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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*

I shared this with the Congregation Council and thought I would pass it on to all of you.

Our culture tries to teach us that "we are what we own."

Our individual worth is equal to the material goods accumulated.

"Getting Stuff" determines our health, security, and importance.

Our science tries to teach us that "we are what we eat."

Long life and good looks come by way of eating the right things.

Low calorie, low sodium, low cholesterol, low fat, low sugar, equals high life.

Our brain tries to teach us that "we are what we think."

Self-fulfilling tricks of the mind enables success in life, love, and work.

Think positive. Think good thoughts. Think helpful. Think creative.

Our psyche tries to teach us that "we are what we want."

Self-assertion and self-understanding come by what we desire.

You deserve the best. If it feels good do it. Be self-realized. Be number one.

Our economy tries to teach us that "we are what we use."

How we use things supplies style, coolness and finesse.

Tooth paste makes us sexy. Soft drinks give us life. Sports cars make us desirable.

Our ego tries to teach us that "we are what we do."

We come to value ourselves by our amount of productivity.

Accomplishments, praise, reward, opinion, achievement all name us.

Our world of owning, eating, thinking, wanting, using, doing, all plays out as greed.

It is difficult to give up those things our world thinks important.

But we have been deceived by our own passions.

Our God has a different way of identifying us.

Jesus makes us something special solely by his sacrifice and love.

We're somebody without all the owning, eating, thinking, wanting, using, doing.

Our lives in the heart of Christ have no fear of loss, save the loss of greed.

Matthew 10:39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Mark 8:35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

Luke 9:24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

John 12:25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

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### In Our Prayers

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

Aaron Baker Sr.  
Aggie Behrens  
Alfred & Rosie Saenz  
Alison Donatucci  
Anslemo Martinez  
Ardene Wuthrich  
Blake Tondre & Family  
Brenda Buell  
Cameron Saenz  
Carol Baker  
Cora Ottmers  
Daniel Wood  
Edgar Stahl  
Elaine Kourt  
Ella May Wolff  
Elton Boehme  
Faye Clauss  
Gail Folk  
Gladys Garrett  
Heather Barta  
Heather Taraskiewicz  
Henry Grun  
John Perez  
Judi Bullington  
Julia Chatwell  
Julie Wedel  
Karl Nentwich  
Lillian Bourgeois  
Linda Ruger  
Lisa Giusti  
Louis Vance  
Lynn Ziese  
Mark Rech  
Mary Jane Schessenhagen  
Megan Wilford  
Michael Helms  
Nick Doize  
Norma Woelfel  
Pearl Land  
Philip Lunning  
Robert Hengel  
Ruth Haas  
Trudy Carmines  
Wilma Mason  
Zachary McCarthy  
Zachary Teegardin

### Family & Friends



Thank you for these gifts received in memory or honor of someone during the month of May, 2010:

### **To the Glory of God**

#### **In Memory of:**

**Rev. Thomas Chavana** by Ernest & Betty Chavana

**Margarete L. Martini** by LeRoy & Alva Schulmeier

**Karen Olson** by Robert & Ernestine Ierien; Marty Land; Nina & Sam Mendez; Gloria J. Teegardin; Ray & Julie Trent

**William Allen Spreen** by Delrose Cearley; Loreen Eckhardt; Keith & Beverly Jorgensen

**Kenneth Weaver** by Evelyn Bippert, Janet & Wade Mack and John & Nadine Schultz; Nina & Sam Mendez; Gloria Teegardin

**Elnora Zunker** by Frank & Gaelyn Burk; Gloria Teegardin

#### Prayers for our Troops

Bob Recio  
Dan Leingang  
Dennis Kruse  
Eric Oglesbee  
Jared Raymond  
Matthew Helms  
Micah Jenkins  
Michael Longoria



I want to thank Pastor Skip for his visit, prayers and concerns while I was in the hospital May 25. It was great that he took the time to visit and joke around with Keith and I. St. John's is very lucky to have Pastor Skip. He is always cheerful and happy.

Thanks, Beverly Jorgensen

### SWIM PARTY & POT LUCK FOR ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Thursday, July 15th at 6:00 PM, you are invited to Betty Boldt's home for a swim party and pot luck. The address is 9848 Oakland Rd. Please call Betty at 210-696-8257 or 210-410-5540 for questions or directions. Hope to see you there.

### QUILTING FOR JULY

We will meet Thursday, 8 July @ 12:00 and Wednesday, 28 July @ 11:30. Snacks will be provided on 8 July and lunch will be provided on 28 July. Hope to see everyone there.

### HANNAH CIRCLE

Hannah Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, July 28th at 9:30 AM in the Pioneer Room. Hope to see you there.



# BAPTISM

Congratulations to Joshua and Shanna Wadsworth on the baptism of their sons, Joshua Gus and Hudson Osburn on Sunday, June 20, 2010.

Congratulations to Shawn and Kimberly Peavler on the baptism of their daughter Madison Diane on Sunday, June 27, 2010.

Congratulations to Anthony and Rhonda Mecke on the baptism of their daughter Reagan Cambry on Sunday, June 27, 2010.

Congratulations to Erna Zwicke on her birthday on June 8, 2010. She was inadvertently left off the birthday list for May.

## CONGRATULATIONS *July Birthdays*

July 1 Sue Hermann  
Dawn Sulaica

2 Florine Voges  
Regan Wudel

3 Rhonda Eckhardt  
Marcus Bigott  
Julie Mason

4 Kendra Wendel

5 Rhonda Mecke  
Sarah Jane Schenk

7 Kati Johanningmeier  
Lynn Schenk  
James Tietze  
Forrest Lockhart

8 Philip Ochs  
Denise Odam  
Melissa Bowling  
Kelsey Carmines

9 Chase Dee Eckhardt

## CONGRATULATIONS

### *July Birthdays*

10 Kent Leafstedt  
Andrew Ball

11 Elizabeth Saathoff

12 Kiley Leggett

13 Darlene Clay  
Margie Porter

14 Bethany Larson

15 Grace Clark  
16 Robert Hein  
Beverly Jorgensen  
Maria Pfeiffer

17 Gertrude Carmines  
Ashley Ottmers

18 Keith Jorgensen  
Irene Lieke

19 Daniel Carmines III  
Karen Knudson

20 Christina Glass

22 Bill Allen  
Douglas Cobb

23 Martin Almaguer  
Ashley Ressmann

25 Barbara Bornemann  
Tiffany Moore  
Justin Merrill

26 Caroline Nentwich  
Michael Albers  
Matthew D. Martin

27 Norman Saathoff, Jr.

28 Helen Neumann  
Karl Nentwich, Sr.  
Doris Taggart

29 Kristi Small

30 Brad Richie  
Amanda Reed

31 Roy Poss  
Lorie West



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**Church Needs Part-Time Secretary**

MacArthur Park Lutheran Church is hiring a secretary to work 20 hours weekly, 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Computer skills, people skills and ability to keep information confidential are required. The individual hired would be responsible for preparation of worship bulletins and the monthly newsletter in addition to answering the phone, greeting visitors and scheduling use of church facilities. For further information, call Debbie Kennedy at the church, 824-7135.

**PUBLICATION DEADLINE**

Information for the next newsletter must be submitted (preferably by email) by **Friday, July 9, 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](mailto:mboehme@stjohnsroosterchurch.org).

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- Our highest esteem lies in who loves us.
- Our highest virtue lies in what is sacrificed by us and for us.
- Our greatest gift lies in our humility.
- Our greatest pleasure lies in our compassion.
- Our best identity lies in what's done to us.
- Our best wisdom is in our play.
- Our truest value lies in who's we are.
- Our truest authenticity lies in what we lose.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN'S**

Vacation Bible School will be held on Sundays in June and July at 11 a.m. during the Christian Education hour in the loft. The theme is "Baobob Blast"

**God's Great Get-Together! One of the world's oldest life forms, Baobab (bā'obab')** is a gigantic tree found in Africa that creates its own ecosystem. A baobab tree's hollowed-out trunk, leaves, foliage, nectar, fruit, and bark provide basic life needs for many different creatures. The enormous tree can grow to 98 feet tall and 36 feet wide. The baobab tree serves as a meeting place for many people to gather, discuss, and share stories.

Set under the impressive baobab tree, kids will have the opportunity to hear the Word, be amazed at God's wildlife creations, and be a part of a supportive community. Activities will include music, storytelling, crafts, and science. A trip to the San Antonio Zoo is being planned on June 13 in conjunction with the Vacation Bible School program. This will be a great experience for your kids as you gather together as a community and grow in faith. Recommended ages to participate in VBS is preschool through 3rd grade; 4th through 6th grade and Luther League age students are welcome to participate as Bible School helpers and Christian life mentors. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sam or Nina Mendez at 541-8596.

**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."**

## St. John's Council Meeting Minutes

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

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## Lutheran Campus Ministry

Thanks to the efforts of Pastor Steve Lunning, Director Jen Bauer, and Professor SueAnn Pemberton (Haugh), our San Antonio Lutheran Campus Ministry is coming alive here at St. John's in a ministry to students at our UTSA Downtown Campus. For the past several weeks, we have hosted a good number of students at our "Wednesday Church" dinners. These students are a delight and I hope all of you have a chance to meet and get to know them.

The blessing to us is that they are not coming empty handed. They are all architecture students and very involved in our community. Soon you will see a display related to a hunger project they are involved with through the San Antonio Food Bank. They are designing and will build a structure at North Star Mall in the fall of this year made completely out of canned food item (later donated to the food bank.) They will be in competition with other organizations. We at St. John's can help our students by sponsoring them with our donated canned goods or making a monetary contribution. Just drop them in the box next to the display when it becomes available. Our Social Ministry Committee has approved this effort and from now until September all canned goods collected here will be donated to our student's effort. After September, we will resume our collections for CAM. Let's all chip in this effort in support of our students and their new ministry among us.

## THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Women of the ELCA will meet Thurs., July 8th at 9:30 AM.

Program: Bunco Party

Hostess, Kitchen Cleanup and 3rd Sunday Refreshments: Miriam Circle

Ladies, please join us in playing Bunco. We always have an enjoyable time!

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## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Fiesta Nueva 2011

### Poster Contest

### Contest Rules:

- + You must be a member, friend of a member or know of St. John's Lutheran Church.
- + Suggested media might include: oil/acrylic/tempera/ watercolors/illustrations/prints/computer graphics but not necessarily limited to these. However, entries should not contain florescent or metallic colors.
- + Reference to St. John's, the color Red and a rooster should be incorporated someway in the design. The date will be added after the contest.
- + Entries are to be in a vertical format, not to exceed 28" high by 22" wide, generally not smaller than 21" high and 16.5" wide.
- + Work should be submitted, production ready, and mounted on a sturdy surface such as foam core. Do not sign or identify yourself on the front of the entry. Please secure personal information on the back of the entry.
- + The Fiesta Nueva committee may ask the winning entry to make changes before the poster is printed.
- + Submit your entry no later than **July 11, 2010** to the church office.

## Open Letter to St. John's Lutheran Church and Day School

On the evening of May 17<sup>th</sup> a meeting of Day School parents and members of the church met to discuss ways to improve the Day School program and formulate ideas for our future. There were two meetings; one at 5:00 and another at 7:00. Both meetings were well attended and many ideas were discussed. The Pastor, Church Council, and Day School Board wish to thank each and every one that attended the meeting.

A brief recap of many of the things discussed follows:

Ideas for improvement:

- \* Concerns about staff turnover; what can we do to retain staff (benefits, more pay)?
- \* Never been asked to write a check as a direct donation instead of fund-raising; would be willing to simply write a check for a specific need
- \* Raise tuition if needed; tuition is currently low
- \* Better communication to parents for needs and wants of church and school
- \* Develop a wish list and distribute to parents
- \* Ask staff to come to church
- \* St. John's not the cheapest tuition, but more quality care for the dollar
- \* Bathrooms in the classrooms would make a difference in ratios
- \* Important that my child be brought up in a Christian environment
- \* Need more children's church activities—more emphasis on children and family ministries
- \* Could children perform for senior's groups? Good way to give back to the congregation and extend mission of the wider church
- \* Once a month Worship invitation for Day School parents; need intentional invitations to parents for church activities

Future Dreams:

- \* Add more enrichment classes
- \* Expand to elementary grades
- \* Could we partner with a developer to help us renovate space for St. John's expansion or look for additional facilities in the community?
- \* How about more extras like a soccer team?

We will use these ideas and dreams as we move ahead with our Day School.

Sincerely,

Lee Iredale  
Lee Iredale  
Day School Board Chairman

Skip Courter  
Skip Courter  
Pastor

June Airheart  
June Airheart  
Director



### **PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION**

Immediately following the Service on July 4, St. John's will celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> with a patriotic celebration. There will be a salute to the five military branches. The celebration will also include additional musicians. Plan to attend and celebrate Independence Day!

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### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

#### **Matthew & Kimberly McDaniel Lopez**

25407 Bermuda Run  
San Antonio, TX 78261  
210-262-0203

#### **Helen Neumann**

Memorial Medical Nursing Center  
307 W. Cypress  
San Antonio, TX 78212

#### **Wolf & Jennifer Von Durckheim and Maximilian**

347 E. Huisache  
San Antonio, TX 78212  
210-785-4928

#### **Col. Wayne & Dawne Wright**

12006 Bammel  
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### **LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK**

The West Bexar County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is again sponsoring the Lutheran social event of the year. Yes that would be Lutheran Night at the Ball Park. It will be held on Thursday, July 29 at Wolff Stadium, where the San Antonio Missions will play the Corpus Christi Hooks at 7:05 PM. It will be dollar night with most refreshments being only \$1.00. Tickets are \$5.50 for non-West Bexar County Chapter members and \$2.00 for West Bexar County Chapter members and their guests. There will also be a picnic before the game. Tickets for the picnic and game are \$15.50 for non-members and \$5.00 for members and their guests. For more information and tickets please call Bill Dorey at 210-673-2371 or email request to Thrive1@satx.rr.com

### **BACK TO SCHOOL 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 area 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 6, 2010.

Thank you very much for supporting this important ministry.

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*It's a Broadway Blast!*

*Lunch and Broadway Musical Numbers  
Hosted and performed by  
St. John's Choir and Friends  
Sunday, June 27*

*In St John's Memorial Dining Hall  
502 E Nueva*

*12:00 PM*

*adults \$10*

*children under 12 \$5*



**OFFERINGS  
AS OF MAY, 2010**

General Fund Income	Current Month	Year to Date
Weekly Commitment	27847.50	129888.87
Parking Lots	23959.97	124076.36
Cemetery Operating		275.00
Other Income	2854.85	21429.11
Income Transfer from Endowment Fund (designated for General & Cemetery Operations)	953.53	4827.38
Total General Fund Income	55615.85	280496.72
Expenses		
Salaries, Benevolence, General & Committee Expenses	53220.07	284751.81
General Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	2395.78	-4255.09
Restricted Funds		
Restricted Income	5506.93	49165.75
Restricted Expenses	11038.53	26099.83
Restricted Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	-5531.60	23065.92

Notes:

	Budget	Amount Paid	Balance
Benevolence			
SW Texas Synod	20000	8333.38	11666.62
TLU-Congregational Aid	650		650
TLU -General	1350		1350
CAM	1500	1500	0
SAMM	1000	1000	0
CSS	1000	1000	0
Z-Place	500		500
Synod Assembly Special Offering	1500	1500	0
SA Conference	500	500	0
Cross Trails Ministries	300	300	0
Lutheran Campus Ministries	1000	1000	0
LSS	250	250	0
Lutheran Vespers	250	0	250
SA Community - Churches	250	250	0
Pastoral Discretionary	250		250
Council Discretionary	4700		4700
Total Benevolence	35000	15633.38	19366.62
Capital Reserve	25200	10500	14700
Money set aside for property taxes		7000	

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**9:15AM - Pre-Worship Preparation**

**9:30 AM - Worship**

**10:30 AM - Fellowship in Memorial Hall**

**Christian Education Classes**

**11:00 AM**