



**Mission Statement:  
To Know Christ and To  
Make Christ Known**

## The "Good News" Paper September 2017

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Sunday Worship Schedule  
9:00 am - Traditional Service  
11:00 am - Praise Service  
Sunday School  
Saturday Worship  
4:00 pm - Saturday Night  
Light Service

*For more information, please see our  
calendar of events on the last page  
(or attached to your email)*

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

We're delighted to welcome new members to St. John's! Our next new member orientation will take place on Sunday, September 17 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm (after the 11 am Worship Service) in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is included.

During the orientation, we'll explore what it means to be a Lutheran, what it means to be a member of St. John's, and how you can participate in this vibrant faith community. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John's, or if you have any questions about membership, please contact Pastor Jen at the church office (760-345-2122) or through email ([jennifershaw0204@gmail.com](mailto:jennifershaw0204@gmail.com)).



### LABOR DAY BRUNCH ON SUNDAY

The Ladies of St. John's will host a brunch for the entire congregation on Sunday, September 3 between the 9 am and the 11 am services in the Fellowship Hall. All members of the congregation and guests are welcome. Come, meet and visit with your friends from the other service, and help us celebrate the end of a long, hot summer.

**"God's work. Our hands."  
Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017**

T-shirts will be on sale between services on September 3. Cost is \$10.00.

September 10<sup>th</sup> is our day to work together as a church to help our neighbors in need! On that Sunday we will be having a "work day" and lunch after the 11:00 service. We will be putting together bags for the needy which will be distributed by Narrow Door. We are collecting the following items for the bags: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, white socks, combs, brushes, water bottles, razors, deodorant and nail clippers. A box is located in the back of church for the items. Many thanks!

We are collecting monetary donations to purchase additional items.  
Please note "Gods Work Our Hands" or "GWOH" on your donations.

BIBLE STUDIES ~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~ MINISTRIES  
"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Gospel of John

The Gospel of John Bible study meets on Thursdays at 10 am; repeated at 7 pm. We are going through each chapter discussing the themes, characters, stories, and theological insights of the Gospel and how this Good News calls us into a fuller and deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. Outlines from previous classes are available. *All are welcome!*



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will resume meeting the third Saturday of each month on September 16, 2017 at 8 am. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship. For more information, please contact Craig Packer at 760-702-7577.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY



The Women of St. John's two circles, Martha and Ruth, continue to meet the first Saturday and first Wednesday of each month. Ruth Circle meets the 1st Saturday in the Conference Room for Bible study with Pastor Jen at 8 a.m. Martha Circle meets the 1st Wednesday at 9:30 am for Bible study and other activities in Fellowship Hall. Martha Circle's Wednesday meeting ends with a pot-luck lunch at 11:30 am. Lots of fellowship and friendship at both meetings.

We continue to make prayer shawls to give out in the fall to frail and elderly people. The prayer shawls are both knitted or crocheted, and they are approximately 20" X 60"... just enough to wrap and enfold those who may need comfort, warmth, or a feeling of security. Everyone is welcome to contribute. There is no special pattern. We have donated yarn and if anyone needs help in finding yarn to make a shawl of your own, we'd be happy to share our yarn. More donations of yarn are always appreciated.

If you are interested in any or all of our activities, please call Marilyn at (760) 774-0463 or e-mail brockie@live.com. We'd love to have more attendees! Our Mission Statement is 'Gathering and sending women to act boldly in faith in Christ, and make a difference in the world.'

*Please join us for a Labor Day Brunch on Sunday, Sept 3 between services!*

CARING MINISTRY

Do you know someone who is unable to come to church on a regular basis, and would benefit from having Communion brought to them? Eucharistic Visitation Ministers bring Communion, conversation, and fellowship to those who are home bound. Please contact Judy Burke (760-832-7370) or Pastor Jen to learn more.



Do you know some who could use a ride to church? Caring Ministry team members are available to give rides to those who do not have transportation to come to worship services. Please contact Diana Lang (760-360-2479) or Pastor Jen to learn more.

FALL FESTIVAL OF FAITH - SAVE THE DATE

St. John's is joining with Hope for a "Fall Festival of Faith" on Sunday, October 29 at 6 pm. Several members of our choir are joining with choir members and musicians from across the valley in a concert that celebrates the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Conductor Mack Wilberg is a composer, arranger, conductor, and the current music director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the chorus is large (nearly 200 singers). This will be a big event and carpooling is encouraged. Hope is located at 45900 Portola Ave. Please contact Laura Stave if you have any questions. Please join us!

## ST. JOHN'S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"*

*Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

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WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS - Please contact Curt Starkweather to volunteer. There are many opportunities for you to serve the Lord, including serving as a Reader, Usher or Communion Assistant. Call (760) 399-1982 or email [rstarkweath2@ft.newyorklife.com](mailto:rstarkweath2@ft.newyorklife.com).

FELLOWSHIP HOUR - If you would like to host a fellowship hour between Sunday services please contact the Sorensen's: Karen @ 760-989-0455 or Rick @ 760-989-0456 or email [fjordsmen@verizon.net](mailto:fjordsmen@verizon.net).

PRAYER CHAIN - The prayer chain is confidential and the prayer requests are sent via email. Please join us! Contact Amy Peterson (303) 918-0716, [akpmax@aol.com](mailto:akpmax@aol.com) or Joan Laudig (760) 343-2093, [MIMIOO7@aol.com](mailto:MIMIOO7@aol.com).

ALTAR GUILD - The work of St. John's Altar Guild ensures that Communion is prepared for each service. If you would you like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Diana Lang at [Diana@lcdinc.net](mailto:Diana@lcdinc.net) or 760-360-2479.

### ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY

You may donate altar flowers to the Glory of God, in celebration of a special event, or in memory of a loved one.



Your check for \$55.00, with "Altar flowers" on the memo, should be made out to St. John's. To select your special date, contact Diana Lang at (760) 702-7745 or [Diana@lcdinc.net](mailto:Diana@lcdinc.net).

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### Church Council Members

Mitch Phillips	President
Millie Taylor	Vice-President
Sherry Silver	Secretary
Deborah Hulslander	Treasurer
Curt Starkweather	Deacon
Chris Dale	Evangelism/Outreach
Kay Marovich	Music & Worship
Christy Ansbro	Trustee

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FIND (Food In Need Of Distribution) The next distribution is Tuesday, September 26. Please continue to bring non perishable food items, especially boxes of cereal. To volunteer or for more information, contact Molly at the church office 760-345-2122. *Thank you to all our volunteers!*

### ST. JOHN'S IS ON FACEBOOK!

Search "St. John's Lutheran Church, Palm Desert" and like our page so that you can get updates on all our important news and upcoming events.



### NEWSLETTER

"The Good News" newspaper is delivered via email in the form of a pdf file. Please make sure we have your email address. It can be viewed with Adobe Reader, available for free at [www.adobe.com/downloads](http://www.adobe.com/downloads).

### WEBSITE

Please visit our website [stjohnslutheran.church](http://stjohnslutheran.church) for updated information on our ministries, activities, and events.

### SPACE AT ST. JOHN'S

Consider our facility for any gatherings. Spread the word within the community.

Examples: Weddings \* Retirements \* Graduations \* Meetings \* Celebrations

Please contact Mitch Phillips for more information 760-360-8571 or [mp@prolandscapeservices.net](mailto:mp@prolandscapeservices.net)



The Youth of St. John's have been busy throughout the summer with service and fun events. In the past couple of month the kids have been helping with FIND distribution, food boxing with The Narrow Door, and of course they spent lots decorating and volunteering for our VBS Day Camp! They have also taken time out to enjoy some movie nights and fun outings. Everyone is excited for the new school year, and as our recent graduates and college volunteers head off to school, our youth group is getting much younger! As the summer wrapped up we got together to plan for the new church season. We have lots to look forward to in the coming months.

Weekly: Saturdays - Saturday Night Light Worship "SNL" @ 4 followed by Youth Bible study @ 5 pm.

#### September Events

- Sun 3 "Get Air" 5pm
- Sat 9 "God's Work, Your Camp" at Luther Glen
- Sun 10 "God's Work, Our Hands" after services
- Sat 16 Food boxing at The Narrow Door 9am
- Fri 22 - 24 Camp Ronald McDonald Work Weekend

Our Sunday school kids had a great summer and a fantastic time at VBS Day Camp! We had 33 kids and 25 volunteer including 16 youth. We also raised over \$600 for The Narrow Door to buy backpacks and school supplies for needy kids in Mecca and Thermal. It was a great week!

The kids are now focused on their weekly lessons and looking forward to our next big event, a Halloween carnival in October.



- 1 Richard Landis
- 2 Anita Yurko
- 3 Donna Schlitt  
Deborah Bridges
- 4 Philip Larson  
Samantha Van Natta  
Jaclyn Van Natta  
Mark Moulund
- 5 Jax Galvez
- 8 Jo Le Wilson  
Jordan Melcher
- 9 Virginia Ahlmeyer  
Emrey Wilkinson
- 10 Michael Gnot
- 12 Bill Norman
- 13 Robin Brown
- 14 Cailee Johnson
- 16 Alice Hewitson  
Tammy Lohf  
Michael Miller
- 17 Shane Romeika
- 18 Mary Winters
- 19 Hejira Hadley
- 22 Elaine Wadleigh
- 23 Ruby Flores  
Michael Bartram
- 24 Ruth Bjerke
- 26 Dylan Silver  
Cornelia Van Laar
- 27 Richard Mathison  
Jude Moreno
- 28 Michele Claxton
- 29 Lynda Samen
- 30 Jim Upshaw



- 12 Loren & Kat Liesemeyer
- 18 Bob & Janet Peper
- 25 Dan & Karen Flahive



- 2 PaulWainio
- 3 David Shunick  
Dorothy Zutz  
Betty Docken  
Renee Cannon
- 4 Karla Hansen
- 5 Don Davis  
Craig Jahries  
Trenton Schwanke  
Toni Laker
- 7 Jacob Hopping
- 8 Miah Montigney
- 9 Hayden Loutsenhizer
- 11 Josephine Lewke
- 12 Maria Hunt  
Pat Ogle  
James Kintner  
Alexis Dawson
- 13 Diane McClary
- 15 Marilyn Brockman
- 17 Anissa Rubio  
Bo Dunn
- 19 Julie Babcock  
Natalia Chan
- 20 Damarion Walton
- 21 Halle Van Natta  
Lyndsay Moore
- 23 Ruth Allen
- 23 Hailey Ney
- 24 Giselle Grilineau
- 24 Carl Lewke
- 24 Judy Davis
- 28 Kyla Stave
- 29 Cole Johnson
- 30 Jamie Gatch
- 30 Ann Rhein



- 1 Carol & Greg Van Natta
- 3 Virginia & Ed Ahlmeyer
- 4 Tissie & Bob Jacobs
- 17 Wendy & Jim Anderson  
Kay & Ray Bille
- 28 Nancy & Duke Frey