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**Lent 2017: Midweek Worship on Wednesdays @ 6:45 pm in the Chapel**

For the 6:45 pm Wednesday Lenten services, we're inviting 5 people to share a brief (2-5 minutes) "testimony of grace." Our theme will be the **23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm**. Below is the Psalm (from the *New King James Version*) with the dates. Please pray about sharing a brief reflection and let me know of your willingness. Call 828-713-4646 or drop a quick e-mail: [JohnCPropst@gmail.com](mailto:JohnCPropst@gmail.com)

**March 8**

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside still waters.

**March 15**

He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.

**March 22**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

**March 29**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

**April 5**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Ash Wednesday – March 1 – 6:45 pm in the sanctuary**  
(Communion and Imposition of Ashes)

Epiphany blessings, friends.

*Pastor John*

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## WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

### Traditional Sunday Morning Worship

You are invited to attend worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the main nave. This gathering is a traditional service celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion and enlivened by the St. John's Chancel Choir, the Eagle Singers and Ringers, and the Rainbow Singers and Ringers.

### Tuesday Noon Chapel

Everyone is welcome at this weekly prayer service. Noon Chapel is brief but no less meaningful, using a variety of liturgical settings. Every week, however, worshippers lift up *every person on the St. John's prayer list by name*. Come for weekly noon worship in the Rhyne-White Chapel.

### Wednesday Vespers

Gather for St. John's weekly sunset service of Holy Communion. The service is brief (about 30 minutes), informal, and Spirit-filled! Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Rhyne-White Chapel following the weekly St. John's Wednesday Supper.



### St. John's Chancel Choir

Adult Choir (all ages)  
(Practice Wednesdays at 7:30)

### Rainbow Singers and Ringers

Preschool-Fifth Grade Children's Choir  
(Practice and perform Fourth Sundays at 9:30 a.m.)

### Eagle Singers and Ringers

Middle and High School Youth Choir  
(Practice and perform Second Sundays at 9:30 a.m.)

**St. John's offers a variety of special  
liturgical and seasonal services  
throughout the year.**

**To all of our worship events,  
you are warmly invited.**

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## PARISH NEWS

**Washing Machine Needed:** We have a member of St. John's that is in need of a washing machine. If you have one you would like to donate, please call the church office.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Members of St. John's:** Beth Beam Wright, Jerry Hayes, Emily Harris, Bill Lovingood, Frank Shehan, Paul Shull, Glenda Monk, Lois Dechent, Ed Washburn, Dr. Marshal Agner, Stuart Beam, Julia Etta Allran, James Putnam, Robert Farmer, Faye Dellinger, Eileen Broome, Ruth Anthony, Fushia Heavner, Anita & Jim Wright, St. John's Call Committee.

**FRIENDS BEYOND ST. JOHN'S:** Angie Simpson, Zack Fraley, Tommy Champion, Louraine Champion, Joe Ackerman, Mackenzie Summer, Courtney Dover, Robert Gentile, Leisa Hoover, Frances Barnes, Tony Harris, J D Gaston, Kim Angel, Jim Wood, Nevaeh Carpenter, Austin Farris, Jackson Hall, Glenn Jackson, Kailyn Ipock, Elizabeth Doty, Elaine Kanupp, Rhett Martin, David Humphries, Adam Crowder, Troy Sellers, Billy Ray and Margaret Stroupe, Howard Chapman, Milley Mauney, Spencer Wray, Jennifer Lineberger, Lesa Ritter, Willow Graves, Barbara Rose, Elizabeth Caswell, Patricia Earls, Randall Propst, Mason Cheek, Kengetta Wiggins, Tommy and Joyce Peeler, Kathy Murry, Nicholas Monas, Belinda Martin, Peggy Schronce mother of Susan Lockridge, Sonny Williams, Sonnie, Courtney Nord, David Herendeen, Allie Beam, Carol Lovingood, Summer Carroll, Jane Edwards, Margaret Becker, Joan Auten, Roxanna Beam Carpenter, Kathy Driggers, Patt Hammett, Maria Gentile, Faybell Deck mother of Elaine Yount, Lincoln Shepherd, Carolyn Saine, Xan Lockman, Eli Tucker, Eddie Mincey, Todd Jackson, Brandon Conner, Aaron Anderson, Letcher Brown, Casey Waddle, Steven Tate, Paige Rhinehart, Maebelle Earnhardt sister of Dollie George, Carol Rodi, Tracy Thompson, John Drew, Gene Pryor, Carly Branning, Denica Pummer, Zac Hullander grandson of J.D. and Lois Hullander, Jay Davis, Kristina Karell, Brian Hipps, David Moore, Kristie Allen, David Church, Reverend Bill Smith, our Synod partner congregation Bethany, Hickory, the ministry of Living Waters Lutheran Church, Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Dallas, and the residents of the Lutheran Home in Hickory, the residents of Heritage Oaks Lutheran Home. ***If you wish to be removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office.***



- 2-1 Scott Dellinger
- 2-1 J D Hullander
- 2-2 Lonnia Beam
- 2-5 Greg Beam
- 2-5 James Harrelson
- 2-6 Trenton Champion
- 2-8 Courtney Beam
- 2-11 Heather Mauney
- 2-13 Julia Fitzhugh
- 2-14 Adam Crane
- 2-14 Dayne Harrelson
- 2-15 Danna Henley
- 2-15 Doug Blackburn
- 2-17 John Bullington
- 2-17 Erica Madison
- 2-19 Mary Ferguson
- 2-19 Lois Hullander
- 2-22 Cameron Eaker
- 2-23 Karen Payne
- 2-24 Dr. Anika Howell Hastings
- 2-26 Renee Farmer
- 2-27 Lois Dechent
  
- 2-6 Kim & Sallianne Harris



- 2-14 Dr. Chris & Teresa Madison

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## SERVICE



St. John's is responsible for the first Sunday of each month to provide a meal for The Shelter of Gaston County. Thank you to all who have helped with this ministry. Below is the schedule through June:

February—Linda Chaney & Jan Clark  
March – Alice Dellinger  
April—Circle IV—Patsy Dellinger  
May—Becky Gates & Danna Henley  
June—Jean Champion

Thank you for providing a hot meal for these women and children at the shelter.

**Backpack Ministry**—St. John's is providing food for the Backpack Weekend Food Program at John Chavis Middle School. We are sponsoring 12 students this year. Thank you for all your support for this program.

**Packing for the month of February:**

February 2—Courtney and Debbie Beam—Menu 1  
February 9—Susan & Stuart Bea m—Menu 2  
February 16 - Sherry Curry—Menu 1  
February 23—Youth—Menu 3



**Delivering for the month:** Gail Canipe, Anita Millwood, Frank Henley and Carolyn Summer.

Volunteers gather weekly to pack the food bags and deliver them to John Chavis. Thank you to all who are committed to helping feed these hungry students to hopefully give them a brighter future.  
"Hunger doesn't take the weekend off."

**God's Work Our Hands assisted 49** people in January through the Parish Food Pantry and The Saints Closet. Thank you to everyone that volunteered! We also helped **30** families with food for the month of January.

Thank you to everyone that helped pack food boxes for the God's Work Our Hands Outreach. Thank you to Roy Anness and Jimmy Harrelson for picking up the food at Aldi.



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## SERVICE

**Thank you to Glenn Clark**, Russell Wingfield, Jimmy Harrelson, Roy and Linda Anness, Linda Dugan, Sallianne Harris and Kim Eaker for helping move the food in the new food pantry room and helping move the sewing room to their new location.

**Thank you** to Alice Dellinger, Jan Clark, Nancy Porter and Kim Eaker for cleaning out the room where the sewing room is moving too.



### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. 100% of the money and food collected will be given to our food pantry to help those in need in our community. We will have our kick off on Wednesday, February 1, with home-made potato soup prepared by Al Putnam with his grandmother's recipe.

You can make a donation starting that night and through Sunday February 5. Youth will have pots that you can place canned goods or monetary gifts to help stock the pantry. We are averaging serving 90 families with food boxes each month.



## JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Presentation was made by the Constitution and By Laws Committee.** John Bullington gave an update on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. They met once a month since March 2016 and the members of the committee were Wendy Fitch, Jack Davis, Andy West and John Bullington. John said that there was not an electronic file of St. John's Constitution but now we have one. John contacted Melanie Bookout at the Synod office to help with our constitution. Chapters 10 – 14 can be changed because this is St. John's but the ELCA is the only ones that can make any changes. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee requested feedback form St. John's committee on how they operate. The committee invited a focus group to meet in November to review the presentation and see if they had any changes. John said the next step is to get the Church Council to approve and then it would be submitted to the Synod office for approval. Once the Synod approves it they will send it back to St. John's and we will have a congregational meeting to vote on the new Constitution.

Andy West went over the changes. He said there is an introduction and table of contents. Andy said referred to the constitution as a sandwich: Chapters 1 thru 9 are the top of the bread and cannot be changed; Chapters 10 thru 14 are the meat of the sandwich and references St. John's and Chapters 15-19 are the bottom of the bread. He said 95% of the constitution is dictated by the Synod and cannot be changed.

Andy said the Cemetery Committee has three people as trustees. At large members will be assigned to a specific committee. There will be a transition period for committees: Family Ministry will transition to Cemetery and Bricks and Mortar will transition to Endowment. Wendy Fitch said that Laura Fitch has resigned from the Church council as the member of Family Ministry.

**Pastor John** gave out a personality inventory form for the council members to fill out. The results were interesting we had 3 Lions, 5 Otters, 3 Golden Retrievers and 2 Beavers.

**Nancy Porter** gave out a copy of the guidelines and form that will be used to request funds from Endowment and Cemetery Committee. There will be three copies: Finance Board, Endowment Committee and the original will be filed with the church council minutes. In November we requested 10% from Endowment for Operating which was \$4399 and 5 % for Capital which was \$2199 from unrestricted funds and the check was received from Endowment in December. The money will be requested each year in November so the check can be received in December.

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor John said Worship and Music Board will be meeting on Sunday. Pastor John said that St. John's was such a blessing and the congregation was welcoming and warm.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Max went over the condensed balance sheet. Nancy made the motion to move the 5% which is \$2,199.00 from the Capital Budget which is now in Contingency to the Building Renovation Fund and to move \$9,157.59 to the Operating Account from the Contingency Fund to Operating Account to offset budget deficit for 2016 and was seconded by Alice Dellinger. Motion carried. Motion was made by Nancy Porter to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Dr. Nelson Jenkins. Motion carried.

**Finance:** Nancy Porter said the request form was filled out to submit to Endowment Committee for \$5,304.00 from the Cemetery Fund will be sent to Endowment for the maintenance in January. Motion was made by Nancy Porter to submit cemetery request form to Endowment for Cemetery Maintenance seconded by Alice Dellinger. Motion carried.

**Property:** John Dellinger said that we have had two issues with key and we need to adopt a key control policy. Barbara gave an update of what the latest issue was. Friday a week ago Barbara went to lunch early and got back around 12:15 and she and Kim Eaker came in the church. There was a car parked in the parking lot and when Barbara and Kim got to the church door the car cranked up and left. Patsy Dellinger stopped by about 20 minutes later and she was in the office talking to Barbara and Kim and they heard a cell phone ring but it wasn't their phones. Barbara called the police and when they came she went to let them in on the Dixie Street side and Kim heard a door close on Elm Street side. The police searched the entire building but didn't find anyone. The Cherryville Police Department suggested that the exterior door locks be changed. Barbara called Matt Mauney Friday afternoon and told him what had happened and he contacted John Dellinger. The Property Board and Security Team made the decision to change all the locks immediately and Matt would announce it a worship on Sunday. The locks were changed on Wednesday

## RAINBOW & EAGLE CLUBS

### Youth Ministry at St. John's:

*"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink."*

John 7:37b-38

### February Order of St. John's

Acolyte: Blake Lovell

Crucifer: Keegan Jenkins

Food Bearers: Rainbow Club

### The Schedule

Sunday Mornings: 9:30 am Class

### Youth Prayer Breakfast

is held every Wednesday at 7:00 am  
at Home Folks



## WORSHIP

**Explore three opportunities for weekly worship at St. John's.** Sunday Morning Worship of Word and Sacrament continues to be the central event that our congregation gathers around weekly. This traditional service of Holy Communion happens Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the main nave. Noon Chapel is a brief prayer service. Though we use a variety of settings, we reserve part of worship to lift up by name *every person* on the St. John's prayer list. The newest worship service is Wednesday Vespers, weekly at 6:45 in the Rhyne-White Chapel. This service is a lively and informal abbreviated service. Amidst our busy lives, make worship and renewal part of your life. Insist that one or all of these services be a regular part of your week. For details, please contact the church office.

**3rd Sunday Extra Giving** for February thru June is:

February—Building Fund

March—Playground Improvements

April—Youth Prayer Breakfast

May—Playground Improvements

June - Vacation Bible School

## ST. JOHN'S WEDNESDAYS

Below is a list of the schedule:

- Rainbow Club begins at 5:00 pm
- Adult Bible Study begins at 5:00 pm
- St. John's Wednesday Meal at 5:45 pm
- Vespers at 6:45 pm
- Choir Practice following Vespers

**Our menu for the month of february is as follows:**

**February 1 Potato Soup & Cornbread**  
Prepared by Rainbow Club Cooks & Al Putnam

**February 8 Spaghetti & Salad**  
Prepared by Rainbow Club Cooks

February 15 International Night  
Prepared by Members of St. John's

**International/Ethnic Night** will be held on Wednesday February 15. If you would like to make a dish from another country, please call the church office to sign up.

**February 22 Pizza & Salad**  
Prepared by Lutheran Men In Mission



## JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

and numbered. The Property Board and Security will make the decision of who gets a key. If a meeting is held after office hours, then a key will be checked out in the church office and returned the next day to Barbara.

**Social Ministry** will meet January 30 at 6:00 pm to plan for 2017- God's Work Our Hands served 49 people on December 6 with clothes and food boxes. - During the month of December 39 families were also assisted with food from the Food Pantry. - Souper Bowl of Caring will kick off on Wednesday, February 1 through Sunday February 5. All money and canned goods will go directly to our Food Pantry here at St. John's.

**Youth:** No report. Heather ask if it was ok to order Vacation Bible School packet and we told her yes.

**Worship & Music:** Worship and Music Board will be meeting on January 22.

**Nurture & Fellowship:** No report. Wendy thanked Alice for providing breakfast for retreat.

**Cemetery:** John Dellinger had recommendations from Jack Davis regarding the Cemetery. Cemetery recommendations will be given to council members to review and was tabled for further review.

**Family Ministry:** Wendy Fitch read a resignation letter from Laura Fitch from Church Council effective immediately.

**New Business:** Wendy Fitch said that we need Church Council approval of the new St. John's Constitution. John Porter made the motion that we accept the constitution and seconded by John Dellinger. Motion carried.

Wendy Fitch talked about Family Ministry Board and after much discussion the decision was made that the Social Ministry Board will absorb Family Ministry and their activities. The Call Committee training will be held Friday January 27 from 6 to 9 pm and Saturday, January 28 from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm in the conference room.

Happy  
Valentine's Day! 

CANDY	L O V E S X I
HEART	W V G R H U G
HUG	S E H E A R T
LOVE	O S W E E T K
KISS	S H K I S S E
SWEET	C A N D Y I Q
	T Q G A O M G

Chicken Scratch NY

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## GIFTS TO ST. JOHN'S

### In Memory of

#### **Kern Beam—Memorial Fund**

Cherryville High School Class of 1949  
Jim & Lynn Mason  
Evelyn Walker  
Evelyn Carpenter  
Janie L. Rand  
Robert Kleiderlein  
Patti Wilson  
Barbara & Clay Terrell  
Sharon & Bill Hayes  
Missy & Will Miller  
Anne & Thomas Reece  
M/M Ray Grigg

#### **Kern Beam—General Fund**

Patsy Dellinger

#### **Crystal Lovingood**

#### **Outreach Ministry Fund**

Mary McSwain  
Charles Newton  
Gaston County

#### **Crystal Lovingood**

#### **3rd Sunday Extra Giving Fund**

M/M Dennis Broome

#### **Vivian White—Memorial Fund**

M/M Billy Alexander  
Charles Newton  
Mary McSwain  
Ann Newton

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## GIFTS TO ST. JOHN'S

### In Honor of

#### **Kermit & Julie Carpenter**

#### **3rd Sunday Extra Giving Fund**

Evelyn Carpenter

#### **Robert and Debra Hord**

#### **3rd Sunday Extra Giving Fund**

Evelyn Carpenter

#### **Matt and Heather Mauney and Family**

#### **3rd Sunday Extra Giving Fund**

John David Kennedy

#### **Dr. Anika Howell and Kelly Hastings**

#### **3rd Sunday Extra Giving Fund**

Bill Lovingood

#### **Pastor John Propst**

#### **3rd Sunday Extra Giving Fund**

Bill Lovingood

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## KOINONIA

**Fellowship Group** will meet on Monday, February 13 at 11:30 am in Saints Hall. The host and hostess will be Darrell and Becky Gates and Bea Froneberger. All St. John's Adults are invited to bring a covered dish and join us.

### WELCA MEETINGS

#### **Circle IV**

Monday, February 5 @ 10 am  
Program: Bobbie Rudisill  
Hostess: Faye Boyles

#### **Circle V**

Monday, February 5 @ 7 pm  
Program: Danna Henley  
Hostess: Danna Henley & Lenita Woodruff

**Crossnore School will not be accepting Campbell Soup labels after August 1.**

**Wild Women Sunday School Class** will start on February 5. We will be using the DVD and the book He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado thru the season of Lent.

**Wild Women** next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9 in Saints Hall. Trish's Dishes to Go will be here sampling her foods. Please let Kim Eaker or Barbara know if you are planning to attend. We need to know by February 5<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend.

**St. John's Book Group** will be reading Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom for their meeting on February 23 at 7 pm.

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## ELECTRA

**Thank you** for your support in recent years and during our loss. From visits, communions, and cards, to memorial gifts, attending the service, and providing the bereavement meal, we appreciate every act of kindness.

The family of Vivian Rhyne White



SERVICE OF  
*Remembrance*

**The Community Memorial Service** will be held on Sunday, February 5 at 3 pm at First Baptist Church.