



# Bell Tower FEBRUARY 2023

News from Saint John's Lutheran Church, Asheboro, NC

## Worship SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2023

*10:00am Worship Service with Communion; Live Streamed on Facebook; Fellowship Hall with audio / video for more social distancing; FM transmitter for those who worship in their cars outside.*

### February 5 / 5<sup>th</sup> Sun after the Epiphany / Alan Gates

*Isaiah 58:3-9; Psalm 112:1-9;  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20*

### February 12 / 6<sup>th</sup> Sun. after the Epiphany / Rev. Samar Ghandour

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37*

### February 19 / Transfiguration of our Lord / Alan Gates

*Exodus 24:8-18; Psalm 2:6-12;  
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9*

### February 22/ Ash Wednesday / Alan Gates

*Service at 6pm*

### February 26/ 1<sup>st</sup> Sun after Lent / Rev. Samar Ghandour

*Genesis 3:1-21; Psalm 32:1-7;  
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11*

### NOTES to the Congregation



Our FEBRUARY item for Christians United Outreach (CUOC) is **Canned Chicken / Chicken Helper**. Please place your contributions in the basket outside the church office. Thank you for your generosity each month

### FEBRUARY in SERVICE

#### Altar Guild

Marj Murdock / Vickie Lorimer

#### Greeters

5 Jean Gates  
12 Karen Walker  
19 Cookie Smith  
26 Cindy Whiton

#### Asst. Minister

5 Vicky Russell  
12 Betsy Wittenberg  
19 Amy Harrelson  
22 **Need Volunteer (let Meg or Kim know)**  
26 Ken Jaeck

#### Acolytes

5 Leslie Smith & Mason Crooks  
12 Stefan Reedy & Win Smith  
19 Ermalyn & Dani Jaeck  
22 **Need Volunteer (let Meg or Kim know)**  
26 Katie Dawes & Jonna Harrelson

#### Children's Sermon

5 Joan Wilson  
12 Ken Jaeck  
19 Penny Crooks  
22 **Need Volunteer (let Meg or Kim know)**  
26 Ken Jaeck

#### Ushers

5 Team 1  
12 Team 2  
19 Team 3  
26 Team 4

#### Witness

5 Jean Gates  
12 Karen Walker  
19 Rita Hunter  
26 Kaye Kopplin

#### Nursery

5 Jaeck Family  
12 Emili & Jeff Smith  
19 Doreen Wilburn & Michele Dawes  
26 Wittenberg Family

#### Counting

Alfred & Vicki Bless



## FEBRUARY

### Baptism Anniversaries

- 3 Meg Schultz  
Katie Dawes  
12 Derek Church  
18 Samantha Chriscoe  
21 Amelia LaPrade

### Birthdays

- 1 Bill Ketchie  
3 Joseph Gee  
4 Sandra Allen  
Katie Dawes  
7 Liam Wittenberg  
Jeffrey DeLooze  
9 Lynn LaPrade  
McKenzie Crooks  
13 Michele Dawes  
18 Chuck Smalley  
Samantha Chriscoe  
19 Mary Beth Kidd  
22 Doug Ledford  
Wilson Kidd  
26 Mike Millard  
27 Will Wittenberg  
28 Carrie Chriscoe

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 12 Leslie and Jay Smith  
14 Gail and Doug Ledford  
16 Rita and Darrell Hunter  
21 Karen and Ed Tanzman



## COMMITTEE / GROUP NEWS



### Attendance & Giving January 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Giving</u>
Jan. 1	3	45	\$7,940.00
Jan. 8	18	64	\$5,524.00
Jan. 15	21	78	\$3,615.49
Jan. 22	23	65	\$5,196.97
Jan. 29	21	74	\$3,516.00
TOTALS	FOR	JAN	\$25,792.46



Men's Fellowship

### **ATTN MEN of ST JOHN'S**

St. John's Lutheran men will meet,  
**February 3rd @ 6:00pm, at the church.**  
**(Please be there to help finalize plans  
for the Chili Fundraiser on the 12<sup>th</sup>)**



### **Witness Committee News**

- Next meeting **February 5<sup>th</sup>** •
- BRIEF MEETING**

The Witness committee will meet **Sunday, February 5, 2023**, immediately following the worship service. We welcome new members. If anyone is interested in joining, you are welcome to visit our meeting to decide if this is a ministry in which you would like to be involved.

Sharon Seitz, Chairperson



The **Lutheran Women** will meet in the **Fellowship Hall on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.**

GINNA SCHWARTZ will be in charge of the program and our hostess this month.

**Worship & Music** will meet Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm



**SUPPORT**  
**Thurs. / Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 6:30pm**



**Property Meeting**  
**Tuesday / February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 6pm**



**Youth & Family**  
**Ministries**  
**Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> • 5:00pm**

**Church Council Minutes**  
**January 23, 2023**

- All present except Bill Wittenburg
- New member orientation at 6:30
- Mission Statement was read.
- Devotions and opening prayer by Ken Jaeck.
- No communications to share.
- Sharon Harrelson made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Marge Murdock. The motion passed.
- No updates from the Call Committee.
- Joyce Henry made a motion to accept Alan Gate's request to fill in at no extra cost for Pastor Samar while he is on mission trip to Liberia. His request included the church still paying Samar to support him and his family. The motion was seconded by Sharon and the motion passed.
- Rita Hunter reported:

- a. The new carpet for the sanctuary will be red.
- b. The upstairs Sunday School rooms are to be painted.
- c. The pew cushion fund is \$300 away from the goal.
- d. The bell is repaired and will ring this Sunday.
- Marge made a motion to provide a bonus of \$100 to the secretary, choir director and Bill Sheffield. The motion was seconded by David Wilburn and passed.
- Marge made a motion to collect a congregational monetary offering for Pastor Samar's family during his Liberia mission trip. The money will be collected by Marge and the congregation notified by email.
- Marge requested that all council members help Kim (Church Secretary) with special event information.
- David made a motion to elect Ken Jaeck as 2023 Council President, seconded by Sharon. The motion passed.
- Rita made a motion to elect Sharon Harrelson as 2023 Vice President, seconded by David. The motion passed.
- Sharon made a motion to elect Michele Dawes as 2023 Secretary, seconded by Rita. The motion passed.
- Devotions for the monthly meeting were assigned along with church committee liaisons.
- Ken Jaeck discussed goals for 2023.
- Sharon discussed that our church needs to purchase a defibrillator and why. Sharon will research the brands, costs, and present this information at the next meeting.
- Joys were shared, and meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Dawes, Council Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Monday / February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**



# The Bulletin Board



## COME JOIN US!

The Lutheran Men Souper Bowl Fundraiser will be Sunday, Feb 12th following service. If you would like to prepare a dessert, corn-

bread, chili or soup, please see Bruce Whiton and there will be sign-up sheets sent around on Sundays leading up to the date. This will be a sit down meal and there will be voting on each soup/chili as well. Once again all the proceeds will go to Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.



## WOMEN'S GROUP

FRIDAY / February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

MEETING LOCATION – St. John's

3<sup>rd</sup> floor educational area last room on the left. Please bring a dish to share.

We will take some time to share ideas for the groups vision and also play 'easy' Bible Charades. ALL ARE WELCOME

If you have any questions feel free to contact Karen Walker at #540-270-9098.

# PROJECT Bible Runners

<https://www.projectbiberunners.com/>

Project Bible Runner is a group within the United States that takes new and used Bibles to foreign countries where people are hungry for them. They contacted St. John's to see if we might be able to contribute to the cause. We have 30-40 that we could give them in our church. If others have Bibles that they are willing to give, we will accept those also. If you have questions or need assistance with getting your Bibles to church, please contact **Vickie Lorimer** at 336-465-0995 or at [vlorimer@triad.rr.com](mailto:vlorimer@triad.rr.com).

Deadline to bring in Bibles is February 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Frank W. and Eleanor C. Poulton Scholarship

All students attending or planning to attend an institution of higher

knowledge (trade school, junior college, under grad, or graduate school) are eligible to apply for the **Frank and Eleanor Poulton Scholarship**.

Those applying **must be a member or child of a member of St. John's Lutheran Church**.

Applications are available on the table outside the office. Applications are due by **March 31** to Vickie Lorimer. If you have questions, please contact **Vickie Lorimer** at [vlorimer@triad.rr.com](mailto:vlorimer@triad.rr.com) or 336-465-0995.

February 21<sup>st</sup> / 6pm

The church will be celebrating

**Shrove Tuesday**.

Youth are needed

to help with preparing and serving food.

Please let Michele Dawes or Betsy Wittenberg know if you are available and willing to help. Thank you .



**SHROVE TUESDAY**



**History on Shrove Tuesday** (known in some countries as Pancake Tuesday) is a day in February or March preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), which is celebrated in some countries by consuming pancakes. In others, especially those (including Louisiana) where it is called Mardi Gras or some translation thereof, this is a carnival day, and also the last day of fat eating or gorging before the fasting period of Lent.

This moveable festival is determined by Easter. The expression Shrove Tuesday comes from the word shrive, meaning absolve. Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and Roman Catholics, who make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with.



**2023 Flower Chart** is up. Please begin filling in or call Kim to reserve.

**NOTE** the cost is **\$43 per week**

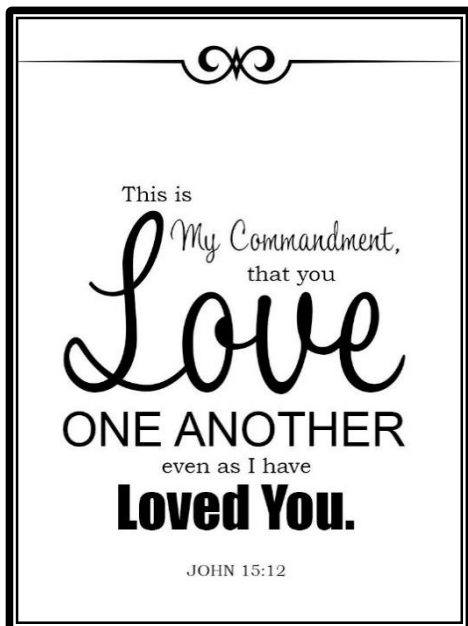
**DATES AVAILABLE**

**March 5 & 19 / April 9, 16 & 23**

**May 7, 14 & 21 / June 4, 18 & 25 /**

**July 2, 9, 23 & 30 / Aug. 13 / Sept. 3, 10 & 17**

**Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 / Nov. 26 / Dec. 10 & 17**



# Naomi's Heart Mission



## Passing the Torch of Leadership!

On Friday, January 6th, 2023, Naomi's Heart Mission welcomed Enrique B. Maca as our new CEO, President, and Administrator. At the same time, we said good-bye to our former CEO, President, and Administrator, Friederich Lueckhof.

I want to personally thank Friederich and his wife, Nancy, for stepping in to help the ministry in June of 2017. They have put a lot of blood, sweat, and tears into this ministry and helped to make it what it is today; all while living in Cebu. Words can not begin to say how grateful I am to them for their dedication, guidance, and love for this ministry.

Friederich has helped the staff to become confident in who they are in their ministry roles. He has mentored four pastors, who have matured to be strong leaders in their churches. He has helped to create a strong ministry team and board, who have learned to make good decisions and work hard in reaching out into the community to minister to hundreds of people every day.

We say good-bye with deep heart-felt gratitude, praying blessings over Friederich and Nancy as they look forward to the next season of their lives.

**Enrique B. Macca** lives in General Santos City and comes to Naomi's Heart Mission with over 20 years of experience in administrative work. Having graduated with a BS in Business Administration from Mindanao State University and earning a Master's degree in Business Administration from Philippine Christian University, he has special skills in leadership, business planning, financial management, microfinancing and organizational diagnosis.

Most importantly he is a dedicated Christian and leader in his church, Dadiangas Baptist Church in downtown General Santos City. Enrique is part of the pastoral team, director of photography, and a group support leader. He has also helped to develop and participate in a weekly Saturday outreach feeding program from within his church to many indigent children in different areas of the city.

Enrique has been married for over 20 years to his wife Emelie and they have a daughter, Shakira, who is in college and a son, Dwight, who is in high school.

The question was asked to Enrique why he would want to work for Naomi's Heart Mission. His response was, "I want to help fulfill the vision and mission of Naomi's Heart Mission."

We feel blessed to have Enrique join the Naomi's Heart Mission family serving with us in leading, teaching, and helping us to grow to be even more effective in this ministry.

We were also very grateful to our US Board President, Gary Kuhn, for traveling to the mission to be a part of this transition and spend two weeks with Enrique and our ministry team.

*Kristie*

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*is patient  
is kind  
it does not envy  
it does not boast  
it is not proud  
it is not rude  
it is not self-seeking  
it is not easily angered  
keeps no record of wrongs  
does not delight in evil  
Rejoices with the truth  
always protects  
always trusts  
always hopes  
always perseveres  
Never Fails*



For God so loVed the world  
thAt He gave His  
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thaT whoever  
believes  
IN Him should not perish  
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

# February

(9am Sunday School / 9:45am preservice music & announcements / 10am Worship)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			First Day of Black History Month	6:00pm SJLC Mens		
			10:30am Bible Study	6:p AHG Girls		
			6:00pm Choir Practice	6:30pm ESL Class		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
5 <sup>th</sup> Sun after the Epiphany / Alan Gates	11:00am Womens Group	6:pm Worship & Music	10:30am Bible Study	6:30pm ESL Class		
11:00am Witness	1:00pm Fellowship Bridge	6:30pm ESL Class	6:00pm Choir Practice	6:p AHG Girls		
				6:30pm SUPPORT Mtg		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sixth Sun after the Epiphany / Pastor Samar	1:00pm Fellowship Bridge	Valentine's Day	10:30am Bible Study	5:00pm Youth & Family Mtg	AHG Lock-In / 6pm	AHG Lock-in / Noon
	6:30pm PILOT CLUB	6:00pm PROPERTY	6:00pm Choir Practice	6:p AHG Girls	Ladies Meeting / 6pm Upstairs Room	
Souperbowl Sunday Chili & Soup Cook Off		6:30pm ESL Class		6:30pm ESL Class		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Transfiguration of Our Lord / Alan Gates	Presidents' Day	6:30pm ESL Class	6pm / ASH WEDNESDAY	6pm AHG Girls		
	1:00pm Fellowship Bridge	5pm Youth arrive for prep	10:30am Bible Study	6:30pm ESL Class		
		6pm Shrove Tuesday / Pancakes	7:00pm Choir Practice			
26	27	28				
First Sunday in Lent / Pastor Samar	1:00pm Fellowship Bridge	6:30pm ESL Class				
Baptism of Ronan Neal	7:00pm COUNCIL					



**Community, Nation & World**

The world

Veterans, current military enlisted and their families

Ukrainians / Russians

Victory Missions International

Rev. Samar Ghandour and family

Ft. Wainwright

NALC

St. John's Church Council &

Call Committee

Reformation LC

Persecuted Christians

Naomi Heart Missions / Kristi Ward

Leaders of our Country

**St. John's Family:**

Karen Tanzman (back)

Janet Moses (Kenny & Gidget Kidd)

Greg Seabolt (Kenny & Gidget Kidd)

Prayers for the family of Joshua Van Ravestein who passed away on the 14th while waiting for a transplant.

Keep Jennifer Theilman and the girls in continued prayer as they try to handle the loss of Nate.

Kim (friend of Bettina)

Cynthia Allen

Marielle Jaeck

Bill Sheffield

Peggy Sholar (home)

Sara Rhyne (Brookdale)

Pat McGinn

Ed Tanzman

Craig Wolfe

Robert & Lynn Smith during the loss of their son-in-law

Melinda Swain

Earl DeLooze,

Karen Stephens

**Friends and Family of the Congregation:**

Lynn Graham (Cancer)/Bill Sheffield

Laurie Scott / cancer (Kim Kelly cousin)

Tresa Sheffield (Bill Sheffield)

Jeanette M. Brower (Bill Sheffield)

Lee H. Sheffield (Bill Sheffield)

Sherry Johnson (Kenny & Gidget Kidd)

Sarah Sheffield (Bill Sheffield)

Joyce Parsons (Bill Sheffield)

Chad Brown (Vickie Lorimer)

Paula Whitley

Chris (Laura's friend)

14 yr old Isaiah H. (Cindy Whiton)

Katherine Vann (cancer / Kate Sefick cousin)

Gregory Coward (knee surgery)

Tristan Shepherd at Ft. Wainwright, AK

Ivey Horne breathing issues (Kim Kelly's granddaughter)

Nhena and Shamael [Ginna Schwartz granddaughter and daughter]

David Stephens

Sheryl Barlow (Helen Kluttz daughter)

Theo Cook (Karen Wilke nieces' baby)

Melissa Butner, aggressive breast cancer (Wittenberg family)

Katie Stone

Carolyn Hardage & family (Pam Wolfe)

Kevin & Sharon McGinn

Bruce Kyles cancer (friend of Kathy Chriscoe)

Melvin Wolfe surgery at VA hospital in Durham (Craig Wolfe brother)

Hazel Hayes Family (Michele Dawes mom)

Susan Roses (grandmother of Madeline & Dorothy Arbaiza)

Jorge Gutierrez-Lukemia (friend of Olivia Smith)

George Singleten (surgery for throat cancer) / Vanessa Ornelas