

Sunday, November 12, 2017 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



Operation Christmas Child – is here once again! Every year, Samaritan's Purse collects shoeboxes full of toys, games, and personal hygiene items and sends them to children in the four corners of the world along with the message that Jesus loves them. We will

be collecting boxes here at St. John's through Wednesday, November 15. National Collection is November 13 – 20. You can place filled boxes under the Christmas tree in the lobby anytime between now and then. Information brochures are available in the church and school offices, as well as in the back of the sanctuary. You can find out more about this program at www.samaritanpurse.org/occ or by talking to Stephanie Guelzow. This is an easy way to reach out to children around the world and make a difference.

Shoebox Dos

- Do wrap lids separately
- Do include personal supplies (like soap and toothbrushes)
- Do include toys
- Do include \$9 to help cover the costs involved with delivering these boxes (You can also pay online.)
- Do pray for the child who will be receiving your box

Shoebox Don'ts

- Don't pack any liquids or lotions
- Don't include anything that will break easily
- Don't send any war-related toys
- Don't pack any candy or toothpaste

Today's Baptism

Benjamin Luther Spitler, child of Jacob & Mary Catherine Spitler. Born September 11, 2017. Godparents are Christine L. Noble and Zachary C. Williams. Grandparents are Amy and James Leadford; Angie and Tim Spitler

Poinsettia sign-up — I know we just got over Reformation and haven't gotten to Thanksgiving yet but please sign up for Christmas Poinsettia's. Deadline is Dec. 3rd. \$13 same as last year. Forms are on board in the fellowship hall. Thank you all.
Mary

Nominations for Pastoral Call

The Call Committee is currently accepting nominations for candidates for the pastoral call. Forms may be picked up in the church office. Nominations are due by Sunday, December 3, 2017. Please place forms in the Church Secretary's mailbox.

Call Committee Members: Tim Nelson, Judy Meisinger, Stephanie Guelzow, Ben Montgomery, Laura Nelson, Kerstin Walker, Claudia Essbach, Gregg Vogelsmeyer; Rose Crafton, and Karl Hastings. Please pray and encourage one another as our congregation searches for a shepherd.

St. John's Pig Pickin' & Hayride – Please join us this **Saturday, November 18**, for our St. John's Church and School Pig Pickin and Hayride from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at 356 Ketner Rd., Lewisville, NC 27023. We will have games and music from the Well Band also! A sign-up sheet is online at <http://signup.com/go/LuwxTBg> and one will be passed around during Sunday School. Please join us for a wonderful fellowship event!

We thank Don Davidson and Wes Walker for agreeing to prep the pig!! The pig will be roasted at St. John's Church kitchen on Friday evening starting at 8:00pm. Wes and Don would love to have some help! Bring your lounge chair, blankets, warm clothing, and snacks if you like. Meet in the back of the church parking lot. Please consider helping with this fun event also! In case of heavy rain, the entire event will be moved to the church.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Cancer Ministry Update

Our team (which now includes Cheryl Thorpe!) completed an all-day training seminar yesterday. (Led by Cancer Companions).
Next Prayer Event – Sunday, December 10 at 5:00pm.

Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday night November 22 at 7:00pm. Soup Potluck begins at 5:30pm.

Thank You!

St. John's School leadership and staff says a big "Thank You" for the congregations support and attendance at "Trunk or Treat" and the Fall Carnival. Both were a couple of the most successful and joyful events we've had.

Thank you, also to all who helped with the Great Pumpkin Sale. Special Thanks to Jeff and Katie Goad, Dot Anderson, and Clarice George who put in tremendous time and effort

Thank You for the Carnival help!

A big THANK YOU to all who came to the school's carnival. We had a great crowd and part of that was due to church members who joined us. Again, thank you for your support of the school and for all the volunteers. We appreciate you and all you do with us and for us!— St. John's School PTO.

Thank You!

To everyone who helped make our month long celebration of the Reformation's 500th such a great time for all.

Special thanks to: Kathleen Sawicki (who organized our Saturday events), Katie Luther (Dot Cleary), Martin Luther (Dr. Evans, Gregg Vogelsmeyer, Mark Meier, and Nathan Kottowski.)

Super Big Thank You to: Eve Storoshenko for preparing and serving the wonderful Reformation Luncheon.(and helpers Rosie Thompson, Mary Rochester, and Dot Anderson)

Super Big Thank You to: Frances Burmeister for the tremendous effort to put together the wonderful Reformation Concert. (Thank you also to the St. John's Choir)

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study is studying "God is in the Laundry Room"- 8 sessions about seeking God. We meet in the Music Room and begin at 10:00 a.m. with coffee. All ladies are invited to join in the study of God's Word. On the 4th Tuesday of every month there bring a sack lunch for Games Day after class! Call Dot Cleary at (336) 767-4116 with any questions.

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in room 101 (Extended Care Room). All are welcome to join in to study Beth Moore's "Entrusted", a study of 2 Timothy. They will be viewing the videos that go along with the study. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Sawicki at @kb-promotions.net or #336-744-5733

Thursday Evening Bible Study resumed on September 28 at 7 p.m. in the Science Classroom. The study will be That the World May Know, by Ray Vander Laan, emphasizing the faith lessons on the Prophets and Kings of Israel. You may park at the lower end of the parking lot and enter through the outside door of the 7th grade classroom. Contact Bill Thorpe at wthorpe@triad.rr.com with any questions.

Crisis Control for October: Boxed Dinners (ex: Hamburger Helper). The collection basket is in the Narthex.

Altar Flowers Today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Sylvia Williams (mother) by John Williams.

Corks Needed! – Please save corks for Women's Retreat November 10-12, 2017. Place in conference room marked Women's Retreat.



Today, 11/12

8:30 a.m. "The Well" with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
9:00am – 10:30am Photo Session in Library
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
2:00 pm – 4:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:00 p.m. Well Rehearsal

Tuesday, 11/14

10:00 a.m. – Senior Women's Bible Study
5:00pm – 8:00pm Dairi-O's

Wednesday, 11/15

8:30 am - Chapel
Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline
5:30pm – Hispanic Ministry Dinner
6:00pm – Hispanic Tutoring
7:15pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 11/16

9:30 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer Warriors
10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm – Confirmation Class
7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study

Saturday, 11/18

4:00 pm – 8:00pm Pig Pickn'

Next Sunday, 11/19

8:30 a.m. "The Well" with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. Well Rehearsal

Music Notes: Actively looking for new members for the Adult Choir! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:15.

The Sunday morning schedule is a bit complicated. Group I meets at 9:00 for warmup and touchup. These singers then go to Sunday School. Group II, the non-Sunday School singers, meets at 10:00 and has the same warmup and touchup. At 10:25, the two groups meet in the Chancel and run the anthem. I'm looking forward to an exciting year! *Frances*

FREE TUTORING

Wednesdays
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

at St. John's Lutheran
Church & School



This ministry could not happen without the support of our awesome volunteer tutors! Please join us in being the "hands and feet" of Jesus to our neighbors! Come one Wednesday a month or as often as you like! **You do not need to speak Spanish to participate!!**

Please let us know if you would like to join us or if you have any questions, contact Kris Gartley, Kathleen Sawicki or Cheryl Wulfert. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Opportunities

St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry invites ALL members to make OR give OR request a *Prayer Shawl* or *lap-afghan* for a friend, family member, co-worker or acquaintance in need of a tangible reminder that they are loved by God and "wrapped" in prayer for divine healing, comfort, hope and strength. **There is no cost for the shawl.** If you'd like to make a shawl, lap-afghan or tags, or know someone who you'd like to receive one, please contact Ann Carney (336-602-1232) or Katie Goad (336-924-6977).

Ushers Needed Volunteers are needed to usher on Sundays at the 10:45 services. It's a very easy job. You get to greet members and visitors at worship. Please contact Arden Lackey (336-723-3270) or Holly Wilson (410-245-8680) if you are willing to assist. Thank you.

Ways to support the school:

Upcoming Spirit Nights:

Tuesday, November 14,
5:00pm – 8:00pm at Dairi-O's – Peter's Creek Pkwy. & W. Clemmons Rd.

Wednesday, November 29,
11am-11pm at Buffalo Wild Wings

Tuesday, December 5,
5:00pm – 8:00pm at Dairi-O's – Peters Creek Pkwy.

Wednesday, December 27,
11:00am – 11:00pm at Buffalo Wild Wings

Shine Time Car Wash on Hanes Mall Blvd by Hobby Lobby will give the school 20% of each sale when you punch in the fundraising code of #2929.

Link your Harris Teeter VIC card - #2929

Link your Lowes Foods card to our school. You can now link your Lowes Foods card to St John's and the school gets a portion of your purchases of Lowes private

label items. You can link up to 3 schools.

<https://rewards.lowesfoods.com/Account/SelectCard?mode=CartToClass> to sign up. Thanks so much from the PTO!



Happy Birthday to:

11/12 Cheryl Wulfert
11/13 Alice Mierisch
11/14 Sam Drouillard
11/15 Debbie Baronowski
11/16 Isabelle Reynolds

Happy Anniversary to:

11/14 Andy & Debbie Sayles (36 years)

Intercessory Prayer Warriors: A group of people led by Katie Goad meets weekly from 9:30 – 10:00 on Thursday mornings to pray collectively for our St. John's Family. All church members are invited to meet in the Sanctuary during this half hour to pray for our congregation.

The Telephone Prayer Chain is another prayer opportunity. Please call Dot Cleary (336-767-4116) or Martha Tegeler (336-774-6772) if you would like to receive or be a part of this service. You may also call with prayer requests.



St. John's Prayer Needs

Prayer requests can be emailed to Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com.

We pray for St. John's congregation and school

Pastor Thomas Clocker
Principal Mark Edmiston
Director of Admissions Tom Baldwin
Our called workers and staff
Frances Burmeister
Michael Zeoli
Board of Directors
Board of Elders
Hispanic Tutoring

Our Board of Directors: Tim Nelson Chairman; Adam Orsborn, Vice-Chair; Nathan Kottlowski, Secretary; Judy Meisinger, Education; Jeff Goad, Finances & Facilities

We remember those who are shut in:

Harry Armstrong, Frances Chambers, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Marilyn Sagehorn, MillieTetzlaff

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Deedee Bement (Brendyn Gronewoller's mother-in-law), Joel Christiansen, Jack Fordham, Katie Goad, Eva Hammacker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Mason Lankford (22-month-old child known by Meg Lorenz), Jerry Linder, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Dave Lundmark, Laura McNeil (friend of Dale & Alice Mierisch), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), Gene Rapiet, Deb Schoolcraft, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban

For those undergoing/recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

Clare Adamick, Tom Baldwin, John Bredenberg, James Covington, David Henderson (Gary & Nancy Brake's nephew & Stephanie, Hannah, Maddie & Abby Kiel's cousin), Justin Riley (Carl Schlotzauer's grandson), Michael Riley (Anita & Bob Hoisington's nephew), Jacki Rullman, Katie Stevens (Debbie Baronowski's daughter), Whytonia (friend of the Shannon's), Natalie Zitzelsberger (Dale & Alice Mierisch's granddaughter)

For those serving in our armed forces; for continued safety and extra comfort if serving away from home:

Dallas Darcy, Loren Jacobi, Branden Lackey, Dylan McArthur-Reed, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Natasha Peting, Allie Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

For those who mourn: Don Henderson and family on the death of his brother, Jeffrey Henderson.

Fran Johnson on the death of her husband, Jim Johnson.

Jenelle Lanham on the death of her grandmother, Bettie Stansberry.

Persecution Prayer:

Pakistan has the most stringent blasphemy laws in the world, which have been used disproportionately against religious minorities - Pakistan Christians make up only 1.5 % of the total population, but over a quarter (187) of the 702 blasphemy cases registered between 1990 and 2014 were against Christians. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Pakistan, that they remain faithful in spite of the harsh laws. Pray that they witness our Savior's love to those who persecute them. May they know that Christians world wide are praying for them. For more information see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Rich Essbach -----Dongre – Gartley (Do-Ga)
Rich Essbach -----Genevieve – Henderson (Ge-Hen)
Larry Bowman-----Hepner –Kinsman (Hep-Kin)
Dave Lundmark -----Koontz – Lorenz (Ko-Lor)
Mark Meier -----Lovejoy – Patterson (Lov-Pa)
Mark Meier -----Pegram – Roggenkamp (Pe-Rog)
Dale Mierisch -----Rosenberger – Strahm (Ros-Str)
Rob Schwabe-----Swenson – ZumMallen (Sw-Z)

Participation November 5 2017

8:30	88
10:45 am	105
Nursery	0

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade. All programs/grades have full-time care available.

Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203, revclocker@gmail.com
Mark Edmiston, Principal
Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations
Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool
Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship
Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ChurchSecretary@stjohns.org

Elder Assignments

Member/families

Bob Burke -----Adamick – Braun (A-Bra)
Steve Anderson-----Bredenberg – Deranamie (Bre-Der)