

## Announcements

### September 7, 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 will be out of the office from **September 14 through September 18**. Please continue to contact your Elder if a need should arise. You may also contact Pastor Vangen #336-825-3417.

#### **LWML Mite Box 1<sup>st</sup> 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. You will find the Mite Box in the narthex as you enter the church.

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

For those interested in learning about the doctrine of our faith we will begin a refresher/new member 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. If you are interested in attending this class, please let the church office know. You can indicate this on the pew pad, you may call, or you may email Kerstin [churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org](mailto:churchsecretary@stjohnsws.org)

#### **Wedding Congratulations**

Congratulations on the marriage of **James Covington and Kelly Anders** on August 22, 2025.

James is the son of Steve Covington. Cards may be sent to 210 Tabor View Ln. W-S, NC 27106.

We want to wish them a Christ-centered marriage filled with joy, love, and happiness!

#### **Guest Pastor and Potluck**

Next Sunday **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

#### **Usher Training**

Training will be held after the late service on **September 14 for current and new ushers**. Ushers are still needed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

## St. John's School upcoming events

Book Fair – September 8-12

Grandparent Breakfast – September 8

Spirit Night at Dairi-O's – Clemmons location - September 8

St. John's School Back to School Picnic BBQ – September 11

## 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.

## 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** and on **Thursdays from 2:00pm - 3:00pm** in the choir room. **These two groups will combine as 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!

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

Do you know....The Prayer Shawl Ministry started in 2016. "Early Days -- it was very casual and unofficial. One of Jack Fordham's neighbors at the time was a retired lady who crocheted like crazy -- turning out lovely shawls which were given to Jack who then turned them over to Cecile Honeycutt, Martha Tegler and Dot Cleary who then bestowed them throughout the congregation as they saw a need. Then in 2016 when Pastor Schoolcraft was here at St. Johns with us, the group "officially" came into existence. The group has evolved over the years, waxed and waned in size, but currently the group consists of seven ladies. We take turns meeting in each other's home as this promotes a "warm inviting place" of camaraderie. We talk about a lot of things -- family mostly and what is shared in the group stays in the group -- which makes it special. We also discuss who "needs" a shawl or blanket (for the men) and

we also make the Baptismal blankets. From our hearts we pay for our own yarns that are used and they are all washable yarns which makes them all easy to care for. We all feel blessed to be a part of this ministry." From one of the Prayer Shawl Ministry members. (Comments/questions, see Leatha "Sam" Drouillard-100th Anniversary Committee).

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.

**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: Use Your Talent to God's Glory**

Have you heard about the school for animals that was set up in this forest? All the animals decided it was time to set some criteria for who should be allowed to live in the forest, so a number of them came up with a curriculum that included tree climbing, swimming, flying, and running. They decided all animals must pass each of these classes in order to graduate.

Well, the first class was in tree climbing, which of course the squirrels passed with flying colors. The fleet-footed deer, however, flunked the course. When it came to running, the deer got straight A's, but the geese kept falling over frontwards. Now, in flying, the bald eagle flew circles around the squirrels, who kept falling off the branches onto the ground below.

The point, of course, is clear. God has given each part of his creation a talent according to their ability and that includes humans, as well. We are the ones who have decided that to be talented means that we excel in one of three or four areas and we are willing to pay enormous salaries to those who meet our criteria. God's idea of talents, however, is based on their usefulness to others, not on the number of talents, nor how artistic they are. Not only will we be held accountable for using the talent we have been given, but as importantly, whether we have used it in God's kingdom.

### **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 **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 Carol and Reg Koontz.

**Worship Assistants:** **8:30am** – Bob Burke; **10:30am** – *Liturgical Asst.* - Don Henderson; *Host 1- Pr.* Tyson; *Host 2: Pr.* Wallace; *Tray 1* – Don Henderson, *Tray 2* – Nathan Kottlowski; *Common Cup/ GF Wafer* – Bruce Sawicki; *Crucifer/Runner* – Brandon Plyler

**Lectors:** **8:30am** – Judy Meisinger; **10:30am** – Fred Black

**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 **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 16, 2025 at 7:00pm**

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

**September Birthdays**

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 27 Jace Banks  
Sep 30 Kerstin Walker

**September Anniversaries**

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  
Greg Vogelsmeier  
Dennis Tarnowski