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Tidings

September, 2009 Volume 63, Issue 9

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

from the desk of Pastor Skip)

Over the past year I have used those few moments you give me in Tidings to discuss Christian stewardship. We have looked at it in a number of ways:

Stewardship is a most rewarding part of living a life in Christ, a privilege!
Stewardship is the Christian's response to the Gospel, a total approach to ministry.
Stewardship incorporates the concept of "first-fruits" found so often in the Bible.
Stewardship is habit lived out between you and your faith community.
Stewardship is proportionate to your income not the needs of a church budget.
Stewardship is the gift of yourself to Christ's body in the world.
Stewardship is a reflection of the genuineness of your love.
Stewardship is money that feeds the business of doing ministry.
Stewardship is a word enmeshed with "promise."
Stewardship is a challenge to a Christian's faithfulness and obedience.
Stewardship is envisioning a future that is "not yet."
Stewardship is the Christian's acknowledgment of their need for God.
Stewardship is affirming God owns everything and Christians just managing it.

I guess that means stewardship is simply the gospel according to you. And so, with all these definitions in front of us, we ought to move directly into the scriptures. I know of no better place to start than II Corinthians 8:1-15 and 9:6-15. At the start of the Eighth Chapter Paul describes what happened in the rather poor church of Macedonia. He states that even in their poverty they begged for the opportunity to take up a collection for Christians in Jerusalem. Several things are very important here:

Above everything the Macedonians gave themselves first to the Lord.
They then gave of their own accord, according to their ability.
They gave for the favor of participating in the support of the church.
Paul now uses them as a witness to other Christians.

"They first gave themselves to the Lord," Paul says of the Macedonians, and this is where it all begins. I give myself and all I have to the Lord. I no longer own anything. Everything I use is on consignment from God who owns it. Toward the "things" in my life both tangible and intangible, I take on an attitude of managing them for God as opposed to owning them for myself. I really do feel that how well a Christian manages that part of God's creation that they have been made responsible for will greatly be reflected in their attitude toward the Gospel of Jesus as a whole. That's why our level of stewardship can be an accurate spiritual thermometer. It can be a source of spiritual disease or blessing dependent on our attitude in managing. There's more next month, but until then, I'll see you in the pews.

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
Cora Ottmers
Courtney Bowles
Dorothy Chadwell
Edgar Stahl
Ella Wolff
Elnora Zunker
Elton Boehme
Erica Urrabaz & baby
Eva Buchholtz
Evonne Montero
Frances Lemaster
Gail Folk
Gladys Garrett
Hannah Harbour
James "Red" Nichols
Janelle McLean Clepper
Jeremy, Marla & Carson Lear
Jet Smith
Joan Williams
John Stapleton
Joshua Rodriguez
Joy Reiner
Judi Bullington
Julia Chatwell
Julie Wedel
Karen Olson
Kirby Olson
Kristina Davidson
Kyle Bonin
Leif Alexander
Marynel Maurer
Nita Poss
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 July, 2009:

To the Glory of God

In Honor of:

The Ordination of Toby Burk by LeRoy & Alva Schulmeier, Brian Schulmeier, Laurie, Kevin & Neil Haiduk
Addie Wudel by her grandmother, Carolyn Wudel
Scott & Aimee Wudel by Carolyn Wudel

In Memory of:

Warner Anderson by Ron & Belinda Schmidt
Alfreda Becker by Victor & Marie Schaper
Lucille Boehme by Ernie & Charlene Alf; The Barker & Chavana Families; Alfred & Heidi Becker; Amy & Charles Beierle, Jonathan & Michael; Kathleen & Larry Beierle; Margaret & James Boehme; The Elton Boehme Family; Evelyn Bippert; Jackie Bourgeois & Family; Bob & Carole Cauble; Delrose Cearley & Family; Curtis Franz & Family; Esperanza "Hope" Garcia; Keith Larson; Wade & Janet Mack; Grace Neitzke and Bill Neitzke; Barbara & John Nellerroe; Marjorie, Brad & Wayne Richie; Ron & Belinda Schmidt; Ruth Schriewer; Leroy, Alva and Brian Schulmeier; Laurie, Kevin & Neil Haiduk; John and Nadine Schultz; Ruth Shipp; Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Simmons; Delbert & Beth Traeger; Ida & Nolan Turner and Samantha; Madeline & Ken Weaver; Mr. & Mrs. Junius Wehe; Elnora S. Zunker
Fred Freeman by Ron & Belinda Schmidt
Mr. John Hamilton by Victor & Marie Shaper

 **THANK you!**

To the Glory of God

Emma & Florence Jernigan by Julia Chatwell and Julie Wedel; Ernest & Betty Chavana; Curtis & Frances Franz; Cora Ottmers; Ron & Belinda Schmid
Howard Nellerroe by Victor & Marie Schaper
Frank Santa Cruz by Viola Caraway
Bill & Gertrude Schnabel by Carolyn Wudel
Barbara Smouse by Carolyn Wudel
Rev. Tom Swygert by Victor & Marie Schaper
Mrs. Caroline Schorlemer by Victor & Marie Schaper
Dorine Vollmar by Delrose Cearley; LeRoy, Alva & Brian Schulmeier and Laurie, Kevin, & Neil Haiduk

 **THANK you!**

I want to thank everyone for all the love, prayers and support that I received during my recent throat therapy and surgery. It helped me tremendously. We all know God will provide the strength we need to get through any and all of the turmoils of life. He uses His children...each of us.....to make sure that love is felt. You gave that to me these past few months.
Thank you and God's peace be with you. Vicki Gullickson

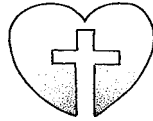
Prayers continued

Family & Friends

Clayton Franz
William McNary

Prayers for our Troops

Dan Leingang
Eric Oglesbee
Matthew Helms
Jared Raymond
Dennis Kruse



BAPTISM

Congratulations to Pearl & Manual Alvarez on the baptism of their son, Sebastian, on Sunday, August 9, 2009.

Congratulations to Tiffany Marie Harper on her baptism on Sunday, August 9, 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS September Birthdays

- | | | |
|-------|----|--|
| Sept. | 2 | Henry A. Gembler, Jr |
| | 3 | Johnnie Porter
Isabel Runnells |
| | 4 | Betty Rohmer |
| | 5 | Mary Ruth Shipp
Robert A. Hein
Jack Love |
| | 6 | David Charles Caraway
Stephen Cartia |
| | 7 | Nolan Hudel
Elle Marie Anderson |
| | 8 | Carol Riemenschneider
Eric Wilson
Emily Chandler
Ashley Park |
| | 9 | Willis W. Cresswell, Jr.
Ashley N. Hill
Nikkolas Thompson
Wesley Heiner |
| | 10 | Deleyce Tietze
Andrew Wolff
Morgan DeBruyn |
| | 11 | Beverly Airheart
Cody Johnson |

CONGRATULATIONS September Birthdays

Continued

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|----|---|
| 14 | Lucille Herndon
Loreen Eckhardt
Caroline Hahn
Mary Ann Spivey
Betty McCue
Maxwell Krueger
Jacqueline Flor Rosen |
| 15 | Rev. Robert Braun
Gillian Lopez
Pastor Toby J. Burk |
| 16 | Linda Hestilow |
| 17 | Amy Hestilow
Avery Pfeiffer |
| 18 | Riley Kowalik |
| 19 | Jeanie Bright
Noe Trevino |
| 20 | Marjorie Roehl
Ernest Chava
Taylor Kaelyn Burk |
| 21 | Lillian Zunker
Kathleen Crusius
Laurie Curry |
| 22 | Frank W. Burk
Gregory Dickson |
| 23 | Holly Airheart
Shelby Kolmeier |
| 24 | Ralph Detwiler
Joyce Rickrim |
| 25 | Bill Neitzke |
| 26 | Albert J. Tietze, Jr.
Hannah Wendel Harbour |
| 28 | Jan Saathoff
Leslye Mozisek
Brian Schulmeier |
| 29 | Kristen Lindbeck |
| 30 | Lisa Marie Warren |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Pearl & Manual Alvarez, Children, Felicia,
Manual Jr., and Sebastian (Baptism)
Camden & Abby Hendricks
Tiffany Marie Harper (Baptism)
Danny & Geneva Hudel, Children, Nolan,
and Ryan
Karen Lichtenberg
Lauren Stevens, Children, Jack, Caroline,
and Grant
Ron & Sylvia Urrabaz and son Adam*

Orientation Luncheon will be Sunday, September 20, following the Christian Education hour. All new members that have joined this year, Council members, and Committee Chairpersons are invited.



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 Schirmer after church in the Pioneer Room for ideas and details. **Deadline is October 15.**

Deleyce Tietze

Approved June Congregational Council Minutes

A complete copy of the minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside Memorial Hall.

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

**St. John's Lutheran Church
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San Antonio, Texas**

All concerts begin at 12:05 PM and are followed by a light lunch served in Memorial Hall (five dollar donation). Limited free parking available.

September 4, 2009 *Victor and Friends*
Taun Miner, flutist
John Stuart, cellist
Victor Schaper, organist/harpsichordist
*(music by J. S. Bach, Telemann,
Mark Summer and John Behnke)*

October 2, 2009 *Monte Vista Strings*
Andrew Small, violinist and director

November 6, 2009 *Ruth Moreland, soprano*
Founder/Artistic Director
Voci di Sorelle

December 4, 2009
San Antonio Harp Ensemble
Celebrating the 25th Anniversary
Laurie Buchanan, founder/director

January 1, 2010 *Happy New Year*
No First Friday Concert

February 5, 2010
The Church of Our Lady of The Atonement
Academy Middle School Treble Choir
Edmund and Chalon Murray, directors

March 5, 2010 TBA

April 2, 2010
Good Friday Worship (12:00 noon)
No First Friday Concert

May 7, 2010 TBA

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

QUILTING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Thursday, Sep 10th, 12-3 (everyone bring a salad to share)

Wednesday, Sep 16th, 11:30-4 (lunch will be provided)

Anyone who would like to help tie the quilts are invited to attend. Stop by and say hello and chat for awhile. We appreciate your support. If you have any questions please contact me 210-657-0765. Hope to see everyone there.

St. John's Book Club

On September 9, when the Wednesday evening activities begin anew, the St. John's Book Club will initiate its discussion at 6:30. Over the past several years, we have discussed some 20 books, ranging from historical texts and inspirational works to studies on Biblical and religious issues, as well as a couple of novels. Texts are chosen by the group, and our usual pace is a chapter per session. Among the books being considered by the group now is *The Jesus Way: a conversation on the ways that Jesus is the way*, by Eugene H. Peterson. It was used as the text for discussion in a national conference held in San Antonio this past June. Beginning with a study of how the ways of those who came before Christ revealed and prepared "the way of the Lord," Peterson then goes on to challenge the ways of many on the American religious scene whose focus obliterates what is unique in the Jesus Way. Our discussions are stimulating and uplifting, and all are welcome.

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."

***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, Sept. 10th, in the Pioneer Room at 9:30 A.M.

Program: Michele Braak will give a summary of the convention which Andrea Martini and Michele attended in Navasota Tx. on Aug. 7-9. Mary Circle will Host this month: Serve Refreshments for WELCA Meeting, 3rd Sunday Refreshments & Kitchen Clean Up.

WELCA NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION

We will still be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief during the month of September. Water to Thrive Fund Raiser is going well and we have high hopes to meet our goal to purchase a well and have our own sign with St. John's Lutheran Church next to the well. We will keep you informed in the next Tidings. Thank you so very much for all your support in all of our outreach programs around the world and our community.

WELCA

WEDNESDAY EVENING

VESPERS, FELLOWSHIP AND DINNER

WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM - VESPERS

DINNER - 5:45 PM

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Information for the next newsletter must be submitted (preferably by email) by **Friday, September 11, 2009**. 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.

CAM in Need of Children's Underwear

Social Ministries has been notified by CAM that they are in need of children's underwear. With school beginning, the need is great. Social Ministries will be sponsoring an underwear drive to help meet their needs during the month of September. A drop off box will be set up in Memorial Hall to accept your donations. Your support for this ministry is greatly appreciated.

Sandi Martin
Chairperson

I want to share with the Members of St. Johns Lutheran Church that my Grandson, Micah Ariel Jenkins, joined the Army National Guard. His Graduation Ceremony was Friday, 7 August 2009, at Fort Sill Oklahoma. His Parents are Patricia and Keith Jenkins, sister, Deborah (Juan) Garcia, niece, Kaela Garcia, brother, Joshua (Nellie) Jenkins, and Grandmother all went to Oklahoma for the Ceremony and spent Thursday and Friday with him. He is now in North Carolina for farther Training.

Sent in by Pearl Land

JOIN US IN SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL "DAY OF THE DEAD" TOUR

October 29th - November 5th, 2009

To help benefit St. Paul's Episcopal Church and St. Paul's Outreach Programs, including support of Feed the Hungry which feeds over 4,000 kids every school day, and Centro Infantil, a "Head-Start Program".

For further information contact:
John Herron - 1-843-637-2942 (U.S. number) or
email: jherron43@hotmail.com



*ST. JOHN'S LUTHER LEAGUE
2009 BIG BEND TRIP*



PASTOR SKIP AT Y.O. RANCH 2009

How to Donate to CAM

CLOTHING

CAM

110 McCullough, S.A .TX 78205
Donation drop window for Food
Donation Drop Box - clothing

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday

*For Larger donations we will
open the warehouse. You can either:*

1. Call ahead and schedule with Jill Matthiessen at 223-4099 ext. 207. * We ask that all *large* donations be made at The Downtown location.
2. Ask a volunteer in the client service building who will get a staff member to help you.
3. Plan to make your drop off on Weds. morning between 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CAM Satellite

5084 DeZavala Road, S.A .TX 78249
Donation Drop Box

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

The Drop Box is located at the
front door.

FOOD

CAM

110 McCullough, S.A .TX 78205
Donation drop window
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

CAM Satellite

5084 DeZavala Road, S.A .TX 78249
inside facility
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

CAM can only accept non-perishable foods that are not expired. Please ask for a list of CAM Food Needs.

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVES

Please call 223-4099 ext. 207 to arrange to pick up the CAM truck or to establish a drop off date and time.

You may also bring items to the church and someone will take them over to the downtown donation drop off.

Thank you.

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR DON MARSHALL

Gretchen and I also came to love St. John's beloved twins, Florence and Emma, the Jernigan sisters. Strangely, it sort of happened more after we returned to Oklahoma. Not that I didn't have some special times making pastoral calls to their home on Lambert. On one memorable occasion, Pastor Salberg and I surprised the girls with a birthday cake and ended up with a heck of a party in their living room. I must admit, though, all this took place after some initial reservations of mine. To be honest, they were sort of intimidating in the beginning. I proceeded rather cautiously. Only to find their presence absolutely delightful. Indeed, I looked forward to calling on them or conversing with them before and after worship. I have to say, some of those were moments of down-right inspiration. We shared the faith. But, like I say, it was actually after we left St. John's that the relationship took off and involved Gretchen then, more than me. They exchanged correspondence off and on over these years. Often celebrating their common passion for Country and Western Music, as well as Elvis, of course. Gretchen sent them CDs of her favorite rising star, Joe Nichols. They were pleased to join the growing fan club. We visited them a few times on our return trips to San Antonio. It was, as always, a delight to be in their company, despite the heat of the day, particularly to see Gretchen and the two having such fun together. I say, they were like kids, again, trading records. As Gretchen's health deteriorated, the twins wrote even more often, sending cards, etc., expressing their encouragement, sharing their faith. They ministered to her in a wonderful way, for which I will always be thankful, as I am for so many of you at St. John's. They continued to write even after her death, ministering to me then. In fact, the last card I received from those two precious saints was this past Easter. I read the card now and weep - tears of joy. As someone put it to me on the heels of Gretchen's death: "Easter came early for Gretchen this year" (She died in January, 2008). Indeed, Easter came twice for the sisters, Florence and Emma, this time around. Always, Pastor Don

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September 4, 2009

12:05 PM

Victor and Friends

***Taun Miner, flutist
John Stuart, cellist
Victor Schaper, organist***

***A delightful meal follows each concert
(five dollar donation)***

Limited free parking

LABOR DAY

The church office and day school will be closed Monday, September 7, 2009, in observance of Labor Day.

EUCCHARISTIC TEAM MINISTRY

A Eucharist training session and meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd, at 5:30 pm in the 3rd floor conference room. A meal will be served. Please call Delrose Cearley at the church office, 223-2611, and let her know if you will be able to attend this training session.

**OFFERINGS
AS OF JULY 31, 2009**

General Fund Income	Current Month	Year to Date
Weekly Commitment	23317.00	176687.14
Parking Lots	26632.71	174155.20
Cemetery Operating	35.00	345.00
Other Income	3768.53	28244.98
Income Transfer from Endowment Fund (designated for General & Cemetery Operations) (V. Gembler Estate-designated for Youth)	1265.01	10244.38 1205.00
Total General Fund Income	55018.25	390881.70
Expenses		
Salaries, Benevolence, General & Committee Expenses	62696.51	404677.73
General Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	-7678.26	-13796.03
Restricted Funds		
Restricted Income	9158.43	72836.08
Restricted Expenses	726.61	36627.39
Restricted Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	8431.82	36208.69

Notes:

	Budget	Amount Paid	Balance
Benevolence			
SW Texas Synod	20000	11666.62	8333.38
TLU-Congregational Aid	650		650
TLU -General	1350		1350
CAM	1500	1500	0
SAMM	2000	2000	0
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	56.99	143.01
Council Discretionary	2850		2850
Total Benevolence	35000	21173.61	13826.39
 Capital Reserve	 25200	 14700	 10500
Money set aside for property taxes		10500	

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