

# Weekly News

## Sunday, November 4, 2018 – All Saints Sunday

### A Call was extended to Pastor Tom!

St Johns voted to extend a Call to Pastor Tom on October 21, 2018. Pastor has received the Call documents and he will begin his prayerful consideration. Pray unceasingly for Pastor Tom and Gwen, as well as St. John's.

### Celebration of Life Service for Jerry Linder

Jerry's service will be on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 2:30pm. Jerry's obituary:  
<https://www.daviefuneralservice.com/obits/obituary.php?id=668794>

### Hayride and BBQ – THIS COMING SATURDAY!

Please join us for our annual St. John's Church and School Hayride and BBQ on **Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 5-8 pm**. It will be held at the farm of Randy Fearington, 356 Ketner Rd., Lewisville, NC. Wes Walker is in charge of cooking the BBQ (hope that some can help) and Terry Johnson will be providing the tractor and trailer for hay rides! In case of heavy rain, the BBQ will be held in the social hall at St. John's. Please join us for a wonderful Fall night of great food, fellowship, and fun! If you are able to donate something for this event and to RSVP, please visit:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0849ACA723A3F94-stjohns> or see sign-up sheet in Social Hall.

### Cancer Ministry 1 Year Anniversary!

Rejoice! Rejoice!

You are invited to celebrate with us!

What: Cancer Ministry's 1 year anniversary  
When: **November 11, 2018 at 2:00 pm**  
Where: St. John's Lutheran Church  
Why: To thank God for this milestone in our ministry  
How: By praising God, eating, dancing, socializing  
Who: If you are reading this, you are invited.  
Please come and celebrate with us. Bring a friend!  
No RSVP required!

### Advent by Candlelight

SAVE THE DATE!! Ladies, our Advent by Candlelight event is back! **Friday Dec. 7th**. Watch for more info.



### Operation Christmas Child

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operation Christmas Child! 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 Thursday, November 15. You can place filled boxes under the Christmas tree in the lobby anytime between now and then. National Collection is November 12 – 19. 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.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.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 include a note and/or picture for your child
- 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 gum, candy, or toothpaste

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

I'm going to try a **new study plan** to keep things "fresh" with some variety.

**First Week of Month: OT Lesson (Exodus)**

**Second Week of Month: NT Lesson (Philippians)**

**Third, Fourth, (Fifth) Week of Month: Gospel Lesson (Matthew)**

Please join us. It's a large class so you won't be called on, don't have to read out loud, etc. Just be blessed by the Word! (and good fellowship)

### **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.

### **Altar Flower Donations needed**

**There are a few open Sunday's in November and December.** Please see sign up book in the narthex for available dates. This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion

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

The Small Group Bible Study group, which meets in the Teachers Workroom, will continue the study of "forgiveness." This week we will explore the question "How do I know if I have truly forgiven someone who has deeply hurt me? Just because I say the words "I forgive you" does that make it so? You are invited to join us in this discussion.

### **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 will begin a new study this week called "**Putting on a Gentle & Quiet Spirit**" by Elizabeth Georg. As we study 1Peter, 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**

**Beginning Thursday evening October 25th**, the Thursday Evening Bible Study will study Luke's gospel. We will use John MacArthur's Bible Study on Luke, The Savior of the World. We will augment this with some of Luther's sermons on Luke as well as inputs from Tim Keller. Our study time will be from 7:00 to 8:00 PM each Thursday augmented by some at home reading. The study guide costs about \$10. We continue to meet downstairs in the 8th Grade/Science classroom. You may enter from the front parking lot through the 7th Grade/Math classroom. As Concordia's Commentary on Luke states "Luke's Gospel is a narrative of Jesus' journey from heaven to earth and back to heaven." 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!

### **Calling All Singers!**

This one is for you if you like to sing but cannot make the Sunday morning choir commitment! Join us in a **Christmas concert** to be held on **Friday, November 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** The concert is called "Carols from Around the World" and features both old and new carols. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 8:00 – 9:00 starting October 3. Park at the rear of the church, go to the center entrance, and ring the doorbell.

### **Ushers Needed for 10:45am Service**

We are in desperate need of a few more ushers for the Traditional Service. The duties are not difficult. Please contact Arden Lackey or Holly Wilson if you could be of service

### **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 by Fran Johnson in memory of her husband Jim – gone one year on 11-6-17.



### Sunday, 11/4

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, 11/6

10:00a.m. – Senior Bible Study

### Wednesday, 11/7

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, 11/8

9:30 a.m. – Prayer Warriors

7:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study

### Saturday, 11/10

4:00 p.m. – Hay Ride and Pig Pickin’

### Sunday, 11/11

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  
2:00 p.m. – Cancer Prayer Service

### 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 – November 13 – 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:

11/4 Meghan George

11/7 Lucas Shannon

11/10 Helen Bredenber

11/10 Arden Lackey

### 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, MillieTetzlaff*

### 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), Teddy Deraname, 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 who mourn

**Brad Honeycutt, and his family, on the passing of his sister-in-law, Shannon Honeycutt on October 30, 2018.**

Sandra Linder, on the passing of her husband Jerry on Tuesday, October 23, 2018

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:

Praise God! Give prayers of thanksgiving for the decision of the Supreme Court of Pakistan to overturn Asia Bibi's conviction and death sentence for blasphemy. After a nine year long battle, Asia Bibi is free to go. Continue to pray for her safety, as there are reports of mobs in the streets burning tires over the court's decision to release her. Pray for all Christians in Pakistan who are dealing with very harsh blasphemy laws.

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 October 28, 2018

8:30	57
10:45	110
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)