

Announcements

September 14, 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.

Pastor Out of Office

Pastor Tyson will be out of the office from **today through September 18**. Please continue to contact your Elder if a need should arise. You may also contact Pastor Vangen #336-825-3417.

Welcome Pastor Tom Clocker!

Thank you and welcome to Pastor Tom and Gwen this morning as he serves as our guest Pastor in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church. Pastor Clocker, and his wife, Gwen, served St. John's from Christmas Eve, 2016 – June 2023. Following the 10:30 AM service please join us for a potluck in the Fellowship Hall.

New Member/Refresher/Seeker Class

For those interested in learning about the doctrine of our faith we will begin a refresher/new member/Seeker class on **Wednesday, September 24** starting at **7:00pm in room 102**. This is the first step in becoming a member at St. John's or just deepening your faith. Lutheranism 101 is designed to refresh members, help new members, and to reach our family and friends. If you, a loved one, or friend would like to know more, come join us on this journey of faith. Please consider joining us and bring a friend!

If you are interested in attending this class, please let the church office know or just show up on this first evening. Also you can indicate this on the pew pad, you may call, or you may email

Kerstin churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org

Usher Training Today

Training will be held after the late service (about 15 minutes) for current and new ushers. Ushers are still needed for the 10:30 AM 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.

Small Groups

Small Groups are starting up again after the summer break. If you aren't a part of this ministry already, you are welcome to become involved. Pick a group that fits your situation and time.

- **Monday, September 15** - Meets at the Burke home. This group is at capacity
- **Sunday, September 21** - Meets in Room 102 at the church at Noon after the late service. A meal is provided. Contact Dot Anderson #336-682-1924.
- **Friday, September 26** - Meets in Room 102 at the church at 5:30 for a meal and discussion. This group is designed for parents with kids still at home. Baby sitting provided. Contact Dot Anderson #336-682-1924.
- **TBA** - Young Adult group is just forming. Contact Samantha Plyler #336-692-1144 or Nathaniel Andersen #

Ice Cream Social

September 27, 6:30-8:30pm, in the social hall, there will be 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.

Giving Tree - NEW APPLES ADDED!

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!

100 Anniversary Banquet Tickets can be picked up

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.

100th Anniversary

Do you know....? "The Cancer Ministry began in the Fall of 2017. Dot Anderson brought it to fruition in honor of her husband Forrest. Many of those on the team were also honoring family and friends. The group would meet in the sanctuary for a brief twenty minutes where Pastor Clocker would speak on a passage and then ask each of us how we were doing. Then we would move to the social hall for a bit of "coffee klatch" and a guest speaker. Signup sheets over the years show 19 St. John's members and 14 visitors from the community were part of this group." Submitted by a member of the Cancer Ministry. (Comments/questions, see Leatha "Sam" Drouillard-100th Anniversary Committee).

Generations Center Event

Age Friendly Conference **October 13, 9 AM-3 PM** at the "Generations Center". A **free** event to receive information about aging well, resources that will help you age with dignity and live more independently. Lunch, snacks and beverages provided. You **MUST register** to attend. 336 725 0907 Contact Leatha "Sam" Drouillard for **general** information.

BINGO!

October 10, 6:30-8:30 pm Back by popular demand--St. J O H N S Bingo night! Put it on your calendar and come to enjoy the fun! Contact "Sam" 336 768 2121 or Cyndie Anderson 336 978 1210 if you have questions.

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 Grace to Share*

Loving God, as the sower scattered seeds with the hope of an abundant crop, we commit these tithes and offerings to help grow your Word and ask that their impact in our world may grow a hundred, sixty or thirty times what is sown.

We know that our lives are full of weeds, planted by enemies of greed, consumerism and fear. As we commit these gifts to your ministry, help us to separate the first fruits in our lives from the weeds and all that is good in your name from all that which tempts away from you. *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-43*

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 meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 - 11:30AM in Room 102. Currently they we are studying the Gospel of Luke. 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 Wes and Kerstin Walker.

Worship Assistants: **8:30am** – Andy Witner; **10:30am** – *Liturgical Asst.*- Pr. Vangen; *Host 1*- Pr. Clocker; *Host 2*: Pr. Vangen; *Tray 1* – Fred Black, *Tray 2* – Nathan Kottlowski; *Common Cup/ GF Wafer* – Don Henderson; *Crucifer/Runner* – Brandon Plyler

Lectors: **8:30am** – Madelyn Orsborn; **10:30am** – Avery Burch

Altar Guild for September: Sarah Strahm, Karin Lennon, Shawn Tibbits

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 **October 14, 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.

Members: Mark Meier - Chair, Brad Honeycutt – Vice-Chair, Dot Anderson, Fred Black, Norman Drouillard, Aaron Foote, Adam Orsborn

Board of Elders Meetings: Board of Elders meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on **September 16, 2025 at 7:00pm**

September Birthdays

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 27 Jace Banks
Sep 30 Kerstin Walker

September Anniversaries

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
Greg Vogelsmeier
Dennis Tarnowski