
Sep 27 Jace Banks
Sep 30 Kerstin Walker

September Anniversaries

Sep 4 Steve and Meg Lorenz (21)
Sep 11 Don and Renee Henderson (55)
Sep 15 Richard and Claudia Essbach (18)
Sep 22 Aaron and Shannon Foote (7)
Sep 27 Stef and Sonya Hamilton (23)
Sep 29 Ted and Sue Frake (46)

September Ushers

Holly Wilson
Avery Burch
Greg Vogelsmeier