

## **Announcements September 28, 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.

### **Kerstin out of office**

Kerstin will be out of the office from **Monday, September 29 through Friday, October 3.**

Please contact Rebecca in the accounting office if anything is needed. All announcements need to be sent to **Cherry Horn** [chorn@stjohnsws.org](mailto:chorn@stjohnsws.org) by **Tuesday, September 30, 8:30am.**

### **New Member/Refresher/Seeker Class**

For those interested in learning about the doctrine of our faith we offer a refresher/new member/Seeker class on **Wednesdays** 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](mailto:churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org)

### **The Stars of Tomorrow – Classical Music Performance**

Join us at St. John's Lutheran Church for a unique Fall concert featuring the **“Stars of Tomorrow.”**

An opportunity to enjoy beautiful classical music on **Sunday, October 5 at 3:00pm** is indeed a treat.

When it's presented by talented musical students on the threshold of promising careers from several of the state's premiere music schools, then it truly becomes an experience not to be missed! Admission is free, but there will be a free will offering. The church is handicap accessible.

### **Sunday School Teachers' Meeting Today**

The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall following the late service. Lunch will be provided, and it is expected that it will be concluded by 1:30pm.

### **Fall Festival – Candy is needed!**

The Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 18** from **2:00 – 6:00 PM.** Watch for more information, but there is already a bin in the lobby to receive donations of candy.

### **HELP! HELP!! HELP!!!**

We need volunteers to help beautify our campus before the 100th Anniversary Celebration. **On**

**Saturday, October 11, (starting at 9 am)** we will be trimming, weeding, cutting, and doing whatever else it takes to spiff up our property. **WE NEED YOU!** Contact Steve Anderson (336-692-0125) or Dot Anderson (336-682-1924) for more information.

### **Bake Sale**

The Youth Group will continue to provide baked goods on Sunday morning for \$1 each. The proceeds will benefit the Youth Group going to LCMS Youth Gathering in San Antonio in July 2028.

### **Interested in working with the youth?**

The high school youth group has grown and there is interest from the youth to start a high school Sunday School class. If you are interested in working with the youth on Sunday mornings during Sunday School, please contact Pastor Tyson, Sarah Strahm, or Meg Lorenz

### **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.

### **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.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Do you know.....? A small table with a big story will be dedicated today in memory of Lloyd and Gaynelle Rowe, beloved members of St. John's first congregation (1938). This table once stood in St. John's first church on the corner of Queen and Westwood St. When St. John's sold the church to Baptist Hospital (1958) the table was left behind. Some say the "church" was used as a Chapel for Baptist Hospital staff. Maurice Briggs was the Chaplain. When the building was torn down. Maurice Briggs saved the table from destruction by taking it home. Just 2-3 years ago, Maurice called St. John's Church and told the story, adding the fact that he was moving to assisted living and needed to move the table on to someone else. He received Arden Lackey's name to call. Arden and Glenda chatted with Maurice several times and eventually arranged to pick up the table and bring it back to St. John's. The descendants of the Rowe family arranged for the table to be refinished, polished and restored by a local craftsman. Now the table is back where it belongs --a lasting reminder of our roots in the church family. Details submitted by Melissa Westendorff, Pat Eury, Laurel Naughton, and Arden Lackey. (Comments/questions, see Leatha "Sam" Drouillard-100th Anniversary Committee).

October 10, 6:30-8:30 pm St J O H N S Bingo Night! Snacks, Prizes (no money) and fun! Come and join us!! If you have questions, ask Cyndie Anderson 336 978 1210 or "Sam" Drouillard 336 768 2121.

Thank you to those who joined us for the Ice Cream Social/Video evening! Did you enjoy the surprises?!

### **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.

### **100<sup>th</sup> 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**

The joy of sacrificial giving is love. In spite of trials, love emerges as the factor in an individual's happiness. It is the light that distinguishes those people who become good stewards of their time, talent and treasure from others. It is the joy of sacrificial giving.

The most precious gift, always, is the message that you care. There are, in practical terms, only two ways of showing how much you care for a particular cause. One is the amount of work you do for it; the other is the amount of substance you give to it.

What matters to God is not the gift, but the giver. Stewardship is God's invitation to a way of life. It helps make God real to us. It helps us grow. It helps us to overcome our selfishness and our love of things.

We have been given much. To receive and not give is poor stewardship. What we do with what we have been given is a sign to God and to the world of the depth and meaning of our commitment.

### **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](mailto:prayerlist@stjohnsws.org)

For our **announcements** – [news@stjohnsws.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sue.e.marks@gmail.com) or call her at 908-447-4628.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our next get-together will be on **Sunday, October 19** at the home of Claudia Essbach, 5126 Dock Davis Road, Clemmons, NC 27012, from 2 to 4 pm. Claudia's phone number is 336-293-6380. Everyone is welcome to join this wonderful caring ministry. Any questions please contact Claudia, Cherry Horn (910-617-8122) or Ann Carney (336-602-1232).

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Sandra Linder honoring her sister Earlene's 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on 10/5 and brother Lynn's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on 10/6.

**Worship Assistants:** 8:30am – Bob Burke; 10:30am – *Liturgical Asst.*- Dale Mierisch; *Host 1*- Pr. Tyson; *Host 2*: Nathan Kottowski; *Tray 1* – Bruce Sawicki, *Tray 2* – Fred Black; *Common Cup/ GF Wafer* – Dale Mierisch; *Crucifer/Runner* – Brandon Plyler

**Lectors:** 8:30am – Taryn Strahm; 10:30am – Robbie Broedow

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

**Altar Guild for October:** Renee Henderson, Martha Musser, Tiffany Banks

**Crisis Control Items for September:** Instant grits and oatmeal – 62 lbs. was collected for the month of August. Thank you for your donations.

**Crisis Control Items for October:** Canned meats (salmon, tuna, corned beef, SPAM, 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 **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, Brad Honeycutt, Dot Anderson, Fred Black, Norman Drouillard - Chair, Aaron Foote, Adam Orsborn – Vice-Chair

**Board of Elders Meetings:** Board of Elders meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on **October 21, 2025, at 7:00pm**

### **September Birthdays**

Sep 30 Kerstin Walker

### **October Birthdays**

Oct 1 Brian Booe  
Oct 3 Eden Liwski  
Oct 4 Rachel Orsborn  
Oct 5 Jan Lundmark  
Oct 5 Ardel Meisinger  
Oct 6 Randy Hayden  
Oct 7 Susan Brake  
Oct 7 Brooklyn Thomas  
Oct 10 Claudia Essbach  
Oct 10 Teresa Pyrtle  
Oct 15 Eddie Ashe  
Oct 19 Nancy Golden  
Oct 20 Ann Carney  
Oct 20 Beth Hardin  
Oct 20 Nicole Shannon  
Oct 21 John Williams

### **September Anniversaries**

Sep 29 Ted and Sue Frake (46)

### **October Anniversaries**

Oct 7 Jeff and Sarah Strahm (25)  
Oct 17 Larry and Martha Musser (38)

### **September Ushers**

Holly Wilson  
Greg Vogelsmeier  
Dennis Tarnowski

### **October Ushers**

Steve Shannon  
Nicole Shannon  
Lily Shannon  
Gary Brake