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Tidings

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“The heart of Christ...in the heart of the City.”

Caring Enough to Give Your...

by Pastor Steve

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:10 (NIV)

Hello, St. John's!

Last month, we began a conversation about caring ministry at SJLC. I suggested that however we describe being a caring church, we might agree that being a church member who cares means more than stopping by to worship every other year or so. I also suggested that the Bible has several things to teach us about being “the heart of Christ in the heart of the city.”

Take today's Bible verse. St. Peter suggests that God's mercy is one measure of our identity as God's people. In other words, God's design for His church is to be a merciful, caring church family; but what does that really mean?

Every Thanksgiving, my family went to Aunt Hazel's house. Aunt Hazel was about as wide as she was tall. I think she needed all that room to hold her heart. You'd see relatives at Thanksgiving that you didn't see at other family gatherings. They weren't respectable enough. But, Aunt Hazel never cared about respectability. She just cared.

Aunt Hazel's house looked bigger than it was. It didn't take long to fill it with family and food. We all came dressed in our “Sunday best,” everyone except Uncle Joe. Uncle Joe didn't go to church so he didn't have any “Sunday best” clothes. He wore a plaid shirt, striped bib overalls, and work boots.

It was a Thanksgiving tradition for Aunt Hazel to lead us in prayer from her prayer book. On my 13th Thanksgiving, she asked me to lead the prayer. I was thankful and proud, but too little thankful and too much proud.

After dinner, I asked Aunt Hazel why she invited Uncle Joe to our Thanksgiving. She looked me straight in the eye and told me Uncle Joe was her guest, and had as much right to be in her house as anybody, including me. Then she gave me a hug, messed my hair, and shooed me out of the kitchen.

It seems to me being a caring church family looks a little something like Thanksgiving at Aunt Hazel's house: showing others the love and mercy God has shown us even though we don't deserve it, even though we're not respectable enough.

... to be continued

In Our Prayers

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

Adeline Cavazos
Alfred & Rosie Saenz
Alison Donatucci
Ardene Wuthrich
Ashley Aniol
Awilda Borchers
Brandy Pinling
Brenda Buell
Cameron Saenz
Carol Baker
Cora Ottmers
Edgar Stahl
Gail Folk
Gladys Garrett
Grayson Richter
Heather Barta
Henry Grun
John Perez
Johnson Family
Julia Chatwell
Julie Wedel
Karen Olson
Karl Nentwich
Ken Weaver
Kyle & Mary M. Smith & Twins
Lillian Bourgeois
Martina Walleck
Osburg Family
Pauline Kowalik
Raelyn Cauble & Baby
Robert Hartman
Rosen Family
Sophie Sparks
Blake Tondre & family
Vance Kowalik
Virginia Simms
Walter Schessenhagen
Zachary Teegardin

Family & Friends

Gladys Mills

Prayers for our Troops

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

♥THANK you!

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

To the Glory of God

In Honor of:

Stan & Irma Schmidt by Karen & Lee Iredale

In Memory of:

Warner Cade Anderson by Lewis & Tanya Anderson & Family

Alfreda Becker by Pam & Herb Garteiser

Marian Brewer by Connie Beck; Florence W. DePaolo; Pam & Herb Garteiser; Louise Gott & Deene Gott; LeRoy & Alva Schulmeier

Betty Granger by Charles & Kaye Arnecke; Mike, Debbie and Wesley Arnold; Agnes, Debbie and Jr.

Behrens; Charles & Patricia Bigelow; Mary & Ken Boehme; Stan & Marilyn Brehm; Viola Caraway; Bob & Robert Cauble; Delrose Cearley; Iva J. Chancellor; Wade C. Chancellor; Paul & Pam Finley; Emery & Annette Gass; Linda A. Gayer; Roy & Frances Lemaster; Martha & Paul Mangum; Grace Neitzke; Fred & Maria Pfeiffer; Nita & Roy Poss; Irma Rawe; Reagan & Jeanne Rawe; Ron & Belinda Schmidt; LeRoy & Alva Schulmeier; Mary Ruth Shipp; Cliftine Solbrig; Clarice & Francis Speck; John & Jeannette Wright

Emma Lieke by Pam & Herb Garteiser

Ronnie Neitzke by Agnes Behrens & children; Loreen Eckhardt; Hope Garcia; LeRoy & Alva Schulmeier; Ruth Shipp

Dorothy O'Neil by Viola Caraway

Justin Lee Schenk by Stephen & Lynn Schenk and Family

Grace Soefje by Mary & Ken Boehme; Delrose Cearley; John & Barbara Nellermeoe; Victor & Marie Schaper

Harvey Voges by Roy & Nita Poss

Carolyn Wudel by Pam & Herb Garteiser; Roy & Nita Poss

♥THANK you!

Thank you once again for participating in the 2009 "Angel Tree" ministry. Because of your generosity, 94 persons (children and adults) had a happier and more blessed Christmas. Many of them would not have received a gift if it had not been for your giving. I would like to thank you on their behalf.

Delrose Cearley

♥THANK you!

I want to thank Pastor Skip for his visit during my stay in the hospital. Thanks also to the members for their calls, cards, and prayers.

Ken Ferguson

♥THANK you!

My sincere thank you to God and my faith friends at St. John's who care so much when someone is in need of prayer. My back surgery went well and I will be myself soon. You are all the best.

God's love and mine,
Frances Franz

Lutheran Social Services wanted to thank the members of St. John's who so generously and unselfishly gave a gift to a foster child so that they might have a wonderful memory that will hopefully last a lifetime. May this Holiday Season bring you blessings, health and happiness and we pray that 2010 be a year filled with prosperity and love.

PLEASE RETURN

If you took a patriotic table cloth home from the church and forgot to bring it back, please return it to the church office.

Thank you



BAPTISM

Congratulation to Marla and Jeremy Lear on the baptism of their son, Carson Dale, on December 24, 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS *February Birthdays*

- Feb. 1 Phyllis Southwell
Cecilia Garcia
William T. Dickson
Scott Wudel
- 2 Laban Mahan
Cletus Eckhardt
Joseph Herron
- 3 Nita Larson
- 4 Laura Geiger
Kenneth Ferguson
Roger Land
Brenda K. Schmidt
Chris Kopecky
- 5 Welma S. Cobb
Cynthia Grunewald
- 6 Dr. Stuart Leafstedt
Margaret Saathoff
- 7 Andrew Trevino
- 8 Brenda Lyon
Sarah Kopecky

CONGRATULATIONS *February Birthdays*

Continued

- 9 Elaine Kourt
- 10 Bruce Hahn
- 11 Shannon Glover
- 15 Anthony Mecke
Michelle McCartney
- 16 Martha Lowther
- 17 Ruth Kurth
Hope Garcia
- 18 Michele Braak
Norma Rilling
- 20 Lola Koltermann
Kimberly Peavler
Michelle Kraus
Tyler Parker
- 22 Robert R. Cauble
- 23 Norma Woelfel
Maike Hudson
Jane Crenwelge
- 24 Sydney Acosta
- 27 Rebecca Gomez
Fern Frothingham
- 28 Rona Stinson

German - Texan Heritage Society

The German-Texan Heritage Society will again conduct German classes at St. John's. The Saturday morning kids classes with two beginning groups: ages 3-5 and 6-11 will be meeting from 9:30 to 11:30am on most Saturdays. If you are interested, please call toll free - 866-482-4847.

BEGINNING IN 2010

9:15 AM - PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC &
PREPARATION
9:30 AM - WORSHIP
10:30 AM - FELLOWSHIP IN
MEMORIAL HALL
11:00 AM - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LENT AND EASTER WORSHIP 2010

Ash Wednesday Service, February 17
12:00 & 7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 24 – March 24
12 Noon Service (30 minutes)
Box Lunch Available after Services
7:00 PM Service
Dinner at 5:30 PM prior to the Service

PALM SUNDAY, March 28
Pre-Announcements – 9:15 AM
Worship - 9:30 AM
Fellowship in Memorial Hall – 10:30 AM
Christian Education - 11:00 AM
Church Picnic at HemisFair Park
12 noon - 3:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK
MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1,
Holy Communion
12 Noon & 7:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY, April 2
12 Noon & 7:00 PM
EASTER, HOLY COMMUNION, April 4
Arneson River Theater
Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM
Breakfast at St. John's at 8:00 AM
Easter Worship at St. John's
At 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Our Christian Mission Statements

St. John's Church
"Forming Faithfulness to the love of God
...in traditional worship,
...through enlivened discipleship
...with service and honor to all."

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."

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.

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

March 5, 2010 *A Tribute*
Victor D. Schaper, organist
(music by Vivaldi/Bach, D. Johnson,
J. Martinson, K. Kolander
(Brokering), and Paul Manz

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

May 7, 2010 *Winston Churchill High School*
Chorale
Ken Turner, director

Other Concerts

May 2, 2010 *Voci di Sorelle*
Love and Light: A Celebration of
Women Composers
Ruth Moreland,
Founder/Artistic Director
3:00 PM – Admission Charge

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Information for the next newsletter must be submitted (preferably by email) by **Friday, February 5, 2010**. 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.

ANNUAL MEETING

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2010
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP
SERVICE IN MEMORIAL HALL**



Members of St. John's are asked to bring "Non-Perishable Food Items" each Sunday in 2010.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry Committee are asking the members of St. John's to bring the following items during the month specified:

May - Towels and Pillow Cases for SAMM

June - Peanut Butter & Jelly for CAM

October - Cans of Green Beans, Corn,
Cranberry Sauce for CAM



ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS & KNITTERS

DATES & TIME

**Thursday, February 11
Quilters - 12:00
Knitters - 1:30**

**Wednesday, February 24
Quilters - 11:30
Knitters - 1:30**

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Women of the ELCA will meet Thursday,
February 11th at 9:30AM in the Pioneer Room.

Program: Valentine Party/Games
Kitchen Cleanup/WELCA Refreshments/3rd Sunday
Refreshments: Hannah Circle

Please come and join in the fun at our Valentine Party! All ladies are welcome!

Grace Neitzke
Publicity Chairman

Sewing Kits for Lutheran World Relief

We are collecting Sewing Kits for Lutheran World Relief for the months of February through March 7.
Items listed:

Cotton or cotton-blend fabric(no knits or 100% polyester)
2 1/4 yards 60" wide fabric, or
3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
4 yards of 36" wide fabric
One package of about 10-15 needles for hand sewing
One spool of matching general purpose thread, 250-300
Six to 10 average-size matching buttons (1/2" to 3/4")
Please donate any items or a full sewing kit. Simply wrap all items into the fabric & secure with ribbon or yarn and drop in the WELCA basket in the Memorial Hall.

Thank You, WELCA

Southwestern Texas Synod Lutheran Men in Mission

***Fishers of Men
Discipleship 101
Back To Basics***

***February 19 & 20, 2010
Beitel Memorial Lutheran Church
2515 Austin Highway
San Antonio, TX 78218
210-655-2574***

beitellutheran@sbcglobal.net

Please call or email for more information regarding registration. Cost - \$30 - Mail check to the address above attention - Frank Pennington

2010 – Easter Lilies

Proceeds to benefit the St. John’s Luther League

Easter lily plants will be used during our Easter Worship Services. Each plant will be \$15.00 which includes sales tax. You may present a plant to the Glory of God and: (Please Print)

1) In Honor of:

2) In Memory of:

BY:

Please mark one:

() Plant will be picked up by donor () Plant will go to the homebound

You may bring form and money to the office or place in envelope and place in the offering plate. **DEADLINE** for turning in money is **Monday, March 8th.**

The deadline for donors desiring to pick-up their plant is **Wednesday, April 7th.** Those plants not picked up by this date will be given to volunteers to deliver to our homebound members. Thank you.



FIESTA NUEVA

St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 18, 2010

Mariachi Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Fiesta Nueva at noon-4 p.m.

Announcing the Aides to King Gallo VI – Eric Wilson

Aides

Robert Hein

Walter Wilson

They invite you to come and enjoy the festivities and see who becomes King Gallo VII!

Please make a monetary gift or Silent Auction Donations to Fiesta Nueva before April 5, 2010.

Attempt to outbid your fellow revelers at the silent auction or try your luck by purchasing a raffle ticket for some fabulous prizes. Our very own King Gallo VII will be crowned and the Royal Court from the Lutheran Coronation will be represented. All proceeds benefit the ministries of St. John’s and the St. John’s Day School. Make Fiesta Nueva your new Fiesta tradition!

Free admission. For more information, visit www.stjohnsroosterchurch.org or call 223-2611.

St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside Memorial Hall.

**OFFERINGS
AS OF NOVEMBER, 2009**

General Fund Income	Current Month	Year to Date
Weekly Commitment	24076.55	272333.87
Parking Lots	18654.44	247773.70
Cemetery Operating	175.00	765.00
Other Income	5640.23	56465.78
Income Transfer from Endowment Fund (designated for General & Cemetery Operations) (V. Gambler Estate-designated for Youth) transfer - Sr. High Luther League	1249.05	15805.87 1205.00 10336.11
Total General Fund Income	49795.27	604685.33
Expenses		
Salaries, Benevolence, General & Committee Expenses	52116.34	628573.62
General Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	-2321.07	-23888.29
Restricted Funds		
Restricted Income	6816.30	312794.46
Restricted Expenses	538.68	43919.33
Restricted Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	6277.62	268875.13

Notes

	Budget	Amount Paid	Balance
Benevolence			
SW Texas Synod	20000	18333.26	1666.74
TLU-Congregational Aid	650	650	0
TLU -General	1350	1350	0
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	0
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	0
Council Discretionary	2850		2850
Total Benevolence	35000	30483.26	4516.74
Capital Reserve	25200	23100	2100
Money set aside for property taxes		16500	

**RESTORATION PROJECT
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Total Restoration Cost		1417007.10
Funds Received to Date		1308446.84
Funds on Hand		1021.74
Balance Due to Endowment Fund		109582.00
Original Loan from Endowment Fund	538616.99	
Amount Paid Back	429034.99	
Balance Due	109582.00	
Amount paid Back (Does not include Interest)		
First Quarter 2009	3000.00	
Second Quarter - 2009	3400.00	
Third Quarter - 2009	5700.00	
Fourth Quarter - 2009	13600.00	
Total amount paid in 2009	25700.00	
Balance of Restoration Pledges		15526.50

TIDINGS - QUARTERLY - MEMBERS BENEVOLENCE OTHER

Donation by members for special benevolence from Jan. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2009

ELCA World Hunger	2108.03
CAM	200.00
Water To Thrive	9196.25
SAMM	1000.00
WELCA Thankoffering	1017.00
CSS	500.00
Total	14021.28

Others

LWR -part of the proceeds from WELCA cookie walk	400.00
CSS - Easter Sunrise Service (loose offering)	367.01
Total	14788.29

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

3rd Quarter

Year of 2008	163.92	attendance	5655.83	commitment offering
Year of 2009	160.84	attendance	5673.51	commitment offering

4th Quarter

Year of 2008	160	attendance	7619.95	commitment offering
Year of 2009	190.61	attendance	7188.91	commitment offering

Yearly - Totals

Year of 2008	172.91	attendance	6284.36	commitment offering
Year of 2009	179.67	attendance	6164.59	commitment offering

**OFFERINGS
AS OF DECEMBER, 2009**

General Fund

Income	Current Month	Year to Date
Weekly Commitment	48417.88	320751.75
Parking Lots	18694.64	266468.34
Cemetery Operating	995.00	1760.00
Other Income	10275.93	66741.71
Income Transfer from Endowment Fund (designated for General & Cemetery Operations) (V. Gembler Estate-designated for Youth)	1417.71	17223.58 1205.00
(Campus Ministry - designated transfer - Sr. High Luther League-Restricted	2850.00 483.83	2850.00 10819.94
Total General Fund Income	83134.99	687820.32
 Expenses		
Salaries, Benevolence, General & Committee Expenses	54908.05	683481.67
 General Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	 28226.94	 4338.65
 Restricted Funds		
Restricted Income	17750.26	330544.72
Restricted Expenses	3379.00	47298.33
 Restricted Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	 14371.26	 283246.39

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SA Conference	500	500	0
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LSS	250	250	0
Lutheran Vespers	250	250	0
SA Community - Churches	250	250	0
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Council Discretionary	2850	2850	0
Total Benevolence	35000	35000	0.00
 Capital Reserve	 25200	 25200	 0

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9:15AM - Pre-Worship/Announcements

9:30 AM - Worship

10:30 AM - Fellowship in Memorial Hall

Christian Education Classes

11:00 AM