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Tidings

October, 2009 Volume 63, Issue 10

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

from the desk of Pastor Skip)

In my attempt to bring to a close this year's topic (**A Biblical Understanding of Stewardship**) in my 2009 monthly Tidings articles, we are concluding with a serious look at II Corinthians 8:1-15 and 9:6-15. Please take the time to go read it before continuing. (Hey, what are you doing - I said go open your Bible and read II Corinthians 8:1-15 and 9:6-15.) OK, now you are ready. At the start of the Eighth Chapter, Paul describes the very, very poor Christians in the church in Macedonia. He states that even in their poverty they **begged** for the opportunity to take up a collection for the Christians in Jerusalem. Four principles are presented to us here. First, Paul affirms that above everything the Macedonians gave themselves first to the Lord. We talked about that in the September Tidings. This month, let's look at the second principle you just read about (you did stop and read II Corinthians 8:1-15 and 9:6-15, didn't you?)

Paul continues by telling us that the Macedonians (after giving themselves to the Lord) then immediately "gave of their own accord, according to their ability." I take that to mean that these stewards were **prepared** to be stewards, they were ready! Stewardship is the fruit of a spiritual life that has been planted, watered, and pruned. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. All increases in faith come by way of the Holy Spirit. A good stewardship is nothing more than a product of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit prepares Christians to be faithfully ready for the sacrifice of committing "all" to the Lord. Without that increase of faith generated by the Holy Spirit, giving away resources does not reap a spiritual blessing. The only thing that happens is an increase of personal pride and feelings of self-righteousness. Paul says in verse Twelve of Chapter Eight, "For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has." Therefore, preparedness is a spiritual condition not a financial one. Faith in God's promises is the key that prepares us to be stewards by the direct activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Twice, once in verse three and again in verse twelve, Paul talks of monetary gifts in proportion to income. He's talking money here. The Macedonians gave according to their means. Stewardship is proportional to income. Your level of financial management to the church is biblically proportionate to your income. Our skills, talents, time and energies don't produce chickens, milk, corn, soy-beans, furs, swimsuits or fish. Our energies produce U.S. Treasury checks, Sure-Pay deposits, salaries, tips and wages. The Old Testament principle we are all familiar with is called the "tithe", which is 10% of the product of a person's labor to be returned by Jewish law to the Lord. But since we Christians no longer live under the law but under grace, I take the tithe to represent the minimum return to the Lord of my family's earnings. Now, I know some of you are asking, is that of net or gross? What's the attitude behind that question? I'm not going to answer it for you, but I am convinced that if Christians tithed either figure the church would have no financial problem!

If your real concern is to be a growing steward of what God has given you, your level of stewardship (the amount of time, money and talent) should not be based on what our community needs but solely on how much you are entrusted by God to manage. I'll say it again, do not look at the St. John's annual budget, divide it by our 350 active members and then by that determine how much your "fair share" is. This is not the United Way Campaign. Your fair share is determined only by how much you earn. The principle is how much God has given you to manage, not how much our church needs. And I'll be real honest: Regardless of its size, any gift you give this church, we will find a ministry for it. Generally speaking, church budgets are only records of past congregational stewardship performances, anyway. In all my years of ministry, I have yet to meet a Christian who could not afford to tithe. 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
Anna Lisa Valdez
Ardene Wuthrich
Awilda Borchers
Betty Granger
Bud Gullickson
Carolyn Wudel
Clarene Moore
Courtney Bowles
Dorothy Chadwell
Edgar Stahl
Ella Wolff
Elnora Zunker
Elton Boehme
Erica Urrabaz & baby
Eva Buchholtz
Evonne Montero
Frances Hillje
Frances Lemaster
Gail Folk
Gladys Garrett
Grayson Richter
Hannah Harbour
James "Red" Nichols
Janelle McLean Clepper
Jeremy, Marla & Carson Lear
Joan Williams
John Stapleton
Joshua Rodriguez
Judi Bullington
Julia Chatwell
Julie Wedel
Karen Olson
Kirby Olson
Kristina Davidson
Kyle Bonin
Leif Alexander
Lillian Levis
Martina Walleck
Nita Poss
Norman Jones
Olfers Family
Santos Bara
Steve, Kathy, Travis & baby
Blake Tondre
Trudy Carmines
Vance Kowalik

THANK you!

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

To the Glory of God

In Honor of:

John Nellerhoe for his Life & Work by Pastor John Marshall

Victor & Marie Schaper 40th Wedding Anniversary by Maike Hudson

Terry & Warner Stanley by Erna Thaler Zwicke

In Memory of:

Warner Kade Anderson by Mary & Ken Boehme

Lucille Boehme by Barbara Beck; Agnes Behrens & children; Betty S. Boldt; Dorothy & Ted Bowles;

Margaret Braulick & Jennifer Rendon; Stanley & Marilyn Brehm; Mrs. R.H. Brewer & Bill Brewer;

Viola Caraway; Florence Wells DePaolo; William & Susan Dickson; Cheryl Neitzke Dwyer; Loreen Eckhardt; Charles & Carol Ford;

Ruth Haas; Marilyn Hartung; Ken & Jo Ferguson; Betty Jo Granger;

Phyllis & Luis Guzman; Beverly & Keith Jorgensen; Betty J. Kersey;

Ruth V. Kurth; Alleen Layer; Pastor Don Marshall; Sandi Martin; Pastor John & Mary Moe; Jack & Susan Park; Rosemary & Bernie Petry;

Norma M. Rilling; Victor & Marie Schaper; Dutch & Cathy

Schonenberg; Cliftine Solbrig; Phyllis & Bill Southwell; Lucienne & Karl

Traeger; Stephen & Elizabeth Wendel; Olinda Willms

Daniel Arno Engel by Delrose Cearley & Family

Clayton R. Franz by Alfred & Heidi Becker; Agnes Behrens & children;

Esta & David Betts; Mary & Ken Boehme; Ted & Dottie Bowles;

Donald & Frances Brackeen; Stan & Marilyn Brehm; Betty Boldt; Viola Caraway; Delrose Cearley & Family;

Ernest & Betty Chavana; Margaret Deike; Estella Eckhardt; Larry & Stacy Eckhardt; Loreen Eckhardt;

THANK you!

To the Glory of God

Ken & Jo Ferguson; Jann Fletcher & Cliff Byrd; Charles & Carol Ford; Curtis & Frances Franz; Gregory & Margarethe Franz; Richard & Margarete Franz; Richard L. Franz;

David St. Clair Family; Ruth Haas; David & Mary Elaine Geihlsler; Betty Jo Granger; Mr. & Mrs. Walton

Grinke; Emmelyne J. Hallford; Mr. & Mrs. Roland Hohmann; Mr. & Mrs. Chester Koennecke; Herbert Lieck;

J.M. McShan; Aloys & Gertrude Mika; Joe & Amanda Mika; Grace & Bill Neitzke; Dennis & Janet Ottmers; Victor A. Ottmers; Violet & Larry Ottmers; Robert & Linda Parent; Jack & Susan Park; John & Carol Pearce; Marjorie, Brad & Wayne Richie; Jack & Janet Schlameus; Ruth Shipp; Ron & Belinda Schmidt; Charles & Norma Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Louis Spreen; TXCO Resources, Inc.; Elizabeth & Stephen Wendel; Wilber Wolters; Elnora Zunker

Eddy Gold by Pastor Don Marshall

Emma & Florence Jernigan by Walter & Elizabeth Blanton; Mary & Ken Boehme; Dorothy & Ted Bowles; Viola Caraway; Delrose Cearley; Betty Jo Granger; Ruth V. Kurth; Pastor Don Marshall

Mercedes J. Kutcher by Florence W. DePaolo

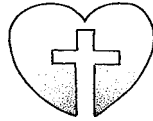
Major Robert H. McGregor by Erna Thaler McGregor Zwicke

Willaim H. McNary, Sr. by American Associated Druggists, Inc. Associated Pharmacies, Inc.; Dr. Danny & Cheri Bentley; Tim & Cindy Fritzel; Joeris General Contractors, Ltd.; Jim Litmer; Bill Norton Family; Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc.; Silver Ventures, Inc.; Ward Drug Co. of Nashville, Inc.

Jim Rusche by Marilyn Hartung

John George Thaler III by Erna Thaler Zwicke

Emily Sweet by Mary & Ken Boehme



BAPTISM

Congratulations to Anselmo Jesus Castillo and Tracylee Mendez on the baptism of their daughter, Haven Baya Castillo, on Sunday, September 6, 2009. Proud grandmother is Anette Castillo, Day School teacher.

CONGRATULATIONS October Birthdays

- Oct. 2 Karen McIntyre
Henry "Trey" Grun
- 4 Janice Williams
- 5 Marynel Maurer
Tanya Anderson
- 6 James C. Bourland
Dennis Kolmeier
Andrea Runnells
Vance Kowalik
- 7 Richard Becker
Laurie Jean Haiduk
Tim Molina
Eleazar "Trey" Saenz
- 9 LeRoy Schulmeier
Karen Olson
Denise Kopecky
Adam Urrabaz
- 10 Marlene Urbanek
Will Brewer
Enrique Avenado
- 11 James V. Bourland
Maj. Dennis Thomson
Kyle Thompson
Dylan J. Nelms

CONGRATULATIONS October Birthdays

Continued

- 12 Carole Cauble
Michael Helms
Nick Rosen
Amy McSpadden
- 13 Lucienne Traeger
Bernie Petry
- 14 Arlene Rushing
- 15 Howard Morganroth
Jacob Guillermo
Scott Southwell, Jr.
- 17 Ronald S. Schmidt
Michael Arnold
- 18 Darryl Schultz
- 20 Richard Schmidt
- 21 Michele Deaver
- 22 Bertha Clifton
- 23 Elnora Zunker
- 24 Vicki Gullickson
- 26 Lee Iredale
Bea Imken
- 27 Courtney Schmidt
Danny Clay
- 28 Selma Hagemester
Walt Wilson
Nancy Wolff
- 29 Deborah L. Garcia
- 30 Irma Schmidt
Josephine Ferguson
Mary Lee Meinen
Josh Hollinger
- 31 Betty Buman
Diana Schulze

Victor Schaper's birthday is September 27, 2009.

Prayers continued from page 2:

Family & Friends

Rick Ward
Jesse Pfeiffer, Jr.
Brad Hermann

Prayers for our Troops

Bob Recio
Dan Leingang
Dennis Kruse
Eric Oglesbee
Jared Raymond
Matthew Helms
Patricia Hruska

**GOOD NEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009
11:00 - 2:00 PM
11020 Old Corpus Christi Road
210-633-0551**

**Eat in or Take out All plates \$6.00
Blood Drive 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**



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

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

**St. John's Lutheran Church
502 East Nueva
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.

**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

**FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION**

516 N. Main St., Victoria, TX - 361-575-3623
Giving 100% to God and our community.

This year's recipients are Victory Christian Center, Perpetual Help Home, Habitat for Humanity, St. Peter's Baptist Church and First English Lutheran Community Assistance Fund. Worship at 10:00 am, Guest Pastor, Elliott Pancoast, Barbecue served 11:00 - 1:00 pm, Silent Auction 11:00 - 1:00 pm, Live Auction start at 1:15 pm.

ANNOUNCING!

St. John's Book Club

On September 9, the Wednesday evening activities began anew and the St. John's Book Club initiated 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.

ANNOUNCING!

ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS

QUILTING DATES

Thursday, Oct. 8, 12:00 - 3:00 - Lunch provided

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 11:30 - 3:00 - Everyone bring a salad to share.

Thursday, Nov. 12, 12:00 - 3:00 - Lunch provided

No quilting in December.

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."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN IN THE FUN OF AN OLD FASHIONED ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: DECEMBER 20, 2009

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DURING CHURCH SERVICE (by the children)

POT LUCK LUNCH

MORE DETAILS TO COME

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.



Save the Date!

Be sure to save the date and join us for a New Year's Eve Party in Memorial Hall on Dec. 31,2009.

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Women of the ELCA will meet Thursday, Oct 8th in the Pioneer Room at 9:30 A.M. Program: Discuss the Thankoffering Service & have a White Elephant Exchange. Everyone bring something new or something you received and can't use. It will be fun.

Miriam Circle will Host this month: Serve Refreshments for WELCA Meeting, 3rd Sunday Refreshments and Kitchen Clean-Up.

WELCA NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION

We will be collecting Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief for the months of Oct. Nov.& Dec. Items listed below:

One hand towel, dark color
One washcloth, dark color
One bath-size bar of soap, in the wrapper
One adult-size toothbrush in its packaging
One wide tooth comb
One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached
Six Band-Aids 1/2" to 1/4"
Please donate any items or a full health kit. Simply wrap all items into the hand towel and secure with ribbon or yarn and drop in the WELCA basket in the Memorial Hall.

Thank You, WELCA

HIGHLAND PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER CRAFTS AND FLEA MARKET

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

11:00 TO 1:00 pm & 4:30 TO 7:00 pm

705 Hammond Avenue

(corner of Hammond & So. New Braunfels)

Donation - Adults: \$7.00 and Children under 10 \$3.00

Sponsored by the Women of Highland Park Lutheran

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Information for the next newsletter must be submitted (preferably by email) by **Friday, October 9, 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.

HALLOWEEN MORNING IN NEW LUTHERAN CEMETERY!

Our fall cemetery workday will be held on Halloween morning—Saturday, October 31, from 9 a.m. until noon—in New Lutheran Cemetery. The cemetery is entered from Dakota Street between Palmetto and South New Braunfels. This is the cemetery that also includes the original burial ground for Immanuel Lutheran Church which merged with St. John's about 1903. Helping out that day is a wonderful way to honor those members who came before us. We hope this will be beautiful, cool day, but can't always count on it. A few sprinkles don't stop us, but if it is really wet, we will reschedule. Remember to wear long pants, hats and work gloves and to bring your own garden tools (clippers, loppers, etc.). We will provide trash bags, bug spray, snacks and drinks. Our mid-morning refreshment break will include a short devotional. Call Fred and Maria Pfeiffer at 222-1585 or e-mail ampfeiffer@sbcglobal.net if you have questions. We welcome workers and observers alike and hope to see you there! If you can't attend, please consider a contribution to the Cemetery Trust Fund to commemorate our departed members.

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"The heart of Christ ... in the heart of the City." That is St. John's Vision Statement, approved and accepted by the congregation. St. John's has long been associated with a rooster (weather vane) that once topped our original sanctuary. While we are steeped in tradition, we have looked forward, consistently ministering to our community and to those in need. The Evangelism Committee wanted a new logo that would convey this message to the Community. One of the committee members, Susan Park, designed the SJ heart. The Congregation Council has approved the heart with the vision statement as our official logo.

Beginning on Reformation Sunday, October 25, we will be using this logo on our stationery, signage, and even on our new bus. The "rooster church" will continue as a well recognized name associated with Fiesta Nueva and the Day School. But the SJ Heart proclaims our identity in the 21st Century. We are at an important juncture in our mission and ministry; we need to be cohesive and focused in our approach to outreach. Come to the Reformation service and help display our new logo!



My daughter, Kathrine Schulze Tondre, and I want to thank Mary Boehme for her phone call and the Pastors for their visits to the hospital to see my daughter's son, my grandson, Blake Allen Tondre. Your call and visits meant so much to us. Thank you St. John's family.

Diana Schulze

The people of St. John's,

I am writing to sincerely thank you for all of the scholarship support I have received over the years. I am now working on my Master's of Science in Social Work, and St. John's has awarded me for the past five years. I am so lucky to be a part of this church. My foundation at St. John's has encouraged me to build a stronger relationship with God through service and worship. Returning to St. John's on school vacations always gives me a renewed sense of strength and spirituality.

College has been the most exciting and enlightening experience, and I thank you for playing an important role in it.

Sincerely,
Emily Schenk

Irene,

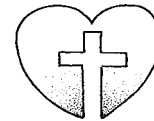
Thanks so much for allowing us to set up a water station during our Joe Jonus Fun Run on August 13, 2009. The runners and our athletes greatly appreciated the gesture. What a delight it was for everyone to have the children of your day school out cherring everyone on! They were all so cute and well behaved. Thanks again and best of luck.

Ana Martinez
Special Olympics

To St. John's:

Our family deeply appreciated the food that was served after the funeral for Dad. The BBQ and extras were delicious. We thank you for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, memorials, and visits from Pastor Skip, Pastor Steve, and Pastor Bob during the latter part of Dad's hospital and hospice stays. The St. John's family will always be close to our hearts. God Bless you all.

The family of Clayton Franz,
Jeff & Sherry Fletcher
Jeff & Leslie Franz and family



CONGRATULATIONS

BLAKE ALLEN TONDRE

Announcing the birth of **Blake Allen Tondre** Blake was born on Saturday, September 5, 2009 at 3:00 PM. He is a 26 week preemie. He weighed 1.56 lbs and was 12 inches long. Proud parents are Steve and Kathy Tondre and proud brother Travis. Proud grandparents are Arthur and Diana Schulze. Proud great grandparents are Anna and John Powell. Proud great aunt and uncle are Alva and LeRoy Schulmeier. Kathy is home from the hospital and doing well. Blake will be in Pediatric ICU until around Thanksgiving. Please continue to pray for Steve, Kathy, Travis, and especially Blake.

AMELIA RUTH CARMINES

Congratulations to Nathan and Nicole Carmines on the birth of their daughter, **Amelia Ruth Carmines**, who was born Monday, August, 24, 2009. Proud Grandparents are Dan Carmines and Larry & Sylvia Foster and Great grandmother is Gertrude Carmines. Uncle is Daniel Carmines IV and cousin is Kelsey Carmines. She weighed 7 lb 10 oz and was 21.25 inches long. Mother and baby are doing well.

REAGAN CAMBRY MECKE

Announcing the birth of **Reagan Cambry Mecke** Reagan was born today, Monday, September 14, 2009, at 1:15 pm in Victoria, Texas. She weighed 6 lbs and 14 oz and was 18 ½ inches long. Proud parents are Rhonda and Anthony Mecke and big brother JT. Proud grandparents are Rosemary and Bernie Petry. Proud great grandmother is Cora Ottmers. Proud aunt & uncles are Kim and Shawn Peavler and Bryan Petry. Mom and baby are doing very well. Thanks be to God.

**ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2009
11:00 A.M.
MEMORIAL HALL**

A New Church Directory

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our Congregational family. The directory will be done by Olan Mills at no cost to the Congregation.

All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer and meet with a portrait consultant at the time your portraits are taken. There is no obligation to buy anything, but you will have the opportunity to purchase portraits should you choose. You have several dates to choose from:

- ❖ **Wednesday, Oct. 21, 3:00 – 9:30 p.m.**
- ❖ **Thursday, Oct. 22, 3:00 – 9:30 p.m.**
- ❖ **Friday, Oct. 23, 3:00 – 9:30 p.m.**
- ❖ **Saturday, Oct. 24, 10:00 a.m. _ 5:00 p.m.**

Please sign up as soon as possible to get an appointment that best suits your schedule. Sign up sheets will be available concurrently on line via a link on our website: www.stjohnsroosterchurch.org The on-line sign up will be accessible the week of **Sept. 13** and run through approximately noon on Monday, **Oct. 12th**. Sign up charts will also be available following worship services on **Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11 and 18th**. In addition, sign up charts will also be available in the office during the week beginning Monday, Sept. 13th.

- ❖ Every participating family/household will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8 x 10 Custom Natural Portrait.
- ❖ You will come to the Church only once for photography and the portrait viewing. The entire process should take about an hour.

Please participate! The directory won't be complete without you. If you have any questions, please contact the Church office or Debbie Kramme, 826-4874. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory.

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*Andrew Small, violinist and director***

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

Limited free parking

PARTY IN THE PASTURE

BENEFITING

MEALS ON WHEELS

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

GRACE PLACE ALZHEIMER'S CENTERS

Get ready for a Texas style fun-filled afternoon!

Sunday - November 8, 2009

1pm - 5 pm - Meal served from 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Rio Cibolb Ranch

Tickets \$20 for Adults - \$10 for children (13 & under)

Call for Tickets - Church Office - 223-2611

San Antonio Lutheran Coronation

Celebrating 51 Years

November 14, 2009

Please call Julie Mason at 210-824-9229 or Sarah Kopecky at 210-326-3980 for tickets. Both of these young ladies will be representing St. John's Lutheran Church at the Lutheran Coronation. Pastor Skip will give the Invocation. Also representing St. John's will be Christopher Kopecky, escort to Sarah (Princess); Lewis & Elle Anderson, pages to the Princess; Felipa Mendez and Victor Mendez, court pages.

PROGRAMA PARA LIDERES LAICOS **Se Inicia el 16-17 de OCTUBRE, 2009**

El Sínodo Suroeste de Texas *en conjunto* con el Presbiterio de Misión PCUSA iniciará un programa para líderes laicos, octubre 16-17, 2009, en El Instituto, 2216 E. Pike Blvd, Weslaco, TX.

El Programa es para Líderes Laicos del Sínodo Suroeste de Texas que procuran seguir la instrucción para crecer espiritualmente y teológicamente, para enriquecer su participación y el liderazgo en sus propias congregaciones, servir fuera de sus congregaciones, y si autorizado por el obispo del sínodo para servir como *Synodically Authorized Ministers (SAM)*. Este programa también es para Pastores Laicos Comisionados (CLP) en el Presbiterio de Misión PCUSA.

El Propósito de este Programa: Para enfocar en la educación y desarrollo de liderazgo, proporcionando oportunidades de educación y entrenamiento para cumplir con las oportunidades y desafíos de ministerio en el sínodo y para apoyar a individuos en su discernimiento de una llamada al ministerio ordenado.

Requisitos para los estudiantes: Un compromiso de completar el programa y requisitos necesarios, ser fluente en la idioma español, completar una solicitud, un ensayo escrito, participar en una entrevista de entrada, y tener una carta de recomendación de su congregación/pastor. Habrá diez cursos ofrecidos sobre un periodo de dos años con clases el viernes por la tarde y los sábados, cada dos meses. La cuota es \$50 por curso y cubrirá las comidas y el alojamiento (en el Instituto). Hay becas disponibles para cubrir los 10 cursos para participantes del Sínodo Suroeste de Texas.

En seguida se les enviara más detalles, matricula y un folleto. Si tienen preguntas por favor de llamar a Sylvia López Danielson, Sínodo Suroeste de Texas, 830-379-9900 o Sylvia.danielson@elca.org.

PLEASE JOIN US **BELL CHOIR**

From 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm



From 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

KEN TURNER
CHOIR DIRECTOR

SENIOR FEST 2010

CELEBRATES WITH SPEAKER DR. MARTY

Saturday, 30 January 2010, is a great opportunity for Lutherans to celebrate with Senior Fest 2010 speaker, The Reverend Doctor Peter W. Marty. Explore with Dr. Marty the theme, "*Finding Purpose in our Later Years - Without Manipulating the Will of God.*" You can learn more about the leadership of Dr. Marty at <http://www.gracematters.org/host.html> or <http://stpaulqc.org/people/9/pastoral-staff>

Host for this Lutheran Celebration is Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, 9508 Great Hills Trail, Austin, Texas 78759. In addition to Dr. Marty, there will be Workshops on: Simple Living / Downsizing by The Reverend Merle Franke Finishing Strong by The Reverend Doctor Darrel Gilbertson Financial Update by a Thrivent Representative Late in life Challenges by Nancy Wessum Senior Resources by Kathy Johannis Prayer by Barbara Schultz Senior Nutrition by a Dietician from Austin Heart Hospital Bible Study by The Reverend Hugh Beck

The Registration, which includes lunch is \$25.00 per person. (rises to \$30.00 after 18 January 2010). Registration Forms will be sent soon after 1 October. Please place this important date of 30 January 2010, in your Date Book for Lutheran Worship, Education and Fellowship and tell your friends!

God's richest blessings on your celebration of life. I look forward to seeing you on 30 January 2010 at Triumphant Love Lutheran Church !

Approved Council Minutes for July and August are posted on the bulletin board outside Memorial Hall.

HOSPITAL STAY

If you are in the hospital please give us a call and let us know. Make sure to let us know exactly how your name is listed so that we can find you. The hospitals will not call due to the new hipaa privacy laws and we want to make sure that we know you are there.

EMAIL ADDRESS

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 223-2611 AND GIVE US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

THANK YOU

Thanks from W2T!

You've transformed lives for Christ



Dear Members of St. John's,

We at Water to Thrive are so grateful for your dedication to helping the needy families in rural Ethiopia. Your generous gift will change so many lives. Access to clean water will improve their health, allow them time for education and work, and help them break out of a life of poverty. What an amazing gift! I know they will sincerely appreciate you.

I've so enjoyed working with you to meet and exceed your goal. Your generous and enthusiastic response has encouraged me and challenged me to continue in this work. Thank you for that.

Isaiah 41:17-18 reads, "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water."

You have truly been the hands of God in giving water to His needy children. Thank you, again, for all you have done. And may God bless you as you continue to seek His will. Blessings!

Christina Stade, Water to Thrive Representative

Stay Involved with W2T

Continue transforming lives through clean water.

Thank you for the support you have shown, as a member of St. John's, for Water to Thrive. I am truly amazed by your generosity. You have made a difference! I am so blessed to have had the privilege of working with you to transform the lives of needy people in Ethiopia.

Thank you.

I do, however, have one more thing to ask of you. Since your donation came in from your congregation, I don't know who you are as an individual. And I would love to be able to share updates and news with you throughout the year.

Don't worry. We won't bombard you with mail or email. It's usually once a month or so. And you can choose to leave the mailing list at any time.

If you would like to keep up-to-date and share your information, please do so! You can email me at christina@watertothrive.org. Or you can fill out this form and mail it to me at PO Box 26747, Austin, TX 78755.

Again, thank you for your support. You have truly been a blessing!

—Christina Stade, Water to Thrive

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This prayer was written and offered up to God on Pastor Jon's celebration of his twenty years of ministry at Atonement Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD. He was literally lifted up above the heads of his congregation on an army cot. This article was submitted by Gloria Teegardin.

Dear God, as Jon, our pastor and fellow pilgrim, is surrounded by his people and what appears to be horse play, help him hear the powerful word that is declared as he is lifted up before you, supported not just by the strength of your people, but by the affection and respect in which they hold him.

Caring and sharing Lord, be with Jon, our pastor and fellow member of your body, as he is elevated in your presence. Help him accept the good news that we hear your word and are encouraged in your work by his years of ministry with us.

As we hold him physically, may Jon see this word of thanks in action. Help him to know we hold him spiritually and that we are praying for his life, health, safety, that he might know joy and gladness, spontaneity in his ongoing relationship with your people here, and for grace to keep on keeping one in days that may be difficult and when so many need his presence, prayers and comfort.

As Jon is held today, remind him that he is held daily in the prayers of his people. We remember his wife Carol, before your grace filled throne. Bless her ongoing ministry and the opportunity she has to share your love with the people of her flock. Watch over Catie as she continues to mature. Bless her going out and coming in as school helps her to grow in wisdom and understanding, in fear of the Lord and the power of your presence.

Help Jon to understand that we are a people of high hopes, hearty hospitality and healthy mutual respect—all of which we are pleased to be able to give to him and his family, as well as we acknowledge that we receive these gifts from them.

Finally Lord, continue to help us to hold Jon Mapa high in our love, mutual regard for his honest seeking, his continuing sharing of mercy and love, and our urgent support of your kingdom.

Let us all say: Amen!

2009 – CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA
(Proceeds to benefit the Luther League)

Poinsettia potted plants will be used during our Christmas Worship services. Each plant will be \$15.00 which includes sales tax. You may present a plant to the Glory of God and:

1) In Honor of:

2) In Memory of:

BY:

Please mark one:

- Plant will be picked up by donor
- Plant will go to the sick or shut-ins

You may bring or mail the form and money to the office or place in an envelope and place in the offering plate. **DEAD-LINE** for turning in money is Monday, December 7.

The deadline for donors desiring to pick-up their poinsettia plant is Tuesday, December 29th. Those plants not picked up by this date will be given to volunteers to deliver to our homebound members. Thank you.

WALK TO CURE DIABETES

Riley Wudel and her family will again participate in the *Walk To Cure Diabetes*, hosted by the *Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation*, October 17th, beginning at the Alamodome. To be a part of Riley's team on walk day: go to www.walk.jdrf.org and search for the team name Riley's Roadies. If you prefer to make a contribution by check, please make checks payable to JDRF and mail it to Aimee Wudel, 3600 Gamble St., Schertz, TX 78154. To see a video/slideshow that has been put together for Riley go to <http://video.yahoo.com/watch/5900887/15360867>. Thank you again on behalf of Riley, who is 9 years old and was diagnosed with Type One Diabetes August, 2008.

**OFFERINGS
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2009**

General Fund Income	Current Month	Year to Date
Weekly Commitment	26754.68	203441.82
Parking Lots	18722.68	192877.88
Cemetery Operating	70.00	415.00
Other Income	13534.67	41779.65
Income Transfer from Endowment Fund (designated for General & Cemetery Operations) (V. Gembler Estate-designated for Youth)	1577.13	11821.57 1205.00
Total General Fund Income	60659.16	451540.92
Expenses		
Salaries, Benevolence, General & Committee Expenses	60694.01	465371.74
General Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	-34.85	-13830.82
Restricted Funds		
Restricted Income	7202.66	80038.74
Restricted Expenses	5218.26	41845.65
Restricted Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	1984.40	38193.09

Notes:

	Budget	Amount Paid	Balance
Benevolence			
SW Texas Synod	20000	13333.28	6666.72
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	22840.27	12159.73
Capital Reserve	25200	16800	8400
Money set aside for property taxes		10500	

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