



# Weekly News

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336-725-1651

8:30 a.m. – The Well  
(Contemporary Service)

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

## Sunday, November 25, 2018 – Christ the King Sunday

### Pastor Tom's Installation – Saturday, Dec. 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Please join us as Pastor Tom is officially installed as our Called Pastor. Dr. William Beyer, first Vice-President of the SED will be our preacher and installer. Join us to worship and to pray God's blessings on our ministry moving forward!

### Reception for Pastor Tom, Gwen, & family

The Call Committee is planning a reception following the Installation Service on December 8.

The Call Committee is providing Pizza (of course!), paper products, tea, lemonade, and water. We would like people to sign up for: Fruit Trays, Veggie Trays, Finger Sandwiches, Pepsi, etc. If you would like to contribute please see the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

### Wednesday Night Advent Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Brief (45 minute) services to help prepare us for celebrating Christmas. This year we will be considering three Birth stories that rarely make it into our holiday worship.

December 5: The Annunciation by the angel Gabriel

December 12: Mary's Visitation with Elizabeth

December 19: Mary's Song (The Magnificat)

Please join us! (No pre-service meals)

### Christmas Carol Concert – This Friday!

The choir of St. John's Lutheran Church is presenting a Christmas concert at the church on **Friday, November 30 at 7:00 P.M.**

The choir will sing carols from Scotland, France, Spain, Germany, and the United States. Our special guest is Jared Parsons, harpist.

"Some of the carols are very familiar such as *O Holy Night* and *Gesu Bambino*," said Frances Burmeister, conductor. "Some are less well known such as selections from *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten. And there are a couple of new, cutting edge ones, too. These will stretch your mind in a good way."

### Cookie bake and exchange

You are invited to a cookie bake and exchange on **Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 9:00 - 2:00.**

Come bake your favorite Christmas cookie recipe, share the work and the fun and enjoy the fellowship!

We will have the basics on hand (eggs, flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and vanilla)

We will purchase Sam's sized packages of the mentioned items and split the cost among the bakers.

Any other ingredients you need to complete your recipe - please bring with you as well as a hand mixer if needed.

Plan to make 4 dozen of your recipe - some to take home, some to swap, and some to take to the shut-ins.

Please RSVP to Kris Gartley - so we can be sure to have enough ingredients in the kitchen. [kgartley@triad.rr.com](mailto:kgartley@triad.rr.com)

### Tables of Eight

"Tables of Eight" is an opportunity for congregation members to welcome other brothers and sisters from the congregation into their home and join in fellowship outside of the church. Sign up together as a pair, or as an individual, and we will work out the rest of the details.

Tables of Eight works in a rotating host system. Each Saturday on the schedule, there will be host couples who host the dinner for eight in their home and make the main dish. The other pairs are responsible for bread and fruit, salad or vegetables, or dessert and drinks, depending on the rotation.

There are four assigned dates for fellowship, so that we can all clear our busy schedules and meet at the same time. The dates have been chosen are the following Saturdays:

December 1, 2018

January 12, 2019

March 16, 2019

May 11, 2019

We hope that everyone will enjoy their times together and that we can continue the fellowship in the years to come. If you have more questions, talk to Michaela Montgomery in person, at #978-609-2877, or email [michaelamontg@gmail.com](mailto:michaelamontg@gmail.com). **There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.**

### Poinsettia's for the Altar

It's that time again. If you would like to buy a plant to beautify the sanctuary, please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

The price is \$13.00. Please put your payment in the envelope next to the sign-up and then just drop it in the collection plate or give to Kerstin in the office.

This florist does not bill each individual so payment needs to be made as stated above. Thank you in advance.

### **Fruit of the Spirit notecards on sale now!**

Get your St. John's Lutheran Banner notecards. These cards are based on the banners hanging in the church. Each card features a graphic of a "Fruit of the Spirit" banner on the front. There are 9 cards and 9 envelopes in each box. They are blank inside for note writing. Each card has a description of the design on the back.

Cards are only \$10 and they make great gifts. Please see Kerstin in the church office or during bible study to purchase a box. All proceeds go to St. John's Lutheran Church and School.

### **Persecuted Church**

If you would like to help our brothers and sisters in a concrete way you may donate to **Voice of the Martyrs** at [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com). Go online and order their **free** monthly newsletter.

### **Advent by Candlelight**

Ladies, our Advent by Candlelight event is back! **Friday Dec. 7th. – 6:30 p.m.**

Ladies please join us as we gather for a night of fellowship and reflection on the Christmas story. If you would like to host a table please decorate your table anyway you'd like. From "grandmas" fine china to fancy paper plates. Include a table covering, dishes, flatware, and glasses. Perhaps a small table favor for each guest at your table, a piece of candy, or something homemade. Be sure to include candles in your table decoration. Drinks will be provided.

If you would like to be a guest just sign up at a table. Bring either an appetizer or a dessert.

We will have a short program in the sanctuary and then enjoy each other's company, the food, and the beautiful tables. The sign-up sheet is on the board in the Fellowship Hall.

### **LWML KayWos Cloth Sale**

KayWos Cloth Sale! "Cleans anything from stoves, windows, cars, stainless, and removes bugs, grease, fingerprints and dust" Never use a window cleaner again!!

The cost of the cloth is \$5. This is sponsored by the LWML. See display in the Fellowship Hall or call Dot Cleary #336-767-4116 for an order.

### **Small Group Sunday Bible Class**

The Small Group Bible Class will begin a new series this Sunday. Join us in the Teachers Workroom at 9:45 for more details.

### **Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study**

All Women are invited to the Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study meeting in the Library (off the cafeteria) for coffee and study, led by Dot Cleary.

We began a new study "**Putting on a Gentle & Quiet Spirit**" by Elizabeth Georg. As we study 1 Peter, we will discover how to:

- Let others see God in your life even in difficult times
- Successfully handle life's challenges
- Rest completely in God's strength

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month we will stay for sack lunch and games.

Call Dot Cleary for any questions. #336-767-4116

### **Thursday Evening Bible Study**

The last meeting of the year will be **Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** We will start back on January 3, 2019. May everyone be blessed by St John's Advent services beginning December 5th!

Please join us. For more information, please contact Bill Thorpe ([wthorpe@triad.rr.com](mailto:wthorpe@triad.rr.com)) or Rich Essbach ([rhcessbach@triad.rr.com](mailto:rhcessbach@triad.rr.com)).

### **Forsyth Backpack Program**

There are many ways to donate to this event. A check can be written to St. John's designated for the Forsyth Backpack Program or money can be put into the Forsyth Backpack Program box that is located in the school foyer. Also on the **third Sundays** of the month until the end of the year, a **free will offering** will be taken after church services for this outreach program. Please check the poster in the social hall for our progress. Any extra monies will be used to sponsor another packing event in the future. Thank you so much for your support for the children in our community!

### **Hispanic Ministry Tutoring**

We will offer a light meal from 5:30 to 6:00 for students & tutors. Tutoring will follow from 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. 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 contact Kris Gartley, Kathleen Sawicki or Cheryl Wulfert with questions!

### **Adopt-A-Student Program**

There are several children at St. John's who receive need based discounts due to their inability to pay full tuition. These funds do not go to the family or student. The parents/guardians continue to pay what they have been paying. The funds cover the lost income at St. John's from the discounted tuition.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of the new Adopt-A-Student Program! Envelopes are in the back of the church.

**Crisis Control for November:** Cooking Oil – Thank you for your October contributions – 28lbs. of food were collected!

**Altar Flowers Today** are given to the glory of God in celebration of Christ the King Sunday.



**Sunday, 11/25**

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion  
9:30 p.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
2:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

**Tuesday, 11/27**

10:00a.m. – Senior Bible Study

**Wednesday, 11/28**

8:30 a.m. - Chapel  
**Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline**  
**5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal**  
**6:00 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Tutoring**  
7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, 11/29**

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors  
**7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study**

**Friday, 11/30**

**7:00 p.m. – Christmas Concert “Carols from Around the World”**

**Saturday, 12/1**

**9:00 a.m. – Cookie bake and exchange**

**Sunday, 12/2**

8:30 a.m. – “The Well” with Holy Communion  
9:30 p.m. – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
2:00 p.m. – Well Rehearsal

**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).

**Ways to support the school:**

**Reminder: Please re-link your cards for the new school year!**

**Sprit Night – December 10 – 5:00 p.m. Dairi-O's** 1207 W. Clemmonsville Road

**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. Thank you from the PTO!



**Happy Birthday to:**

11/27 Stephanie Black  
11/28 Sean Gartley  
11/29 Kay Bowman  
11/30 Frank Longman

**Intercessory Prayer Warriors:**

A group of people led by Rich Essbach 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](mailto: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: Adam Orsborn *Chairman*; Tim Nelson, Bob Kretzschmar, Steve Lorenz, Jeff Goad,

We remember those who are shut in:

John Fordham, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Marilyn Sagehorn, Millie Tetzlaff

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Joel Christiansen, Val Chumney, (daughter of Dave & Jean Rudolph former members), Mary Deakle, (friend of Sheryl Thorpe), Jeanette Dyson, Laura Ference, (friend of Essbach's), Jack Fordham, Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father), Katie Goad, Melody Hawkins, (Nancy Livengood's cousin), Bob Hoisington, Bob Jordan, (Jamie Deal's uncle), Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Bill Lonnecker (friend of the Essbachs), Rebecca Perry, (Stacey Perry- school secretary's, mother-in-law), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), Gene Rapier, Deb Schoolcraft, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban

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

Luisa Burgos, Morris Crafton, Danny Collins, (friend of Nicole Shannon), Elizabeth, (Charla Adams' niece), Teddy Deranamie, **Brooke Gartley**, Chris Gwaltney, (Debbie Baronowski's son), Karl Hastings Sr. (Karl Hastings father), Avery Johnson, Christine Karim, (friend of Rich Essbach), Sandy Lyles (Gwen Clocker's friend), Don Marzke, (Bruce Sawicki's Brother-in-Law) Peter Morlock, (friend of Essbach's), Uncle Steve Morrison & family (Pastor Clocker's son-in-law's uncle), Karl Mount, (Dot Cleary's son-in-law), Mitch Reimer, (Renee Henderson's brother), Butch Roberts, Mary Riggs, (online prayer request from a Tracy Chavis), Jacki Rullman, Ron Semple, (Beth Meier's stepfather), David Sablich, (friend of Rich Essbach), Millie Tetzlaff, Kerstin Walker, Zelda Wilson, (Meg Lorenz's 1 year old friend), Evelyn Zeoli.

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

Persecution Prayer:

At this time of thanksgiving, let us give thanks for the freedoms that we have, especially the freedom to worship as we want. Give thanks for those willing to sacrifice their lives that we retain those freedoms. Pray for those who don't have that freedom. They put their lives on the line every time they worship, pray, or even mention the name of Jesus. Pray for strength of faith - both for them and for us.

For more information see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Elder Assignments

Member/families

Bob Burke -----	(A-Bra)
Steve Anderson-----	(Bre-Der)
Rich Essbach -----	(Do-Ga)
Rich Essbach -----	(Ge-Hen)
Larry Bowman-----	(Hes-Kie)
Bill Thorpe-----	(Ko-Lor)
Mark Meier -----	(Lov-O)
Mark Meier -----	(P-R)
Dale Mierisch -----	(S)
Rob Schwabe-----	(T-Z)

Participation November 18, 2018

8:30	70
10:45	94
Nursery	3

**A Great Place to Grow in Christ**

As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ChurchSecretary@stjohns.org)