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Tidings

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"The heart of Christ...in the heart of the City."

from the desk of Pastor Skip)

This month, I wish to conclude my discussion with you on Biblical principles of stewardship. We have defined those principles as suffering in the church today, a New Testament word, developing attitudes, a habit, a first-fruit of faith, done in the total context of ministry, done in the church, proportionate to income, the gift of yourself to Christ, proof of our love, self-sacrificing, made up of people who are prepared, a joint venture, money, commitment, promise, pledge, a challenge to our faith, the way we show our faith, and stretching our vision, knowing we need God. I conclude by affirming that a biblical steward knows God owns everything, that their stewardship is a privilege, that it involves analyzing their time and talent, doing a giving and financial analysis, and finally, the Gospel according to YOU!

STEWARDSHIP IS knowing God owns everything we manage anyway. A steward is a "manager" and we are God's stewards on earth. We are to manage His possessions. Trusting the "thing" God gives us instead of the one who owns it leads to worry. Possessions do possess. Enjoy possessions St. John's! But don't set your heart on them because they may be "recalled by the maker". St. Paul states in Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." And don't forget Jesus' instructions regarding "storing up for yourself treasures on earth...you can't serve both God and money...don't worry about your life...seek first the Kingdom of God and all these other things will be added to you." Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34.

STEWARDSHIP IS a privilege at St. John's Church, more than a responsibility. Just think, you and I can be a partner with God in what He will do. Luke 6:38 is key, "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

STEWARDSHIP IS the Gospel according to YOU. Martin Luther once said, "nothing cheers God more than believers who hold Him to His promises". When God learns of your management, He gives you more to manage. Remember we manage all that we have and all that we are for God. When we are good stewards, we tend to manage all other areas of life well. When you think about your stewardship commitment to St. John's Church, reflect upon the stewardship of your talent as well as your money. Think about regularly every Sunday giving as a response to hearing the Gospel. Think about proportionate giving according to your income, not the budget. Concern yourself with first-fruits giving off the top, not what is left over. Finally, make a faith commitment, a promise.

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In Our Prayers

Please pray for the following members and friends and family of the congregation:

- Adeline Cavazos
- Adrian Kamm
- Alison Donatucci
- Andrea Anderson
- Anna Lisa Valdez
- Ardene Wuthrich
- Awilda Borchers
- Betty Granger
- Bud Gullickson
- Clarene Moore
- Clayton Franz
- Cora Ottmers
- Courtney Bowles
- Dorothy Chadwell
- Edgar Stahl
- Ella Wolff
- Elnora Zunker
- Elton Boehme
- Eva Buchholtz
- Evonne Montero
- Frances Lemaster
- Gail Folk
- Gladys Garrett
- Hannah Harbour
- James "Red" Nichols
- Janelle McLean Clepper
- Joan Williams
- John Stapleton
- Joshua Rodriguez
- Joy Reiner
- Judi Bullington
- Julia Chatwell
- Julie Wedel
- Karen Olson
- Kirby Olson
- Kristina Davidson
- Kyle Bonin
- Leif Alexander
- Marla Lear & Carson
- Marynel Maurer
- Norman Jones
- Olfers Family
- Rick Ward
- Santos Bara
- Trudy Carmines
- Vance Kowalik

 **THANK you!**

Thank you for these gifts received in memory or honor of someone during the month of June, 2009:

To the Glory of God

In Honor Of:

Rev. Bob Braun by John & Barbara Nellermeoe

In Memory of:

Scarlett Hoke by Grace Neitzke
Barbara Smouse by Mary & Ken Boehme & Family; Marjorie Richie, Brad & Wayne; Ron & Belinda Schmidt; Karl Traeger
Emily Sweet by Ron & Belinda Schmidt

Dear Friends at St. John's,
 Thank you for Pastor Bob's visitations to ring Holy Communion in the past, he certainly will be missed.
 Thank you for your continuing prayers for my daughter Julie Wedel and myself. Julie continues her struggle with Cushing's Disease. Our family sends our gratitude for prayers for SSC David Staples and all the Troops. He is now retired from the Army after 20 years of service.
 Sincerely, my Best Wishes to all,
 Julia Chatwell

Prayers continued

Family & Friends

- Emma M. Jernigan
- Florence M. Jernigan
- Warner Kade Anderson
- Lucille E. Boehme
- Dorine Vollmar

Prayers for our Troops

- Dan Leingang
- Eric Oglesbee
- Matthew Helms
- Jared Raymond

 **THANK you!**

The family of Lucille Boehme would like to express our thanks to all of our friends and Christian family for the prayers and expression of sympathy you have given us for our beloved Mother. We especially would like to thank our dear friends Roger, Dan, Jack and Susan, Ron and Belinda, Carol and Robert, and Kathy for the two meals they prepared for the family. It was very much needed and appreciated. Lastly we want to say a special thank you to Pastor Skip for the many hours you spent with us in prayer, reading scripture, and just sitting with us and listening. You gave us a tremendous peace that we greatly needed. God Bless all of you.

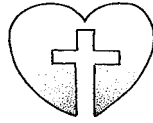
Charles and Patti, Lucienne and Karl, Kenneth and Mary, Pamela and Herb, Grandchildren, great Grandchildren, great great Grandchild and our Aunts, Uncle and Cousins

 **THANK you!**

Andrea Anderson would like to thank Pastor Steve Lunning, Pastor Skip and the members of St. John's for their out pouring of love and support in the loss of her baby. The people of St. John's are truly God's people. Everyone was so kind and loving to her during this time of great sorrow. Words cannot express the love she feels in her heart for everyone. May God bless you all always.

The Food Addicts in Recovery wish to say thank you for all you do and allowing us to use your beautiful church. The group is growing and many people now have an opportunity for recovery.

Much Appreciated,
 Virginia Yanez



BAPTISM

Congratulations to Brandon and Andrea Martini on the baptism of their daughter, Faith Lynn Martini on July 12, 2009.

Congratulations to William and Amanda Jackson III on the baptism of their daughter, Rebecca Taylor Johnson on July 19, 2009.

Congratulations to Mike and Michele Johnson on the baptism of their son, Cody Michael Johnson on July 26, 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS *August Birthdays*

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| Aug. | 1 | Dorothy Knox |
| | 2 | Barbara Reed |
| | 3 | Beverly Braun |
| | | Lt. Col. Ed Zastawny |
| | | Cheryl Goode |
| | | Melissa Nedbalek |
| | | Kevin Baker |
| | 4 | Lisa Mason |
| | | Wade Heiner |
| | 5 | Alwin Schaefer |
| | | Daniel Carmines IV |
| | | Audra Hill |
| | | Jessie Cooper |
| | 6 | Samuel Villanueva |
| | | Claudine Michalek |
| | | Eric Burk |
| | 7 | Janet Grun |
| | 8 | James Wollmann |
| | | Charles Williams |
| | | Herb Slade |
| | 9 | Justin Mellenbruch |
| | | Lori Darchicourt |
| | | Morgan Goode |
| | 11 | William Rickrim |

CONGRATULATIONS *August Birthdays*

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| 10 | Estella Eckhardt |
| 12 | Jennifer Bauer |
| | Margarete Schuette |
| | Geraldine Nichols |
| 13 | Robin Richardson |
| | Daniel Wolff |
| 14 | Robert R. Ressmann |
| | Dr. Ken Taggart |
| | Robert Hartman |
| | Dea Ann Frothingham |
| 15 | Kermit Crenwelge |
| | Stephen Wendel |
| | Gail Zoll |
| | Leslie Rendeiro |
| 16 | Junius Wehe |
| | Lester Hill |
| | Kevin Bailey |
| 17 | Dr. Ronald Ressmann |
| | Belinda Schmidt |
| | Susannah Saathoff |
| 18 | Robert Navarro |
| | David B. Lowther |
| | Richard Collier, Jr. |
| 19 | Dorothy Galle |
| 21 | Douglas Bornemann |
| | Anna Powell |
| | Lloyd Albers |
| 22 | Zaine Ewing |
| | Cody Acosta |
| | Andrew Martini |
| 23 | Brendan Warren |
| 24 | Reese Lauren Bailey |
| 25 | Elton Boehme |
| 26 | Ken Turner |
| | Elizabeth Ressmann |
| | Jeremy Tietze |
| 27 | Frances Watts |
| 28 | Marie Hollinger |
| 29 | Ricky Collier, III |
| | Martha Schultz |
| 30 | Dr. Ted Kniker |
| | Judy Zipp-Wilson |
| | Kathy Cobb |
| 31 | August Michalek |

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The church is in need of the following volunteers:
1. Help with assembling weekly bulletins and monthly Tidings.
Please call the church office (223-2611) if you are interested in helping.

 **THANK** you!

Dear SAMMinistries' Friend,
May you be blessed for your July gift of \$2000.00! We are now smack dab in the middle of summer and it means so much for us to receive this during this difficult season and because Harvey Najim is matching your gift - we are doubly blessed!

It's hot and miserable, and each day the need for shelter, comfort, and answers to, "What do I do now?" continue to grow. **We are thankful that your support allows us to be actively involved with our mission to make real changes in the lives** of the men, women, and children who come to us for help.

Our youngest guests are provided with a break with summertime activities, while the adults receive the guidance and encouragement they need to take the steps needed to return to self-sufficiency. **Because of your support, smiles replace blank faces and hope lights up the darkness they had been living in.**

Truly, with every donation, you make a difference.
Sincerely,
SAMMinistries

It is with sadness that Brad and I will be saying good-bye this Sunday, July 12th as our final week in San Antonio winds down. The moving truck arrives on the 17th. We plan to attend the morning pre-service coffee hour to say good-bye to our dear St. John's family. We want to thank every one of you who had a kind and encouraging word, smiled and assisted Brad as he struggled in and out of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. We want to say, again, how blessed we all are for having Pastor Skip touch our lives - he is truly a special angel for many and is such an inspiration to us. We say almost daily as we prepare to return north that we wish we could take St. John's with us! We hope to return in the spring for Fiesta Nueva and you will all be in our hearts as we continue on our journey. We will keep in touch periodically and thanks again.
Sincerely,
Brad & Sue Hermann

(continued from the desk of Pastor Skip)

Finally, Think It Over

God made the sun.....it gives
God made the moon.....it gives
God made the stars.....they give
God made the air.....it gives
God made the clouds.....they give
God made the earth.....it gives
God made the sea.....it gives
God made the trees.....they give
God made the flowers.....they give
God made the grass.....it gives
God made the fowls.....they give
God made the beasts.....they give
God made the Plan.....God gives
God made You.....You ?

See you in the pews!

Pastor Skip



FIESTA NUEVA 2010 POSTER

It's that time again! The time to gather and start thinking of new ideas for the poster for our 2010 Fiesta Nueva. Remember - your poster will be displayed, sold, printed on shirts, bags, and notecards if you are the lucky winner. Runner ups will be printed on the notecards. Meet with Arlene Shirmer after church in the Pioneer Room for ideas and details. **Deadline is October 15.**

Deleyce Tietze

**LORD,
GIVE SUCCESS
TO THE WORK
OF OUR HANDS**

ANNOUNCING!

Bishop Ray Tiemann is coming to St. John's on Sunday, August 30, 2009.

8:30 - 9:30 - Continental Breakfast and reception for Bishop Tiemann

9:30 - Bishop Tiemann will be preaching

11:00 - Bishop Tiemann will present a slide show on the Holy Land

You won't want to miss Sunday, August 30th.

ANNOUNCING!

ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS

We will be quilting on Thursday, Aug 13, 11:30-3:00 and Wednesday, August 19, 11:30-3:00. So far we have completed 11 quilts, 6 to tie and 9 tops to be put together. A big thank you to all who have helped in this endeavor. If you have an hour you can spare to stop and to help tie a quilt, please do so. We have a great time, we solve all the problems of the world while we are tying the quilts. Lunch will be served both days. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me. Carol 657-0765



BACK TO SCHOL PROGRAM For the Lutheran Mission Program in Laredo

St. John's Day School and Church will once again gather basic school supplies (notebooks, pencils, crayons, paper, pencil sharpeners, scissors, glue, etc.) for the Lutheran Mission Program in Laredo. They have many children from the El Cenizo areas that are in need of supplies when school begins. Just imagine going to school with no tools to work with and feeling very much embarrassed when they see children come to school with their school supplies. All of you have been most generous in the past years and we do hope that we can count on the same results this year. We will be receiving these supplies all during the month of July. Please bring them to church on Sunday morning or to the church office. Containers will be available in which to leave your donations. It is so important that these young people have supplies so that they can receive the best education they can. The deadline to bring the supplies will be Friday, August 7, 2009.

Thank you very much for supporting this important ministry.

Our Christian Mission Statements

St. John's Day School

**"As a ministry of the congregation,
St. John's Lutheran Day School
provides a safe, nurturing Christ-centered
environment for young children."**

St. John's Church

**"Forming Faithfulness to the love of God
...in traditional worship,
...through enlivened discipleship
...with service and honor to all."**

***FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS
WILL RESUME ON
SEPTEMBER 5, 2009
WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR
MORE INFORMATION***

***The Worship, Music, and
Arts Committee
Invites you to attend a
Hymn Sing***

**First Sunday of each month 15 minutes
prior to the
Worship service in the sanctuary.**

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Women of the ELCA will meet Thursday, August 13, in the Pioneer Room at 9:30 A.M.

Program: Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions, presented by Frances Franz.

Hannah Circle will Host this month:
Serve Refreshments for WELCA Meeting,
3rd Sunday Refreshments & Kitchen Clean Up.

WELCA NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION

We will be collecting School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief Kits for the months of August and September. Please place these items in our WELCA basket in the Memorial Hall. This is the list we will be collecting.

Note books of wide-or college-ruled paper approx. 8"X 10 1/2" totaling 150-200 sheets,
no loose-leaf paper

One blunt scissors

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

One pencil sharpener

Six new unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

One eraser approx. 2 1/2" long

12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One sturdy cloth bag approx. 12"X14" with cloth handles 10" or drawstring enclosure. (Optional some of the ladies make them for the kits)

Thank You, WELCA

WATER TO THRIVE

The Kick-off for Water to Thrive will be sponsored by WELCA. It will be held August 2-August 30.

Christina Stade will be our Representative & Contact Person for Water to Thrive. Christina is also the Community Service Team Director for Thrivent. She will oversee our funding from Thrivent which they have already approved to help us with some of the funding. Thanks, to Christina.

Please help us fund a well from St. John's for a village in rural Ethiopia. The cost is only \$3500 to service about 500 people.

We will be selling water for a donation at the doors & will also have envelopes for donations. Checks may be made out to St. John's with a note on the check for: Water to Thrive.

“Two billion people around the world don't have access to clean water. The only water they have to drink is contaminated surface water they labor to collect & bring home to their families. Lack of access to clean water causes 1)an increase in disease and early death, 2)a limited time for education and family care, and 3)a cycle of poverty that cannot be broken without outside help. The simple solution is access to clean water. A clean water well in a village costs just \$3500. So little to make such a difference and completely transform lives! We are challenging ourselves, here at St. John's, to fund a well for a village in rural Ethiopia. Our gift will forever change the lives of up to 500 people! Join us in our efforts to impact lives for Christ. **Please use the envelope in Tidings to mail your donation to the church. Thank you for your support!** WELCA

SW Texas Synod & TX/LA Gulf Coast Synod Convention “Joined in Christ” August 7 – 9, 2009

They are asking congregations to bring cell phones for recycling which will be the physical offering at the convention in August. Recycled phones will help women and families living in poverty and aid in climate change. Before recycling, be sure to remove personal information from the phone. You can visit www.wirelessrecycling.com to get more information about purging the phone prior to donation.

Randolph English teacher begins new chapter

By Mariah Kilbourne
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

As a high school student growing up in Seguin, Karen Olson faced Randolph High School in many tennis matches.

After graduating from Texas Lutheran College, she was hired to work in the English department of her former rival school.

"I remember being on the tennis team and we would come play Randolph," said Mrs. Olson, who retired in June. "It was just so freaky when years later I was waiting for my husband to pick me up - to think I used to play here when I was in high school and now I'm teaching here."

Now, 37 years later, Randolph is saying good-bye to one of its beloved teachers.

"Mrs. Olson had a special way of caring about the students and inspiring them to learn," said Bruce Cannon, Randolph High School principal, who also supervises the middle school teachers. "Her retirement will definitely be a heartfelt loss for everyone at Randolph Middle School."

Mrs. Olson remembers the day she was offered the job here.

"I did my student teaching at Randolph," Mrs. Olson said. "I remember taking a history exam when I was at college and my husband came to the door, mouthing 'hurry up' so that I could call the principal back because they had offered me a job. So I was trying to hurry through my history test, but not hurry so much that I wouldn't do a good job on my test."

During her first year at Randolph High School, Mrs. Olson taught freshman English. The following year, she taught eighth grade English and speech courses at Randolph Middle School. She remained in that position until the birth of her second daughter, Lauren.

"I always enjoyed reading, literature and figuring out how it all worked," Mrs. Olson said. "I remember the first year that I taught it all came to me. You learn it by teaching it. I had a lot of 'a-ha' moments that first year I taught. I guess because I was teaching it, I was learning it all over again."

After returning from maternity leave, Mrs. Olson was offered a position as the seventh grade English teacher at Randolph Middle School.

"When I began to teach the seventh grade, I thought: 'This is it, I have found my place,'" Mrs. Olson said. "They were still willing to learn, to listen and to enjoy learning. They were still having



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Karen Olson
Retiring Randolph teacher



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Mrs. Olson retained the position of seventh grade English teacher from 1980 until her retirement. In 1989, she was honored for her accomplishments and dedication with the "Teacher of the Year" title and trophy. In 2001, she traveled to Washington, D.C., as part of a team of teachers to receive Randolph Middle School's National Blue Ribbon Award for academic excellence.

"It was really eye opening in the sense that we really got to find out what other people were doing in their classrooms," Mrs. Olson said. "So many times you get really involved in what you're doing in your own class that by getting together, talking and finding out what people were doing in their different classes, you really could find out how well the students were progressing and what kind of programs were working best. That was pretty awesome."

In addition to teaching, Mrs. Olson sponsored the National Junior Honor Society and several University Interscholastic League academic events. Before Randolph had school buses, Mrs. Olson bought a larger car so she could drive students to the competitions.

"The middle school students only go as high as

the district level and that's the fun part because the kids are really in competition with themselves," Mrs. Olson said. "They're having a lot of fun and that's really what we pushed. They learn a lot about themselves, what they're good at and having a good time. We didn't have to worry about how far they go - they go as far as district, was a good time and I think they liked those Saturdays where they could go eat all that good junk food."

Mrs. Olson truly was a teacher at heart and has to adjust to retirement.

"Lately, I find myself where I see something in life and I think: 'I could use that' and I have to step back and think: 'no, you don't need to worry about that anymore.' Applying the things that I see in real life to show how the English language works, how analysis works in literature and seeing how it's all around us will be missed. Also, no longer being with the people that you worked with and saw every day."

Although she will no longer be working, Mrs. Olson plans to stay involved.

"I think missing school won't really hit me until August when everybody else goes back," Mrs. Olson said. "Since I live close by, I usually have my 'teamies' (as we call them in our sixth-and seventh-grade building) over before open house. I hope to have them over and get caught up on all the news (at Randolph)."



A jersey hangs in the Randolph school library to honor Karen Olson's 37 years of teaching.

Reprinted from the Randolph Air Force Base newspaper.

ST. JOHN'S BECOMES ACCREDITED

St. John's Lutheran Day School, San Antonio, Texas was awarded a seven year accreditation from the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association in June 2009, the third early childhood center in Texas to receive this award. Our Day School Director is June Airheart.

History of the Day School dates back to January 6, 1858 when St. John's Lutheran Church passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a day school at the earliest possible date. A meeting of the congregation was called for January 17 for further consideration of the matter. At this meeting a proposal was accepted to invite all parents, and especially those who were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to enroll their children in the day school. Tuition was to be fifty cents a month for each child and all expenses of the school were to be defrayed by this income. (What a change today). On February 3, 1858, the church council decided to rent the Kampmann home for school purposes. For more than a year, Pastor Zizelmann was in charge of the day school. The work provided the pastor with an additional income, but the need for another teacher soon became apparent and the congregation called Christian Carl Mayer as a teacher.

During the War Between the States, the congregation endured many hardships and some families could no longer afford the day school fees. A special meeting was held on September 21, 1864, at which time the congregation decided not to limit the enrollment of the day school and even to accept those who were unable to pay the tuition. According to church records, it appears the school did not exist between 1867 and 1897 due to a number of reasons. It was reopened during Pastor Ulrich's ministry. The matter had been discussed as early as July 1896, and the council gave its final approval a year later.

A parochial school was established in September, 1950. The school was not well patronized and later it developed into a day nursery.

Today, St. John's continues to serve the working people of downtown San Antonio. The day school is open for children 6 weeks through 6 years. Although more than one hundred years have passed since the initial establishment of the day school, St. John's Day School continues in the tradition of teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our Mission Statement is "St. John's Lutheran Day School is a ministry of the congregation providing for spiritual, intellectual and emotional growth in a Christ centered environment."

Our Philosophy is "St. John's Lutheran Day School believes that childhood experiences provide the foundation for one's lifetime. to open the windows of heaven and pours continued blessings on St. John's Lutheran Day School.

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Therefore, we provide quality experiences that will promote the spiritual, social, intellectual, emotional and physical growth of each child. We believe that each child is unique, having been created by God. We believe that a child's self-image is influenced by others in his/her life. Therefore, we nurture each child in a positive, supporting and accepting Christ-centered environment. We believe that young children learn best through concrete experiences. St. John's Day School provides many opportunities for exploration, discovery and experimentation."

Today, St. John's strives to keep Christ the center of all our teachings and relationships with one another. God continues to open the windows of heaven and pours continued blessings on St. John's Lutheran Day School.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK AT WOLFF STADIUM SPONSORED BY WEST BEXAR COUNTY CHAPTER OF THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2009

The game will be between the San Antonio Missions and the Corpus Christi Hooks. The Ticket price is for upper level reserved seats \$5.50 each for non Chapter members and \$2.00 each for chapter members and their guests. It is also dollar night for sodas, hot dogs, ect. We are also going to try some tickets for the party tent. The non chapter member ticket is \$15.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children. For WBC Chapter members and their guests the cost will be \$5.00 each. The tent ticket includes a reserved seat plus all the hotdogs, hamburgers, sodas, and chips that you can eat plus ice cream for dessert from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The game starts at 7:05 PM. Please contact Bill Dorey at 210-673-2371 or email at thrive1@satx.rr.com.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
VESPERS, FELLOWSHIP AND DINNER
WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 9, 2009
BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM - VESPERS
DINNER - 5:45 PM**

HURRICANE SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In preparation for hurricane evacuation, we have special opportunities of service for people of faith and a sense of mission. These opportunities can offer great satisfaction through service and ministry to others in Christ's name. You are invited to take part in such an opportunity and serve as a volunteer.

Areas in which you can volunteer include:

- Drivers and "go-fers" to pick up pre-cooked meals, prescriptions and supplies.
- Food service helpers and servers.
- Answering the telephone for the shelter and take notes.
- "Night owls" to provide directions to restrooms in the hours after midnight and patiently to listen to evacuees.
- Provide daytime activities for evacuees and listen to their stories.
- *Et cetera.*

This is a good opportunity to minister to others in Christ's name with faith and purpose.

Last year, Alamo Heights Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in cooperation with Baptist Children and Family Services (BCFS) and the State of Texas, served as an evacuation center for hurricane evacuees from the Texas Coast. This year, Alamo Heights Christian Church, 6435 North New Braunfels Ave, San Antonio, TX 78209, is making plans to serve again as an evacuation center should another hurricane hit the Texas Coast. Whether there is a hurricane or not, plans for such an eventuality have to be made.

In following through with directions, the best volunteers hold positive attitudes, exhibit good listening skills, show patience, are team players, and help provide a calming presence in an environment which may seem chaotic and less structured at times.

The date for the shelter management training will be provided through BCFS and has not yet been announced. BCFS will soon place a training module on the internet. A general orientation session at the Alamo Heights Christian Church will take place 18 to 20 hours prior to hurricane evacuation.

If you would like to volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact the Alamo Heights Christian Church by phone, (210) 828-5728, or by e-mail, halamoheightsc@satx.rr.com or brucewllmsn@yahoo.com.

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Information for the next newsletter must be submitted (preferably by email) by **Friday, August 7th**. Information for the weekend bulletins and announcements are due by **Tuesday afternoon** each week. Submit to: Mary Boehme in the church office:

(ph.) 223-2611 x 200,

(fax) 223-5667, (email)

mboehme@stjohnsroosterchurch.org.

MINISTRY:

Not out of guilt, but gratitude

Not obligation, but opportunity

Not "it's not up to me"

but an attitude of

"how can I help"

"Want to join St. John's!"

St. John's Lutheran Church will be receiving new members on Sunday, August 9th. If you are interested in joining this wonderful church please contact Pastor Skip or let the church office know by August 5th at 223-2611.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, AUGUST 10 AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 FOR A STAFF RETREAT.

**RESTORATION PROJECT
JUNE 30, 2009**

Total Restoration Cost		1410560.46
Funds Received to Date		1287031.56
Funds on Hand		2031.00
Balance Due to Endowment Fund		128882.00
Original Loan from Endowment Fund	538616.99	
Amount Paid Back	409734.99	
Balance Due	128882.00	
Amount paid Back (Does not include Interest)		
First Quarter 2009	3000.00	
Second Quarter - 2009	3400.00	
Third Quarter - 2009		
Fourth Quarter - 2009		
Total amount paid in 2009	6400.00	
Balance of Restoration Pledges	15526.50	

TIDINGS - QUARTERLY - MEMBERS BENEVOLENCE OTHER

Donation by members for special benevolence from Jan. 1, 2009 - June 30, 2009

ELCA World Hunger		1133.03
CAM		200.00
Total		1333.03

Average Weekly Attendance & Commitment Offering

1st Quarter

Year of 2008	177.76	attendance	6030.11	commitment offering
Year of 2009	168	attendance	5475.53	commitment offering

2nd Quarter

Year of 2008	161.23	attendance	5831.51	commitment offering
Year of 2009	199.23	attendance	6320.39	commitment offering

**OFFERINGS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2009**

General Fund Income	Current Month	Year to Date
Weekly Commitment	22008.00	153370.14
Parking Lots	25187.37	147522.49
Cemetery Operating		310.00
Other Income	2773.44	24476.45
Income Transfer from Endowment Fund (designated for General & Cemetery Operations) (V. Gembler Estate-designated for Youth)	1572.49 1205.00	8979.37 1205.00
Total General Fund Income	52746.30	335863.45
Expenses		
Salaries, Benevolence, General & Committee Expenses	60979.22	341981.22
General Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	-8232.92	-6117.77
Restricted Funds		
Restricted Income	5442.72	63677.65
Restricted Expenses	5781.32	35900.78
Restricted Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	-338.60	27776.87

Notes:

	Budget	Amount Paid	Balance
Benevolence			
SW Texas Synod	20000	9999.96	10000.04
TLU-Congregational Aid	650		650
TLU -General	1350		1350
CAM	1500	1500	0
SAMM	2000		2000
CSS	2000	2000	0
Z-Place	1000	1000	0
Synod Assembly Special Offering	1500	1500	0
SA Conference	500		500
Cross Trails Ministries	300	300	0
Lutheran Seminary-SW	400	400	0
LSS	250	250	0
Lutheran Vespers	250	250	0
SA Community - Churches	250	250	0
Pastoral Discretionary	200		200
Council Discretionary	2850		2850
Total Benevolence	35000	17449.96	17550.04
Capital Reserve	25200	12600	12600
Money set aside for property taxes		9000	

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