



# The Call



*May the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight o Lord our strength and our redeemer.*

A Monthly Newsletter

November 2021

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*“ Who are these like stars appearing, these before God’s throne who stand? ... Alleluia! Hark, they sing, Praising the Lord their heavenly King” (1982 Hymnal #286)*

All Saints Day is typically celebrated on November 1st followed by All Souls day on November 2nd. St. Mark’s will recognize All Saints on November 7th. This is a time where we remember loved ones and friends who have passed and we continue to pray for their grace in the heavenly kingdom. Names are announced in church and flowers or memorials are given in their honor.

It is also a time that we as Christians use as a time of self reflection and place ourselves in what is to be in the likeness of God. Are we living a life worthy of God’s grace? If yes, how do we continue in that journey, if no, what can we do to make the necessary changes to get there or are we stuck in that middle passage of not being sure at this time. My brothers and sisters, wherever you believe you are, God is right there with you.

Society and the world on its own gives us enough reason to carry doubt. It is therefore, important that we reflect on our journey, see what our strengths and weaknesses are and try to emulate what is best going forward.

Often we ask ourselves how would our family and friends who have passed on handle the present situation. Remember, as we think these situations are new to us they existed long before us just in a different format. Going into our history for guidance and direction may be the perfect anecdote. The God we serve knows our needs and wishes before we ask. Our responsibility is to come before him in humility and love. In the gospel for All Saints, John 11:35-36 Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" As Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, he is showing that love for each and everyone of us. So let us be Saints for one another and love one another as he loved us. Amen.

Father Garry +



Welcome the Newly Baptized  
Below:  
Marshall Thomas Southwell  
With parents Myra and John Southwell

Left:  
Nikolas Andrew Swogger  
Taylor Michelle Swogger  
With Mother Kari Swogger and  
Grandmother Connie Swogger





**We are in stage 3**

We can have unlimited attendance as well as communion in both kinds .

Masks are required until Mecklenburg County lifts the mandate.

**Services will continue at 9:30am**

**until Sunday November 28th when we resume 2 services.**

**8:30am and 10:30am**

Sign up to attend so we have a head count.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054ca4a7238-worship>

Or: Via live stream through

Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksepiscopalnc>



**Adult Christian Formation is Back on First Advent!**

**Sunday November 28th at 9:30am in the Rafters.**

**Join us for**

**The Church in Action, New Beginnings, with The Study of Acts of the Apostles**

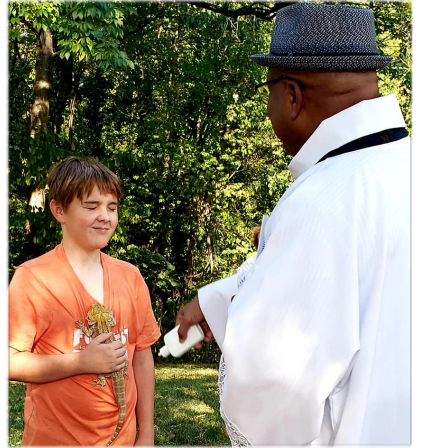
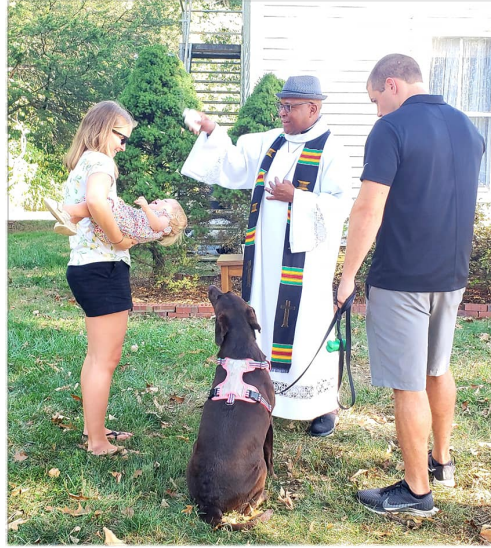
**Father Garry will lead us in this study and is looking forward to our attendance.**

**In preparation for our class please read the Acts of the Apostles and let us know what bible you are using (NRSV, NKJV)**

**Kids and youth will continue to meet at the 9:30 hour.**

**Kids in the Old Rectory and Youth in our downstairs Youth Space.**





**THE  
BLESSING  
OF THE  
ANIMALS**







**THANKSGIVING PIES  
ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE TO  
ORDER FROM THE  
FLYIN' LIONS**



All pies are \$12

Order now until November 19th

Pies will be available for pick up on November 23rd and 24th (until 4pm)

We will offer:

Apple \* Pumpkin \* Cranberry \*  
Chocolate Bourbon Pecan

Order at the link below

(or contact the church office if you do not have computer access 704-399-5193)

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/>

Flyin Lion Ministries will continue to take weekly offers for baked goods through the week of

November 12th

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/43a794>

Our new class is fun and lively. Our lunches will remain on hold for a bit longer until our new class is acclimated



**WREATH SALE**

24" \$25

30" \$30

Purchase Online

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/9c941b>

All orders must be placed by November 21st.

If you don't have online access you may place an order by contacting the church office

704-399-5193.

All orders must be paid in full by 11/21

Pick up on Sunday 11/28

Proceeds benefit

La Escuelita San Marcos

Due to the shortage of trees this year we will only offer wreaths.

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# La Escuelita SAN MARCOS

## TURNING THE PAGE ON A NEW YEAR

This year's fundraiser dinner is available in portions of 1, 4, or 8 servings. You are encouraged to join us in The Rafters for casual dine-in or outdoor seating, or you can pick up your dinner to enjoy at home. Please reach out to Kelly Pope if the below menu does not cause you to stop what you're doing and place your order today!

### **Smoked Quarter Chicken with BBQ Sauce**

#### **Choice of Sides (3 Sides for 1 and 4 Portion Orders; 4 Sides for 8 Portion Orders)**

Smoked White Cheddar Macaroni & Cheese

Rum-Kissed NC Apple Slaw

Braised Pork Belly Baked Beans

Native American Three Sisters Succotash with Local Squash, Corn, Beans & Tomatoes

Craisin & Raisin Sweet Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad

Bacon, Sour Cream & Scallion Baked Potato Salad

Garden Salad with Vinaigrette

Jalapeno Cornbread & Hawaiian Rolls

#### **Orders of 8 include complimentary Pimento Cheese Dip Appetizer**



Pies prepared by Flyin' Lion are also available for pre-order. All proceeds support La Escuelita San Marcos.

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR \$5 TO WIN ONE OF MANY FABULOUS GIFT BASKETS!

Orders for dinner can be placed through the link below by November 15th

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/8c7234>

Raffle tickets to fabulous gift baskets can be purchased at the following link.

Winners will be announced on the evening of November 20th. You do not need to be present to win.

Not interested in the raffle? Online donations can also be made through the same link.

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/f6aac9>

Please join us and host a meal with your family and friends in support of La Escuelita San Marcos!

We will again be taking a Covid-safe approach to this event, but with a few new twists. The opening of the Rafters presents new options for making this year's dinner fit your needs. You can pick up your order and take it home or join us in the Rafters for casual dine in seating and outdoor seating if weather permits. We would love to see you.





We are back in class this year.

We could use volunteers in person and virtually.

If you can assist either way we would love to hear from you.

We have had many people express interest in volunteering virtually this year, and we will have our virtual volunteering program up in the next couple of weeks.

If you'd like to participate virtually, just e-mail Jama. [jama.fleming@lesanmarcos.org](mailto:jama.fleming@lesanmarcos.org).

Our biggest need is vaccinated volunteers that would work inside the classroom to assist teachers with the children, ideally from 9:00 AM - 1:00pm!

However, any amount of time that a volunteer could give would help, even if it's just an hour! No experience is necessary, but we'd be overjoyed to find some Early Ed folks in our community looking to give back. Much of our time is spent in outdoor classrooms while the weather is favorable.

Please use the link below to sign up.

Any amount of time is appreciated.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA4AA2EAAFD0-vaccinated>



## FINDING THE LOST SHEEP

Our ingathering day has come and gone; however, there is still time to return your pledge card if you were not able to. Please make every effort to return your card as it helps the

Rector, Finance and the Vestry plan for the coming year.

Pledge cards can be filled out online through the following link or by contacting the church office at 704-399-5193

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/b8503b27>

We would also love to hear how you and your family are doing. Please let us know through the link below.

<https://stmarksepiscopal.breezechms.com/form/4fb31c>

*131 Stewardship Packets for 2022 were mailed out, as of October 26th we have received 51 pledge cards totaling \$163,246.02 making the average pledge \$3201.*

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THE  
RAFTERS  
AT HISTORIC ST. MARK'S

We have had many beautiful weddings and events in our beautiful new building. We are sure you have seen the pictures that are often posted on our Facebook page or the Rafters Page.

We are so happy to host the families that want to join us on our hill. These events are made possible with the help of many extra hands that are helping with a variety of tasks.

If you are looking for a way to plug in our help out once or twice or on an ongoing basis the Rafters would love to have you.

Opportunities are available for all ages and time commitments.

Help for an hour, or an evening.

We are looking for help with:

Laundry (washing, drying and steaming linens in the Rafters)

Event Help (parking attendants, servers, clean up, or just extra hands)

If you are interested in helping with any events please let Allison Rhinehardt know.

[allibrett@gmail.com](mailto:allibrett@gmail.com)







### **Birthdays**

Emily Hines – 11/1  
Liesel Doolittle – 11/2  
Alan Vanevenhoven – 11/2  
Jonathan Wilson – 11/4  
Suzanne Ferguson - 11/9  
Julia Williams - 11/9  
Aiden Lyons – 11/10  
Avery Lyons – 11/14  
Sue Bartlett - 11/17  
Mary Beth Masline - 11/17  
Marshall Southwell – 11/19  
Christopher Milholland - 11/20  
George Ann Beam – 11/23  
Jacob Sparrow – 11/23  
Eileen Moreno – 11/27  
Rowan Stein – 11/30

### **Anniversaries**

Brent & Amy Sparks - 11/5  
Jim & Beth Wilson - 11/6  
Mike & Tracy Tinsley - 11/21

### **Prayers for continued healing:**

Saunders Black  
Martha Ann Springer  
Richard & Mary Beth Masline  
Jim & Patricia Woolley  
Marion Johannsson & Betsy  
Elaine Reilly  
Mary Lou Blevins & her parents  
Paul & Michelle Cravetz  
Milt Sullivan

### **Panera Bread Pick-Up**

**Brent & Amy Sparks – 11/5**  
**Andrew & Libby James – 11/12**  
**Alan & Lesli Kathman – 11/19**  
**Holiday - 11/26**



**NOVEMBER W.I.N.E.**

**(Women in Need of Entertainment)**

**Mark your calendars for Monday,**

**November 15th at 6:30pm**

**We will have WINE**

**at the home of**

**Tracy Tinsley**

**11737 Trails End Lane**

**Huntersville**

*Bring your beverage of choice*

*(adult beverages and non adult beverages)*

*or a dish to share.*

*This event is for ALL women.*

*If you don't have time for either just bring yourself.*

Contact Allison Rhinehardt with questions

[allibrett@gmail.com](mailto:allibrett@gmail.com)



**Thirstday Thursday**

**is Scheduled to take**

**place on**

**Thursday**

**November 11th**

**at 6:30pm**

**We plan to meet IN PERSON**

**Harvey's in Vermillion**

**13812 Cinnabar Pl #2,**

**Huntersville,**

No RSVP necessary but texts welcome

to David Fahey

[david.fahey@carolina.rr.com](mailto:david.fahey@carolina.rr.com)

or text to

704-562-7587







	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>September YTD Actual</b>
Current Pledged Income	\$296,642.00	\$246,672.03
All other anticipated income		
Non- Pledge Offerings	\$13,168.00	\$9,068.35
Other income (use of space by outside groups)	\$73,120.00	\$80,785.01
Sales Tax Refunds	\$1,600.00	\$ 4,497.00
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	\$33,360	\$24,852.73
<b>Total Budgeted Operating Income</b>	<b>\$417,890.00</b>	<b>\$365,875.12</b>
2020 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$197,935.36	\$123,371.14
Diocesan Support	\$42,900	\$32,121.81
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$43,688	\$35,174.99
Office Admin & Other	\$46,328	\$28,401.72
Youth & Christian Formation	\$4,500	\$188.09
Outreach \$ Escuelita Support	\$10,200	\$5,947.57
Hospitality, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, & Retreat	\$3,235.00	\$1,310.66
Worship & Music	\$2,765.00	\$1,158.00
4% pledges unfulfilled based historic average	\$11,865.68	
<b>Total 2021 Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$363,417.04</b>	<b>\$227,673.98</b>
Current Excess/(Deficit) of receipts over disbursements	\$54,472.96	\$138,201.14

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