

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN  
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# Das Evangelium

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### The Good News From St. John Lutheran Church

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#### PASTOR'S STUDY

The following is an extended quotation from Mark Allan Powell's book, *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2006).

"When I was a child and my family went to church on Sunday morning, my mother used to tell us, 'We are going to worship God.' I'm not sure if it even occurred to me that I was supposed to get anything out of it. Certainly, that wasn't the reason we went. I didn't know very much about church or about what it all meant, but even at a very young age I knew it wasn't about *me* – at least it wasn't *all* about me. These people didn't come from all over town just to get together and meet my needs. No. They came to worship God.

"'Six days a week God blesses us,' my mother would say, 'and on Sundays we give thanks.' That has always stuck with me, although that I know that there is more to it than that. Pastors and worship leaders work very hard to provide their congregations with services that they hope will be meaningful and inspirational to all who come. Of course. But I still think my mother was right: the *main* reason for going to church is not to get our needs met; the main reason, the most important reason, for going to church is to worship God.

"And now that I am (a lot) older, I have discovered something else. When people do this – when they come to church to worship God – something wonderful happens. They invariably discover that they are much more likely to get something out of the experience than if they came for any other reason. I don't know why this is – maybe God just has a sense of irony. Or maybe the point is that one of our greatest needs *is* to worship God. We don't always know this, but it is true nonetheless, and when we quit focusing on ourselves and focus instead on worshipping the God who is so good to us, one of our deepest needs is met. We just didn't know perhaps that *that* is what we needed." (20 f)

Worship is not about what *we* get out of it. What do you think? Live life worshipfully in the presence of God. Engage a friend in dialog. Listen to their response. Find common ground. Invite them into your life and into your faith.

Peace be with you.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello All,  
Well it looks like the dog days of Summer are upon us. The good thing is the fall isn't to far off. Next time you see Justin Reininger (Reininger A/C) or Larry Weber (Weber Electric), please let them know we appreciate the work they have been performing around the church at no cost. The 4th of July is near and is the day to celebrate our freedom, honor its History and remember all those who fought & will continue the fight to keep our nation free.

Quote of the Month:  
Our job isn't to change the message. Our job is to let the message change us.  
See You In Church.  
May God Bless Us All,  
Rod

## Spring Festival Totals

For those who are interested in the final totals at our Spring Festival, there is a spreadsheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall and in the Hallway by the front office.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class has ended for the summer and will begin again in late August early September. Please be on the look out for more details in next months newsletter. This is for all 7th & 8th graders or older. Please contact the Church Office for more details @ 830-914-2383.

## PARSONAGE CHALLENGE

Please remember that the \$1000.00 parsonage challenge is still being accepted. We want to Thank those families who have stepped up to this Challenge. With your help we have been able to pay the loan down tremendously.

**Thank You All.**

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
MARION, TEXAS

### ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....	Pastor Dr. David Collins III
Sunday School Supt.....	Jean Kutz/Kristie Weller
Treasurer .....	Pauline Rappmund
Financial Secretary.....	Pennie Swanson
Organist.....	Ada Sweet
Cemetery Caretaker.....	Ernie Kropp
Office Secretary.....	Pennie Swanson
Computer Data Base Manager.....	
Youth Director.....	

### CHURCH COUNCIL

President.....	Rod Swanson (2017-2018)*
Vice President.....	Monroe Zuehl (2016-2017)
Secretary .....	Donna Weller (2016-2017)
.....	Debbie Mattke (2016-2017)*
.....	Darlene Busby (2017-2018)*
.....	Joyce Boenig (2017-2018)*
.....	Glenn Stroh (2016-2017)
.....	Schirleen Weller (2016-2017)
.....	Ernie Kropp (2017-2018)
Financial Treasurer.....	Pauline Rappmund (2017-2018)
Financial Secretary.....	Pennie Swanson

### DAY CARE CENTER

Daycare Director.....	Cathy Hajek
Assistant Directory.....	Linda Wright

### DAY CARE BOARD

President.....	Debbie Schneider (2017-2018)*
Vice President.....	Jean Kutz (2016-2017)*
.....	Lisa Collins (2016-2017)
.....	Roger Eve (2017-2018)*
.....	Vickie Voss (2017-2018)*
.....	James Faulk
Council Representative.....	Darlene Busby
Council Representative.....	Joyce Boenig

*\*not eligible for re-election at end of term*

### Lay Schedule

Below is the schedule for Ushers, Readers & Acolytes for the month of **AUG**. If you will be unable to serve as scheduled, please let us know so we can arrange a substitute. Church office (830)914-2383

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
<b>Aug 06</b>	Ryken Autry Kallen Bek	Carolyn Swanson	Charles & Nita Bode Russell & Susan Caddell
<b>Aug 13</b>	Bryce Gonyer Trenton Mills	Debbie Mattke	Dennis & Linda Dreyer Freddie & Ella Engel
<b>Aug 20</b>	Briley Strey Kaylie Cerda	Linda Dreyer	August & Julia Foerster Larry & Beverly Gembler
<b>Aug 27</b>	Ryken Autry Bryce Gonyer	Sharon Grimm	John & Kathy Hood Hattie Gerdes & Roger Eve
<b>LAY ASSISTANT FOR AUGUST</b> <b>Rod Swanson &amp; Darlene Busby</b>			

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School took place June 26 - June 30. If you walk through the hall you will see the many decorations that these women worked hard on for all to enjoy.

You will be given more detail on VBS attendance and what they have learned during the week of VBS, in the upcoming announcements, bulletins and next months newsletter.



Every Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Kristie Weller & Jean Kutz

### Day Care News

Summer is here and the children are enjoying the activities that have been planned. We began our summer with snow cones when the Kona Ice Truck came and served the children colorful snow cones, just what we needed on a very hot day. The children are also enjoying story time every Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. Tracie Reeves from the Marion Community Library, and we would not let a summer go by without a visit from Mike Hicks the Zoo Man bringing all kinds of animals for the children to see. The children were also able to hold Baby animals from Fry's Fun Farm and visited by a real Llama and enjoyed the Story Llamas in Pajamas.

The older children enjoyed field trips to Chuck E Cheese and Bowling at Pin Twist and spent a afternoon playing games in the Game Truck. Many fun activities have been planned throughout the summer and the children are enjoying themselves. Remember to keep us in your prayers. God Bless You

Cathy & Linda

## Father's Day Winners

On Father's Day, June 18th, St. John Lutheran Church gave 3 gift certificates to honor our fathers. The following are the Winners of those gift certificates:

1. The father with the oldest coin (1886 Silver Dollar) went to Freddy Engel
2. Our Youngest Father (35) went to Charlie Dylla
3. Our Oldest Father (98) went to Nelson Schneider who declined his gift certificate to the Second Oldest Father - LeRoy Real (91)

**Congratulations to all of you!**

## Christmas In July

The quilters are having another Christmas in July sale. Hand-made items such as soap, hymnal angels, Christmas quilts, etc. Baked goods and tamales available again.

Saturday July 22 - 9 to 12

## CHANGE

This months Potluck Luncheon will be help the 4th Sunday in July (July 23rd).

## WELCA

The WELCA's next meeting is the Semi-Annual meeting help the 2nd Sunday in August following Church Service. (August 13, 2017)

## WORKSHOP

On July 9, 2017, there will be a Constitution/Bylaw workshop for those who wish to attend and give any input on changes that may or may not need to be made here at St. John Lutheran Church. This will be the final workshop before it goes to the congregation for final approval. This Congregational Meeting is set for July 23rd. PLEASE, if you have any comments, wishes or concerns about St. John Lutheran Church Bylaws, July 9th is the date to attend.



02 July - Reagan Loewe  
Heather Niemtschk  
04 July - Annabelle Byatt  
Mary Foerster  
**07 July** - Byron Grimm  
Colton Krueger  
Toni Moltz  
**Jim O'Neal (80!)**  
09 July - Larry Brietzke  
10 July - Tammy Hoegenauer  
Jane O'Neal  
**11 July** - Russell Caddell  
**Grace Dreyer (88!)**  
13 July - Dalton Zipp  
17 July - Katelynn Barnette  
20 July - Brock Anderson  
21 July - Mary Jane Gerth  
23 July - Rodney Kelso  
24 July - Darla Stevens  
25 July - Pennie Swanson  
26 July - Kaylie Cerda  
27 July - Sherry Rakowitz  
28 July - Beverly Gembler  
Neal Schneider  
30 July - Jerry Rakowitz  
Ethel Wahl  
Ruth Wetz



**TO ALL, WE  
WISH A BIG  
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!!**

**IF YOUR ANNIVERSARY OR BIRTHDAY IS THIS MONTH AND HAS BEEN OMITTED FROM THIS LIST, OR HAS BEEN LISTED INCORRECTLY, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (830) 914-2383.**



01 July - Mark & Dora Tolle  
05 July - Gerald & Judy Moltz  
09 July - Russell & Susan Caddell  
Ross & Ashley Loewe  
11 July - Clayton & Jeanette  
Walpole  
18 July - Tommy & Pauline  
Rappmund  
22 July - Doug & Tammy  
Hoegenauer  
27 July - Eric & Amy Anderson  
29 July - Rene & Holly Garza  
Don & Barbara Lackey  
31 July - Bernard & Carolyn  
Swanson



**OUR BEST WISHES TO ALL  
OF THESE FINE COUPLES!!**

### Donors of Worship Enrichments

The cost of Altar flowers (\$40), Sunday bulletins & inserts (\$20) and the monthly newsletter (\$35) may be given for many occasions: Anniversary, Baptism, Birthday, in Memory of a Loved One, or to the Glory of God.

DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS	BULLETINS & INSERTS
<b>July 02</b>	Given by Lloyd & Donna Weller, in memory of Alvin Wittig	Given by Leona Dreyer, in honor of Roby Holdman's 10th Birthday
<b>July 09</b>	Given by Dennis & Linda Dreyer, in honor of Roby Holdman's 10th Birthday	OPEN
<b>July 16</b>	Given by Tommy & Pauline Rappmund, in honor of their 47th Wedding Anniversary	Given by Tommy & Pauline Rappmund, in honor of their 47th Wedding Anniversary
<b>July 23</b>	OPEN	Given by Leona Dreyer, in honor of Dylan Hickman's Birthday
<b>July 30</b>	OPEN	OPEN
<b>NEWSLETTER: July Newsletter is Given by Tommy &amp; Pauline Rappmund, in honor of their Anniversary</b>		

### Financial

**Offering Received in MAY = 11,743.86**

**Offering Per Month To Meet 2017 Budget = \$15,717.08**

**MAY Totals = \$ - 3,973.22**

DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND
<b>May 7</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>4,363.11</b>
<b>May 14</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>2,762.75</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>2,622.00</b>
<b>May 28</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,996.00</b>

### Council Summary

June 8, 2017

The Spring Festival did very well, with a profit of about \$11,753. We are putting \$6,222.79 (the money from the raffle) in reserve over the summer as giving tends to fall, even though our expenses stay the same. Our general fund has been falling steadily as we do not receive enough to meet our budget each month. We plan to put the \$6,222.79 towards the parsonage loan once we are sure we have enough money to cover expenses.

Weber Electric has replaced switches and plugs around the church at no cost to us. THANK YOU!

A new lease was approved for a copy machine that should result in noticeable savings. One expense that will not go down is paper. If everyone walking through a store would pick up one package of paper to bring to the church office, it would be a small individual expense, but a very big help to our bottom line.

## REACHING OUT



Special Celebrant's, meaning those who are at least 80 years young. **July heat is among us**

**now, and we must all try and stay cool as we celebrate indoors with Jim O'Neal's 80th birthday on the 07th of July and Grace Dreyer's 88th birthday on the 11th of July.** May God Bless you on your special day and throughout the year and may the love you receive fill your heart with joy. If you know of someone celebrating a birthday over the age of 80 please contact the church office @ 830-914-2383. There will be a card in the Narthex for all to sign the Sunday before their respected birthday's. You may also send your own birthday wishes at the addresses below.

*Jim O'Neal -  
720 Englemann Oak Dr.  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624*

*Grace Dreyer -  
7958 FM 1044  
Marion, TX 78124*

## PASTORAL ACT

*Please contact the church office or Pastor Collins if you would like, or are in need of a visit.*

*Pastor Collins may be reached  
@ Cell - 830-299-0275 or  
Home - 830-420-4014  
Church Office # 830-914-2383*

***Prayers to all those who are sick and ill.***

***May God's Blessings bring you healing comfort!***

## MEMORIAL OFFERING

The following loved ones were remembered or honored through gifts to the Memorial Fund or other funds of St. John Lutheran Church from 21 MAY - 18 JUNE

Betty Jo Walker  
Donald & Lonnie Blumberg  
Lillie & Arno  
Cleburne Hild

## Lay Service

DATE	ACOLYTES	READER	USHERS
<b>July 2</b>	Briley Strey Kaylie Cerda	Sharon Grimm	Andrew Weller Kristie Weller Ruth Wetz & Carol Ross
<b>July 9</b>	Kallen Bek Ryken Autry	Linda Dreyer	Rod & Pennie Swanson Teddy & Beth Zipp
<b>July 16</b>	Bryce Gonyer Trenton Mills	Kristie Weller	Monroe Zuehl Jr. Dennis & Beth Zwicke Ernie Kropp
<b>July 23</b>	Kallen Bek Briley Strey	Donna Weller	Sharon Grimm Debbie Mattke Tommy & Pauline Rappmund
<b>July 30</b>	Kaylie Cerda Trenton Mills	Jean Kutz	Joyce Boenig Darlene Busby Geraldine Bodin Vickie Voss

### LAY ASSISTANT:

**Ernie Kropp & Joyce Boenig** will assist the pastor with Communion and other worship functions in **July**. Members of the congregation can contact the church office with any concerns they may have about church programs, services and other issues @ 830-914-2383.

# If Jesus Came to Your House

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two,  
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,  
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best.

And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there,  
That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare!

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door,  
With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in,  
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard-  
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?  
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder- if the Saviour spent a day or two with you-  
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you keep right on saying the things you always say?  
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?  
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?

Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read,  
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go,  
Or would you, maybe change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends,  
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,  
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do  
If Jesus came in person to spend the holidays with you.

## PEACE CIRCLE

Peace Circle will be held in the Bridal Room @ St. John Lutheran Church on the 11th of July, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. Everyone is **WELCOME** to join us, please bring a friend as well. For more information contact Yvonne Tolle @ 830-914-2234.

## LUTHERANAIRS



Domino players will gather the first Thur. (July 6th) and the third Wed. (July 19th) @ 9:30 a.m. for fun, food, and socializing. All are welcome to join us and bring a family members and/or friends.

## HALL RENTALS

### ACTIVITY CENTER/PJ HALL

15 July - Marbach  
22 July - Henke

### FELLOWSHIP HALL

08 July - Kiolbassa  
09 July - Steffen  
22 July - Christmas in July  
23 July - Potluck Luncheon

## QUILTING MINISTRY



Quilting ministry meets every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Please feel free to join our small group.

All are Welcomed!

## LOOKING AHEAD

22 July - Christmas in July  
23 July - Potluck Luncheon  
05 Aug - Marion Sausage Supper

## ALTAR FLOWER

The flowers will be delivered to the church every Friday night by Southern Roots. If you have a complaint, question, or concern - PLEASE call Pennie in the Church office @ 830-914-2383. The church will be billed each month and we ask that you just simply place your \$40.00 in the offering plate marked with your name and altar flower date. If you wish to Opt-Out of this offer, please let Pennie know in the office on the Tuesday before your specific date. **We ask that you please return the vases.** Thank You!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
2 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  Adult Bible Study 9:00 am HS Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Holy Communion	3  Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	4  Office Closed  Independence Day	5	6  Lutheranairs 9:30 a.m.	7  Secretary's Day Off	1  8	
9 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  Adult Bible Study 9:00 am HS Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Holy Communion	10  Pastor's Day Off	11  Quilting 9:00 am Day Care Devotion 10:00 a.m. Peace Circle 7:00 p.m. In Bridal Room	12	13  Church Council Meeting @ 7 p.m.	14  Secretary's Day Off	15	
16 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  Adult Bible Study 9:00 am HS Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Holy Communion	17  Pastor's Day Off	18  Quilting 9:00 am Day Care Devotion 10:00 a.m.	19  Lutheranairs 9:30 a.m.	20	21  Secretary's Day Off	22 St. Mary Magdalene  Quilter's Christmas In July Sale 9am - 12pm	
23 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  Adult Bible Study 9:00 am HS Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Holy Communion Pot Luck Luncheon	24  Pastor's Day Off	25 St. James the Elder, Apostle  Quilting 9:00 am Day Care Devotion 10:00 a.m. Music & Worship Meeting @ 6:30	26  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!	27	28  Secretary's Day Off	29	
30 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  Adult Bible Study 9:00 am HS Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Holy Communion	31  Pastor's Day Off						