## Hidwinter 2019 St. John's Lutheran Church Salisbury, NC

Let's connect faith and life together



By Angel Owens

Wednesdays! are back- but with a few changes.

Wednesday Night Meals will begin 15 minutes earlier, so we can make our Wednesday night children's program available to more families. Parents who get off work at 5 pm can now bring their children for a warm meal and children's ministry.

We will still have other classes, choir rehearsals, and confirmation following Wednesday Meals.

The time is not the only thing changing.

We are thrilled to announce some significant changes in the Youth and Children's programs that we hope will help you connect faith and life in a more meaningful way. There are three things we want you to know:

**NEW STRATEGY:** We are rolling out a new strategy, called Orange. See the next page for more details. Wednesday nights will have a high energy feel, anchored in teaching our kids the stories of the Bible in a real, relational, and fun way. Be looking for more information in emails and on Facebook in the coming weeks. If you have children in the 3 years to 5th grade age range, haven't yet attended Wednesdays, and would like more information, email stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org. And take a peek at thinkorange.com.

Our youth will also use the orange strategy on Sunday nights. Email kai@stjohns-salisbury.org for more information.

**PARENT CUE APP:** Get ready for the new strategy by downloading the "Parent Cue" app on to your phone. Make sure to link your account to St. John's. The app will follow along with what your kids will be learning on Wednesday nights.



In addition to keeping up with Wednesday night curriculum, it provides practical age-appropriate lessons and memory verses for parents to share with their children and youth daily. Parents with children, birth to high school, are encouraged to give the app a try.

**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**: We will have a brief volunteer meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 6:15 pm to reveal the new strategy and curriculum. There are many different entry points for volunteers. If you are currently a volunteer or interested in helping out, please come to learn more. If you can't make it and are interested in helping, please contact Stacey Shafer, stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org.

# What is Orange?



The Church + Home = greater impact Light (yellow) + Love (red) = Orange Two combined influences make greater impact than just two influences. The new curriculum seeks to create a greater impact in the lives and faith journeys of our children by being intentional in reiterating what is taught at home in church and vice versa.

Orange is anchored in teaching our kids the stories of the Bible in a real, relational, and fun way. With Orange, parents will not only have access to what their children are learning at church on Wednesday nights, but also have access to a number of engaging resources to spend time with their children as an active participant in their life and influence in their faith journey.

# What's with all the names?

Kingdom Kids is not going away. All St. John's children's programming falls under Kingdom Kids (birth to 5th grade).

**First Look** is the Orange Curriculum for Birth to 4 year olds. We want our youngest Kingdom Kids to take a First Look at who God is and understand these three basic truths: God made me, God loves me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Parents, look for "First Look" to identify materials specific to this age group.



**252 Kids** is the Orange Curriculum for Kindergarten to 5th Grade. What does 252 represent? It's not our street address or the number of questions a 2<sup>nd</sup>-grader can ask in 20 minutes. Instead, everything we teach in 252 Kids is based on one of the three basic, but powerful, truths modeled by Jesus in Luke 2:52. I need to make the wise choice, I can trust God no matter what, and I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

**EPIC** (Energetic Peeps in Christ) is still around, too. This is our junior youth group. Keep your eyes open for quarterly meetings.

## What are we doing Wednesdays in January?

Every month has a different theme and focus. Here is what your kids will be exploring in January.





#### First Look: 3 and 4 Year Olds

The Market is where we go to get what we need. God made us able to do many things. However, we often find ourselves needing help. Just as Jesus was there to heal the sick and calm the storm for the disciples, He is here to help us when we say, "I need Jesus."

#### 252 Kids: Kindergarten– 5th Grade

How do you keep self-control? Update your Operating System! Self-control is one of the Fruits of the Spirit. As we follow Jesus, His Spirit is transforming us and giving us the power to show self-control. Self-control is a response to the character of God impacting our lives.









### Children's Christmas Program

Kingdom Kids and Epic spread the Christmas joy singing traditional hymns while telling the story of Jesus' birth. Rosemary Kinard, accompanied by Rob Durocher, led this evening celebrating "Love Has Come."







## Youth Christmas Party





### Senior Seasons Christmas Gathering

"The Senior Seasons Christmas Party was a blast, with fifty-two attendees. Steve Sommers, owner of Amazing Teacher, a company that produces educational presentations designed to train, motivate, and inspire all ages performed his Jingle Bell Magic show for the Seniors and the CDC children who sang in the second half of the program. Both children and adults had fun petting the white rabbit. The children's performance of "Twelve Days of Christmas" was a real treat! Matt Trexler of Creative Gourmet prepared a delicious buffet lunch. Thanks to Beth Boger and Barbara Stauffer for lending a hand to make the day successful." - Diane Poole, Director of Senior Adults







St. John's Kindergarten Christmas Program







**"Hanging of the Greens"** Thank you to all our volunteers for making Advent and Christmas such a beautiful time of year.



**GIFT Christmas Party** GIFT Women's Ministry gathered for their Annual Christmas Party at Pastor Laura's house on Wednesday, Dec. 13.









**Bethlehem Prayer Service** On Dec. 16, St. John's hosted a viewing of the Bethlehem Prayer Service Simulcast. After, members of the congregation packed medical bags for the Community Care Clinic.





A Service of Lessons and Carols For Over 35 years, the beautiful service of Lessons and Carols has retold the story of Christmas in word and song.







## Chrismons

All children received their annual Chrismon on Dec. 16. Our Chrismon team makes 200 per year, that also go out to homebound members.





Christmas Eve Worship Services

### St. John's Ministry Staff

Pastoral Ministry	
Senior Pastor	The Rev. Rhodes Woolly
Pastor for Discipleship	The Rev. Laura Henrik
Visitation	Wade Rouzer
Worship and Music Ministry	
Minister of Music	
Associate Parish Musician	Rosemary Kinard
Director of Music Emeritus	Karl Kinard, Deacon
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Youth	Kai Thurow
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The Rev. Dr. Timothy M Smith, Bishop of the NC Synod The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

### **Sunday Worship Services**

8:30 am — Chapel 9:27 am — Contemporary 11 am — Sanctuary

### **Holy Communion**

Contemporary Worship: 1st Sunday of the month Chapel Worship: 2nd and 4th Sundays Sanctuary Worship: 1st and 3rd Sundays

Nursery provided for infants through age 5 during services.

Listen to worship each Sunday morning at 11 am on stjohnssalisbury.org, and click Listen Live. Listen to previous week's service at 9 am Sunday on WSAT 1280 AM.

Office hours — Monday-Thursday, 9 am-5 pm; Friday 9-12. Telephone 704.636.3431; Fax 704.636.4461

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Brenda	202	Taylor	217
Ruth Ann	203	Rosemary	218
Kai/Stacey	204	Angel	219
Pastor Henrik	205	Diane	220
Pastor Woolly	206	Bradley	222
Jon	207		

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## **On Call List**

The list of ministers "on call" is also printed in the Sunday bulletin and updated as needed.

If there is a pastoral emergency, please call **704.856.9751** to reach the pastor on call.

Jan. 7– Jan. 13 Jan. 14– Jan. 20 Jan. 21– Jan. 27 Pastor Laura Henrik Pastor Rhodes Woolly Pastor Laura Henrik

**Prayer Chain**. Our Prayer Chain is updated daily and emailed to interested persons Monday through Friday. To add or subtract a name, please contact Joy Chaffin at joy@stjohns-salisbury.org. Also let Joy know if you would like to receive the daily Prayer Chain.

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