



St. John's
LUTHERAN
Church & School

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, December 2, 2018 – 1st Sunday of Advent

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. If you would like to contribute to the reception please make a check payable to St. John's and write "Reception" on the memo line.

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
Luke 1:26-38

December 12: Mary's Visitation with Elizabeth
Luke 1:39-45

December 19: Mary's Song (The Magnificat)

Please join us! (No pre-service meals)

Luke 46-56

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve – Monday, Dec. 24 – 5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25 – 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve – Monday, Dec. 31 – 7:00 p.m.

Thank You!

Sandra Linder and family would like to say thank you for all the prayers, cards, and comfort they received during Jerry's illness and after his passing. The thoughtfulness and support we received was a blessing to me and my family.

Dear St. John's Family

We can all commiserate with the financial pressures of the holiday. Rising credit balances, travel expenses, and gifts.

Please remember that December and End-of-Year giving make up a substantial and necessary part of meeting our annual expenses. Can you cut back on a gift or two and make that a gift to the Christ Child here at St. John's?

Maybe some of us have some "catching" up to do as over the 11 months thus far we've "fallen behind" in our pledge or tithes. (That's me!) If so, please give a little extra this month.

God has incredibly blessed our church and school these last two years! Our budget is still very tight but the extremely poor cash situation two years ago has really improved. Thank you, Lord.

Additionally these blessings from God has allowed us to replace 6 HVAC units including the sanctuary just from our cash flow. (No borrowing, No cutting into savings, No cutting other needs!)

Rejoice in God's blessing His work here! And be a part of it to finish 2018 – to His glory.

Scrip Orders

Scrip Orders are due today. Want to support the school & get your Christmas shopping done? Don't know someone's size? Gift card orders from Scrip might be the answer. Orders forms are located in the back of the sanctuary & can be given to Rachel Orsborn. Checks should be made out to St. Johns PTO. Deadline is today, 12/9 9pm for delivery Friday 12/7. Another order will be placed 12/16 for delivery on Friday 12/21.

Sunday Morning Adult Class 9:45 a.m.

Join us this Sunday and next Sunday as we study the "Birth of Moses"

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.

WAY TO GO, FALCONS!

Thank you to everyone who helped out with packing and delivering the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. **The St. John's community was able to deliver 77 shoe boxes to the collection center.** That's 77 children and their families that will not only receive a gift, but will also hear the Good News of the love and sacrifice of Jesus. Great job!

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.

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:

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. **There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.**

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. Go online and order their **free** monthly newsletter.

Advent by Candlelight-This Friday!

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

Gwen Clocker will lead the Small Group Bible Class this morning. Join us in the Teachers Workroom for a lively discussion of God's Word.

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 4th 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

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) or Rich Essbach (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 December: Sugar, Flour, Baking items – Thank you for your November contributions – 26lbs. of cooking oil was collected.

Altar Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Ann Mick Long in memory of parents, brothers, & sisters.



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

Tuesday, 12/4

10:00 a.m. – Senior Bible Study

Wednesday, 12/5

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. – Advent Service #1

Thursday, 12/6

7:00 p.m. – K-2 Christmas Program

Friday, 12/7

6:30 p.m. – Advent by Candlelight

Saturday, 12/8

**4:00 p.m. – Installation of Pastor Tom
Reception following service**

Sunday, 12/9

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:

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:

12/2 Marion Phelps
12/3 Clarice George
12/3 Brian Long
12/5 Hannah Orsborn
12/8 Barbara Diener

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.



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), 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, Zelda Wilson, (Meg Lorenz's 1 year old friend

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:

The Voice of the Martyrs newsletter has shared stories of persecuted Christians for more than 50 years. Some updated snapshots of believers that VOM has featured in the past are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Pray for these brothers and sisters, who have suffered for their faith in Jesus that they continue to witness God's love in spite of their persecution. Thank God for their faithfulness. Let us not forget or ignore the persecuted church.

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 25, 2018

8:30	56
10:45	103
Nursery	2

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.

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