

Announcements October 19, 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.

Thank You!

I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you for the incredibly generous gift you gave me for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. I was truly surprised and deeply moved by your thoughtfulness. Your generosity was not only a blessing to me, but a reminder of what a privilege it is to walk alongside such a loving and Christ-centered congregation.

Serving as your pastor is one of the greatest joys of my life. Every day I get to witness God's work among us—through your prayers, your encouragement, your compassion, and your unwavering faith. Moments like this remind me that ministry is not a journey we take alone, but one we share together as a church family.

Your kindness has encouraged me more than you know. I feel both honored and humbled, and I'm incredibly grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you not just for the gift, but for the love, support, and partnership in ministry that it represents.

May God continue to bless this church and the work He has called us to do together.
With deep appreciation and love, Pastor Tyson

Baptism today

Today during the 8:30 service we rejoice in the sacrament of baptism of Caroline Mae Alford, infant daughter of Zeb and Katie Sayles Alford. Godparents are Meagan Sayles, Martha Vann Alford, and Jared Shutt. Caroline's grandparents are Andy and Debbie Sayles.

All Saints Day Commemoration

Will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 2** at both services. We will recognize and rejoice, specifically, those called to glory during this past year. You also have opportunity to list any loved ones you would like to remember. **Forms are in the back of the church, please return by Sunday, October 26.**

100 Year Anniversary tickets available!

Attention!! We have 10 tickets available for the Anniversary Banquet, Oct. 25th, 5pm at Maple Chase Country Club. Tickets are \$25 each. See or call Cyndie Anderson (336 978 1210) or "Sam" Drouillard (336 768 2121) if you would like to purchase a ticket.

ONE more week until the Grand Finale of St. John's 100th Anniversary! October 25th, 5pm (Banquet at Maple Chase Country Club) and October 26th, 10:30am only (100 year Anniversary/Reformation Service with a Cake Reception following). Please see the flyers at the back of the church for all the details, especially concerning parking for the church service. Note we have added **another shuttle bus run at 10:25 AM**. If you have questions, please call Cyndie Anderson 336 978 1210 or "Sam" Drouillard 336 768 2121. We will be happy to take your call.

Experiencing the Joy of Generosity, From your 2025 Stewardship Committee

We have all enjoyed this year-long celebration of St. John's 100 Years of worship, communion, fellowship, prayers and mission work. No matter how long you have been a part of St. John's Lutheran Church you are appreciated and loved as a member of the body of Christ. "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27). We thank everyone who volunteered and participated in celebrating our 100 years anniversary. Without your involvement, dedication and inspiration from God it would not have been as splendid. This leads us into planning our 101st year.

On Sunday, November 2nd we begin our Stewardship emphasis "**Experiencing the Joy of Generosity.**" We hope and pray that you will be blessed by the three weeks of sermon messages and worship. Joy is a beautiful word that seems to bring a smile in saying it. As God's people, we know that Jesus is the source of our joy. We have the deep and abiding joy of being loved by God through Jesus. King David wrote, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11). Our stewardship emphasis will encourage us to experience the joy that God gives us through our generosity in sharing with others and extending his kingdom. In the words of Rev. Robert Schnase: "Through our generosity, God can do extraordinary things. Through our giving, God changes lives, and in changing them, transforms us. The practice of generosity describes the Christian's unselfish willingness to give in order to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ." **May God bless us as we honor the Lord through our generosity.**

Sunday School Kickoff Announcement

We are excited to announce the official start of our yearly Sunday School program at St. John's Lutheran Church! All children and youth, ages 2 through 18, are warmly invited to join us for a new season of faith, learning, and fellowship.

Our Kick-Off/Promotion Sunday will be today at 9:45 am. All children/youth will meet in Room 102 before breaking out into their individual classes. Mark your calendars and get ready for a wonderful year ahead!

Each Sunday, our dedicated teachers will lead age-appropriate classes designed to help children and teens grow in their faith, build friendships, and have fun in a welcoming environment.

We are excited to announce that we will begin a new Youth Class (grades 9-12) this Sunday.

Whether you've attended before or are new to our program, we look forward to seeing you and your family. Please help us spread the word to friends and neighbors—everyone is welcome!

Parent(s): We have Adult Bible Study at this time in the Social Hall for you as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelley Wallace or Dot Anderson. We can't wait to see you on October 19th for the Sunday School kickoff!

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

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

100th Anniversary

Do you know.....? At the "Regular voters meeting held at the church, Friday, May 21, 1954, discussion was held relative to noise before Sunday service. It was decided to make ourselves a committee of one to stop excessive talking. The meeting closed with prayer by the Pastor." (Rupprecht) Found on page 85, Minutes of meetings of the Voting members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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 Tie That Binds Us*

Christian commitment is the tie that binds us to the purpose and power of God. The Apostle Paul describes the commitment of Christ. He "humbled himself" ... "unto death, even death on a cross." Being God, he still did this because of his commitment to enter our world and reveal God's love and our need of God.

Now you and I are challenged to be of this same "mind" or commitment. Sometimes the tie that binds us to God's purpose is a sort of slip-knot arrangement, allowing slack for our own desires. Paul urges us to tie our commitment tightly and squarely as did Christ. Have we?

A real test of our commitment is stewardship. Paul says, "Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." When we consider how Christ humbled himself, how the needs are just as desperate today, and how we are called to have the same mind, even a tithe seems small, doesn't it? The discipline of tithing is the square-knot by which God blesses the tie that binds us to him and to others. If, as a Christian, you haven't tried tithing, do it now and ask God to bless you!

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 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 is today, **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 Jan Lundmark in honor of Nicole Shannon's birthday, and by Steve Covington in memory of Reesa Covington.

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

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

Altar Guild for October: Renee Henderson, Martha Musser, Meg Lorenz

Crisis Control Items for October: Canned meats (salmon, tuna, corned beef, chicken, 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 **November 11, 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**

October Birthdays

Oct 19 Nancy Golden
Oct 20 Ann Carney
Oct 20 Beth Hardin
Oct 20 Nicole Shannon
Oct 21 John Williams

October Ushers

Steve Shannon
Nicole Shannon
Lily Shannon
Gary Brake