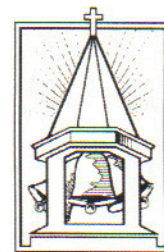
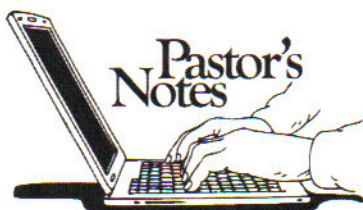


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Greetings,

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?” (John 15:34)

This verse always causes an emotional response from me. It shows us the emotional pain that Jesus suffered on the cross and I always realize that I contributed to that pain. Jesus had endured betrayal, beatings, torture, and humiliation on His way to the cross.

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out, ***“My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?”*** For the first time in His life he was not in touch with His Father. God turned His back on Him because God cannot look upon sin.

Whenever I reflect on this I wonder how many people there are in the world today that don't have a relationship with God. I wonder how many people have had a relationship with God and for some reason have walked away from that relationship. Then I pray that somehow, someday, we can reach out to them. What can we as a congregation of Christians can do to bring them home?

God never gives up on anyone. Do we? In the story of the Prodigal Son, scripture tells us ***“When he came to himself”***. In other words Jesus was saying that as long as a man was away from God he was not truly himself. Jesus was saying that He believed that man was never essentially himself until he came home to God.

It is my prayer that in the next year we remember this scripture often and do all that we can to reach those that do not have a relationship with God.

We have had two adult baptisms in March and another scheduled in May. I sincerely pray that we can have many more come to Christ in the coming year and grow not only our congregation but God's Kingdom.

Pastor John

If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (361/277-8653) or Pastor John Boor at the parsonage (361/275-9895) or on his cell (361/243-0373).

Please Note: Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is seriously ill please call.



**Ding-a-ling
Corner**



"We'd prefer that you fill out your name in our guest ledger."

While sitting in Sunday School, curiosity got the better of little George, so he cautiously raised his hand.
 "Yes, George?" asked his teacher.
 "I was just wondering, the Bible says that the children of Israel did this and the children of Israel did that. But, didn't the grown-ups ever do anything?"

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	0	0											0
Adult	0	0											0
Total Baptisms	0	0											0
Confirmations	0	0											0
Weddings	0	1											1
Funerals													
Member	0	0											0
Non Member	1	0											1
Counseling Sessions	4	3											7
Transfer Out	0	0											0
Transfer In	0	0											0
Home Visits	6	5											11
Hospital Visits													
Member	2	2											4
Non Member	0	1											1
Private Communion													
Member	4	5											9
Non Member	34	18											52
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
Release of Membership	0	0											0
Restore to Membership	0	0											0

ST. JOHN CHURCH COUNCIL 2015

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Office hours are:

Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-1p.m.

Check the calendar for any changes to the schedule.



From the Church Office



ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES.

Please notify the Church Office by leaving a recorded message at 277-8653 as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

If any elderly person, or youth, needs a ride to Church events or youth events, please notify the pastor so arrangements can be made to accommodate these needs.



*Confirmation Sunday
May 16, 2015*

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (275-5979).



Nursing Homes : Ruth Moore
Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Janie Rangnow & Helen Mae Egg



Pray for our Military and their families, especially for: Nicholas Jacobs and Russell Copeland

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the May 2015 Church Bell is *Tuesday, April 21, 2015 by 9am. Please have all your articles into the church office by then.* You can e-mail your article(s) and photos to the office at stjohnlutheran@juno.com. Thank you!

St. John's Mission of the Month:

Water Missions International †

Every day close to one billion people wake up to another day without safe drinking water. Children are sick and weak. There is a constant struggle to find the most basic of human needs. Generations of poverty grip millions and won't let go. The lack of safe water and adequate sanitation worldwide is a crisis.

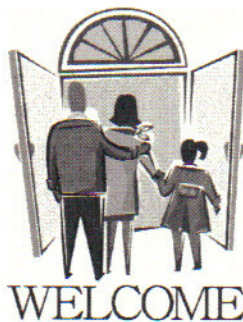
This crisis steals the lives of 5,500 people each day - more than war, natural disasters, AIDS or hunger. This crisis rarely makes the headlines. It is today's silent killer.

Water Missions International is a nonprofit Christian engineering ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions in developing countries and disaster areas.

Our Mission of the Month will come to a close on Sunday, April 26th when we celebrate Water Sunday, a day dedicated to the global water crisis. Three years ago, Water Sunday began as a way to mobilize churches in providing safe water to the millions of people who do not have access to it. Since then, thousands of lives have been transformed all over the world. This April, Water Sunday will bring the body of Christ together to focus on the water crisis and we invite you to join us.

A Note From the Worship Team:

We are looking for some interested volunteers to assist on Sunday morning service with reading the scripture lessons. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Our goal is to give additional folks the opportunity to take part in the service. Please consider this chance to share God's word.



The Jander Family

We extend a warm welcome to Dwight, LeAnn, Caden, Cason, and Ella Jander! The Jander family requested to have their membership transferred to St. John's and were received during Worship on March 1, 2015.

Brieson Wade Egg

Baptized: March 22, 2015

Brieson was born on September 19, 2014 and is the son of Garrett & Brandy Egg. Brieson's baptismal sponsors were Jordan & Stephanie Egg and Kayla Egg.



Rebecca Louise Dreier & Rylan Louis Dreier

Baptized: March 21, 2015

Rebecca's baptismal sponsors were Darrell & Cheryl Bender and Rylan's baptismal sponsors were Daren & Dawn Otto.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 2 Maundy Thursday**
Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 7 p.m.
(Altar Guild to meet @ 6 p.m. to practice Stripping the Altar)
- April 3 Good Friday**
Worship @ 7 p.m.
- April 5 Easter Day**
Sunrise Worship @ 7 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast @ 8 a.m.
Sunday School @ 9 a.m.
Worship @ 10:15 a.m.





Spring Workday

April 11, 2015

8 am - Noon

We are planning a spring workday and encourage everyone to participate. There are a lot of odd jobs around the Church, parish hall, parsonage, and grounds that are hard to contract out, but need to be done. Please consider giving one Saturday morning of your time to help us care for God's House. The following are jobs that need to be done:

- Re-grade area along the garage to provide better drainage.
- Propane tank leaning.
- Clean storage rooms in basement and parish hall.
- Place concrete pads for concrete bench placement under trees at cemetery and old stone church.
- Trim established trees at cemetery.
- Trim crepe myrtles.
- Replace sheet metal on cattle shed.
- Dust fans in parish hall and sanctuary.
- Paint/refurbish the unsightly roofing on the garage.
- Check sills under the stage that could cause termite problems.

If anyone has noted other areas around the church, parish hall, parsonage, and grounds that need our attention, please contact someone on the property team. Property team members are as follows:

Dickie Bettge, chm, Marv Sager, Pastor John, Clay Haun, Vance Egg, Glenn Ruschhaupt, and Will Roeske.



ATTENTION YOUTH & PARENTS:

The youth will once again be leading the Sunrise Worship Service on Easter Sunday. In order to prepare for this service, we will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 1st from 6-8 p.m.** and again on **Saturday, April 4th at 10 a.m.** Please make every effort to attend these practices.

EASTER SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

We are fortunate to have the Youth Group perform the Sunrise Service at 7:15 am at the Old Stone Church. They will also provide a delicious breakfast in the Parish House between the Sunrise Service and Sunday School.

Everyone is welcome!



During the Sunday School hour, we will have a Dramatic Reenactment of the first Easter with an empty tomb and a special visit from a disciple.

Parents are encouraged to see this exciting presentation.

And of course we will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Remember, eggs signify new life in Jesus!

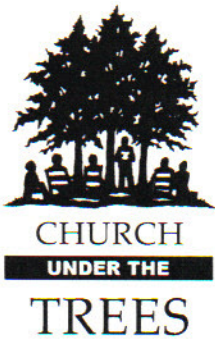
You can bring an Easter Basket or we will have some Easter bags.

Please come and help us celebrate Easter, the cornerstone of our Christian Faith. Bring a friend!



Calling All Seniors:

Please let the office know the names of the high school and college students in your family who will be graduating this year. The Women of St. John would like to recognize them for their accomplishments.



Join us on Sunday, April 19th for Church Under the trees. We will have a pot luck lunch following Worship and grave decoration. We are asking for everyone to bring a meat/main dish and a dessert or vegetable to share.

Grave decoration to be held at Kilgore Cemetery on April 12

The Kilgore Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting and grave decoration service at 3 p.m. on April 12 at the Kilgore Cemetery, located at 214 Kilgore Road, Goliad. The grave decoration service will be led by John Dellis, minister of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ander, and the annual meeting will follow.

The cemetery and its connecting grounds are the site of the former St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which closed as a congregation in 1954. Former members, families and friends of St. Paul's and the Kilgore Community are invited to attend the service. Prior to the Sunday service, families are encouraged to clean and decorate family grave sites.

The Women of Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church in Coletoville, TX are hosting a Bunco Party.



All ladies are invited to attend.
Sunday, April 12, 2015
Registration @ 2 p.m.
Bunco begins @ 2:30 p.m.
Activities will be held in the Martin Luther Christian Center,
2535 Coletoville Rd.

RSVP by April 6th to:
Doris Luhn- 578-7017 or 648-9205
Eunice Franke- 645-2564
Mary Buesing- 550-8823

Dear St. John Members,

So many wonderful developments have occurred for the Boys and Girls Club of DeWitt County in the past 12 months. With church and community support, our organization has transformed from dream to reality. Our mission is TO ENABLE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO NEED US THE MOST, TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL TO PRODUCTIVE, CARING AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.

The Boys and Girls Club of DeWitt County is now over 200 members strong with average daily attendance of near 100 members. With your help, we can continue to make a critical investment in our youth. It is our vision to be a community partner providing positive life-changing experiences that empowers every young person who walks through our doors to reach for success, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you so much for your support. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact me or the club.

Sincerely,
Laurie Pokluda
Vice-President, BGCDC



Dear Brothers and Sisters at St. John,

Greetings in the name of our blessed Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who always leads triumphantly. I want to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for your very generous gift of \$2,677 in support of our Gideon Camp of Victoria, TX.

You will be interested to know we have just completed a resupply of scriptures and some new placements at hotels, hospitals, medical offices and assisted living facilities in our five-county area of responsibility—that totaled over 2,000 scriptures.

Your gift will be a great help in providing little pocket Testaments this spring to 5th graders in this area. We start this week with the first one and will continue until graduation time in May as the various schools respond to our offer to give a New Testament to those who want one.

George DeVoucalla, President
Victoria Gideon Camp

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
February 24, 2015

By Church Secretary, Mitchell Jank

Members present: Pastor John Boor, Marvin Sager, M'Liss Moore, Dickie Bettge, Cathie Bettge, Kathy Dunn, Mitchell Jank, and Obert Sagebiel.

CALL to ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Marvin Sager at 7:00 PM.

DEVOTION: Led by Obert Sagebiel

MINUTES: Minutes were reviewed and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed and approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Baptism scheduled for 3/22, Garrett/Brandy Egg son Brieson.
- Jander family has requested member transfer. Cathy moved and Kathy seconded to accept transfer. Motion passed.
- Brief report on the Conference recently attended by Johnny and him. Some of the topics discussed were the NALC Seminary, Certificate of Studies and a presentation given by Pastors attending the conference that were from Cuba.
- Stressed the importance of sending delegates to the Convocation this year being held in the Fort Worth area.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Old Business

- No Old Business

Finance Team Report

Members Present - Glenn Ruschhaupt, Pastor John Boor, Laurie Wendel, Sandy Gohmert, M'Liss Moore, and Marv Sager

- **Review of latest financial reports** - The current balance (\$223,968.88) in checking account was discussed. A motion by Laurie and second by Sandy to ask M'Liss to survey local interest rate alternatives for moving a portion of the balance to an interest bearing account was passed. Following additional discussion regarding potential cash needs for pending major projects, a motion by Laurie with second by Sandy, to move \$125,000.00 from the checking account to a money market account was passed.
- **Chad Boyer Memorial Funds** – The Boyer family, to Clifford Haun, requested that the subject funds be designated for The Old Stone Church, and that some of the money go toward planting a tree in Chad's memory. It was decided to transfer those funds less \$400.00 to compensate for a portion of the cost for recently planted trees in the cemetery, together with

an appropriate plaque. It was also decided that a review of current memorial funds status would be reviewed at the next Team meeting.

- **Old Records/Files Retention and Storage** - Need for continuing to store potentially outdated records, files, copies, etc. was briefly discussed. The team agreed to spend some time at the next meeting physically going through a sampling of same, to better understand the scope and magnitude of possibly deleting such materials.
- **Additional Team Members** – Finance Team membership is currently one less than the level for most of 2014. The need for an effort to recruit additional volunteers was discussed and it was deemed unnecessary at this time.
- **Bulk Mail Permit Renewal** - The subject permit will be up for renewal in a couple of months at a cost of \$220.00. Analysis by M'Liss indicates that there is little or no economic advantage for St John, when taking into account postage, time, and materials costs for mailing our newsletter to the number of unaffiliated individuals and entities that we currently do, primarily in an effort to comply with the minimum number of addressees mandated in the permit. During related discussion, consensus was that we should not renew the permit, and limit mailing to affiliated addressees only. It was suggested that there be a one-time post card mailing to non-affiliates announcing this change and inviting them to view the newsletter online via our website if so wished. A motion by M'Liss with a second by Sandy, to present this recommendation to Council was passed.
- **Regular Meeting Schedule** -Second Monday of every other month at 7:00 PM
- **Other - INSURANCE** - Pastor John announced that he will soon be enrolled under Medicare coverage, and that Brenda will then be insured via COBRA coverage. He estimated the cost of his insurance thereafter, including related supplemental coverage, would be approximately \$235.00 per month. He is still attempting to get firm numbers for a total cost per month including the COBRA coverage, and expects to have this by the next Team meeting.

Mission/Evangelism Team report

Members: Pastor John, John Swannack, Cheryl Bramlette, Pam Haun, Candice Cowley, Lloyd and Karon Copeland and Linda Ruschhaupt, Team Leader.

- St. John's Mission for the Month of March – **Wounded Warriors Weekend**. This will be held this year May 15th, 16th and 17th. The monies collected from St. John's will help defray travel and other expenses related to this week end.
- Next week the Missions Committee will have the ELAM Ministry come and talk to members about the work they are doing in furthering the word of Our

Lord Jesus Christ in the Middle East especially in Syria. Please come and join us and support this mission who is evangelizing in this part of the world. Date: Sunday, March 1, 2015 Time: 4 PM Place: The Parish Hall We will have cookies and coffee.

Parish Life Committee Report

- Refreshments will be served after The Lenten Services that are held at St. John's. Dates as follows: February 25, March 11, and March 25th.
- We will try to schedule a fill the church Sunday sometime in May at our March meeting.
- Pot luck lunch after church on Grave Decoration Sunday.
- There was discussion to move our meeting to the 2nd Sunday of the month after church. This is much more convenient for all members.

Parish Education report

Attending the meeting was: Obert Sagebiel, Johnny Jank, Pastor John Boor, Brenda Boor, Heather Roeske, Marv Sager, Wanda Hays, Laurie Pokluda, and Michelle Wendel.

- Plans for Easter Sunday and Palm Sunday: The students will do a processional into church and around the pews twice on Palm Sunday. Kathy will get palm branches, and we also have the small crosses made out of Palm leaves.
- Youth Group - 5 Youth are going to the Quake next weekend. Johnny will check with the Otto's to see if the Youth Group will do the Sunrise Service and breakfast for Easter.
- Teachers

Protocol for substitutes – teachers need to call substitutes when they can't be there.

Co-teachers – They need to cover for each other first.

- Michelle Wendel will resign at the end of the school year. We discussed ways to get other people to volunteer to teach. Heather will put a creative ad in the newsletter and bulletin. Jackie Parsons has made a renewed commitment to continue teaching the 4th and 5th graders. Yeah!
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Leslie Wunsch declined. We will discuss more at our next meeting. Heather is willing to be a local contact if we decide to have the Crossroad Camp Counselors. They cost about \$1500 and we have to provide housing.
- Review Mission Statement – we briefly reviewed this. Sounds a bit overwhelming. Will discuss more later. We are to use this to develop our Sunday School Constitution. Sub Committees are strongly suggested.
- Status of video equipment – we have received a new laptop computer that will enhance our openings and do lots of other things.
- Opening location – some would like a separate location for the youth opening. The basement was

discussed. This is a long range plan, due to drainage and mold. We decided to table this.

- Glenn Ruschhaupt will get a white board 4' x 8' from Alamo Lumber for the basement for Jackie's class as requested.
- Food on Sundays? How often? Laurie and Heather will develop a sign in sheet. The students really like this.
- Teacher Appreciation Sunday- Laurie volunteered to host and cook for the teachers and spouses maybe this summer.
- SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - Heather has a simple curriculum that she used at her previous church. One class, alternating Video, Lesson, and Craft through the summer weeks. She will coordinate this and Kathy will help.
- Something special for: Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day – we discussed some gift ideas; Heather has a catalog that has some appropriate items.
- We had a great Sunday School today; Wanda brought a cake with a dove symbolizing baptisms and she did a presentation for the Children's Sermon in church and gave out leather and cross bracelets for the children.
- Our next meeting will be in April.

The Property Team

Items Complete

- Church bell was oiled and attic checked.
- Bathroom and kitchen supplies checked.
- Computer and speakers for the Sunday school have been set up and are working.
- Community service work consisted of clearing the west fence line, trimming some live oak trees, and cleaning out the lawnmower barn.
- The signs to "keep gate closed" have been posted on pasture gates.
- The volley ball poles and crosses have been sand blasted and are at the church.

Old Business.

- The congregation approved the Sign Works bid for our church sign at our congregational meeting on 1/25/15. The agreement was signed and the first payment was made to Sign Works. The sign has been ordered. We had a short meeting after church on Sunday and will request that the first rendering show a minimum 18" extension of the slab around the mason work to minimize splash of mud on the walls. We will also request pricing of lighting of the permanent lettering on the sign.
- Eagle Scout Project. Dylan Ohrt met with the property team and outlined his ideas for a youth camp ground. His plans are for tables, benches, a fire pit, an additional gate, and a sand pit. He will meet with the property team again in March to finalize the plan and provide a plat.

New Business:

- Four windows in the parsonage are fogged. The windows were installed in 2005 and may be under warranty. The property team is checking into this.
- Structural Engineer. Our architect has recommended Datum Engineers, a structural engineer from San Antonio with experience with old buildings to take a look at our church and make recommendations concerning structural integrity and how to repair the cracks, etc. that our building is experiencing. Our architect recommends that we wait with this service until we have done the asbestos survey and removed at least portions of existing walls in the basement so they can get a better feel for the condition of the supporting walls. The proposal is for \$3,500.
- We received our first invoice from Rawley McCoy and Associates for \$3921.75.

Project List:

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- New light fixtures at church entrance. We plan to make the existing fixtures functional and incorporate new fixtures into our church renovation.
- Meeting with Surface Burial concerning cemetery issues. Dickie and Pastor will meet with Surface Burial to discuss and determine what is expected to maintain our cemetery. The grave lines were staked and Dickie will schedule a date to meet.
- Revision of cemetery rules. We discussed downloading cemetery rules used by the Catholic Churches as a guide to revising our rules. Dickie will download.
- Parsonage rodent problem. Pastor will build covers out of hardware cloth to insert into the access holes to prevent animals from entering. Hardware cloth will be installed in the ground to prevent rodent access.
- Cemetery graves needing attention:
Willie Mae and Erwin Brandt. Clay found that Beverly Hartman was a relative of Willie Mae and Erwin Brandt. He found out that the last close heir has died. Dickie will get cost estimate from Surface Burial for repairs to the grave.
Alfred and Bertha Albrecht. Dickie made another contact with Ray Albrecht concerning the graves. Surface Burial will fix the Albrecht graves when they do the work on the Ralph Egg grave. Surface Burial also noted that they will fix the Hartman grave at that time.
- Conversion of one of the basement walls to a chalk board wall. Glenn
- Dan Dentler Memorial.
Cost Estimate for items remaining:
4 Name plates @ \$300.00
- Signage to close cemetery at night. Clay had pictures of signage at a Victoria cemetery. Will continue to investigate.

- Inventory of furniture and equipment & report to Church Council. Dickie

Workday is set for April 11, 2015 from 8:00 am to 12:00.

Workday items will be prioritized at our next meeting.

Please make the property team aware of additional items that need to be addressed. Workday items are as follows:

1. Re-grade area along the garage to provide better drainage.
2. Propane tank leaning.
3. Clean storage rooms in basement and parish hall.
4. Place concrete pads for concrete bench placement under trees at cemetery and old stone church.
5. Trim established trees at cemetery.
6. Trim crepe myrtles.
7. Replace sheet metal on cattle shed.
8. Dust fans in parish hall and sanctuary.
9. Paint/refurbish the unsightly roofing on the garage.
10. Check sills under the stage that could cause termite problems.

Items for Council approval:

- PSI proposed a lump sum bid of \$3395 for a Limited Asbestos Survey for the church sanctuary and basement. They have named St. John as "additional insured" on their insurance policy of \$1,000,000 which is acceptable to our insurance provider. The property team recommends to council that we move forward with the PSI agreement.

Dickie moved and Mitchell seconded to accept this bid and allow PSI to continue. Motion passed.

Women of the Church report.

Submitted by Cathie Bettge

- Approximately 20 ladies represented the Women of St. John, Meyersville at the Women of Faith Conference in Cuero hosted this year by First Baptist Church. We donated a tulip plant as a door prize as well as facilitated with the distribution of these gifts, worked at the ticket table, directed guests, and helped with the clean up
- The kitchen clean up committee has been keeping the parish house kitchen in order
- Updated Parish House Policy for nonmembers and members. This will be added to the information given to anyone requesting use of the parish house.

Worship Team report

Worship team met at the parish hall at 7:00PM on 3rd February 2015. Members in attendance were Johnny P Jank, Virginia Jank, Noreen Sager, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Bruce Weise, Beverly Bodden and Pastor John Boor.

Old Business –

- α. Usher program – Don & Mike are going to work on this.

- β. Bulletin covers- New covers are in and Heather said they should work well. 2nd Sunday in Lent (1st March) will start using them.
- γ. Lectionary readers – Team discussed encouraging additional readers to involve more members with the service. A signup sheet will be posted and a request in March newsletter. Afterwards some training and a new schedule will be made.

New Business –

- Children’s bulletins – Our current subscription from “Children’s Worship Bulletins” is up for renewal. Our worship service plan from SOLA also includes a children’s bulletin. After discussion it was decided to try the SOLA alternative for a month or two.
- “Good News for Families“ insert - is expiring. Team agreed to continue purchasing this resource.
- Ash Wednesday & Lenten Services – Joint Lenten services with Weesatche is planned. February 18th is Ash Wednesday and worship will be at each churches home. Mid-week services will be alternated with Weesatche with the 25th February service being held here in Meyersville. Holy week services will be in each congregation “home” church.
- Palm Sunday service- Pastor and Sunday school children will process in following Palm Sunday scripture reading to open the service.
- April Communion services - Team discussed 3rd & 4th Sunday in April Pastor John & Brenda will be on vacation. Typically the 3rd Sunday would be a communion Sunday but this is also the 2nd Sunday after Easter which is historically “Church Under the Trees”. The Altar Guild would suggest the “outdoor” communion last year was challenging. Due to this and the other opportunities for communing in April (Maundy Thursday-2nd April & Easter-5th April), Worship Team voted to:

Recommend we not have a communion service in conjunction with the “Church under the Tress” service on 19th of April. Dickie moved and Obert seconded to accept this recommendation. Motion passed.

Hymn Selection for 22nd February through 29th of March 2015 was completed.

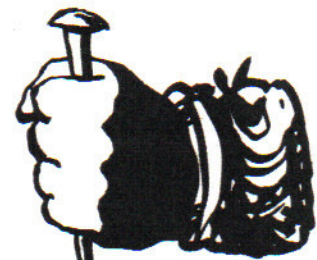
- Next meeting – scheduled for 3rd March 2015.

POST MEETING INFORMATION: During a call to Mr. SG Price by church secretary, Heather Roeske, concerning an insurance issue she was informed that they were intending to come down to do the regularly scheduled spring tuning of the organ. Also Mr. Price was not the person responding. She was then informed that Mr. Price had sold his business to his assistant Mike Morgan and he intended to honor all agreements as well continue to service all the customers he and Mr. Price worked on for years. Heather emailed me and I called Mike Morgan to explain scheduling the tuning, additional temporary repairs that needed to be completed from their last visit, and the installation of the “tremulant”

unit that council had previously approved. I also informed him of our “gentleman’s” agreement regarding repairs that are uncovered during routine maintenance. He assured me that he was on top of each item we discussed and that he planned to be here Thursday 19th of February.

He did arrive Thursday morning and completed all repairs as requested. Bruce Weise was also there during the repairs and made sure all work was complete. Bruce said he seemed capable but was reserving his opinion until we have more experience with the new owner. Mr. Morgan called me to let me know his report of the repairs and also wanted to make us aware of a maintenance issue regarding the fan blower motor on the organ. He lubricated the shaft but the motor bearing s need to be lubricated. He made Bruce aware of this as well and we need to put that on some “Scheduled Maintenance List” so it gets done more than once or twice a year.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with The Lord’s Prayer.



**SURELY HE HAS BORNE
OUR GRIEFS AND
CARRIED OUR SORROWS;
YET WE ESTEEMED HIM
STRICKEN, SMITTEN BY
GOD, AND AFFLICTED.**

ISAIAH 53:4, ESV

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

April 5

- Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Acolyte - Bryant Roeske

April 12

- Greeters - Kernell & Elaine Moritz
Acolyte - Caleb Reinecke

April 19

- Greeters - John & Margie Swannack
Acolyte - Seth Wendel

April 26

- Greeters - Ruth Peters
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

April Communion Assistant

Glenn Ruschhaupt

April Altar Guild

Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

April Nursing Home Visitors

Carol Ann Sagebiel

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May 3

- Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Acolyte - Austin Chavez

May Communion Assistant

Obert Sagebiel

May Altar Guild

Dawn & Kaley Otto

May Nursing Home Visitors

Cathie Bettge

Greeters: Please give visitors any current newsletters that may be on the table in the narthex.

Volunteers: If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. *Please let the church office know if you switch so the correct names can be in the bulletin.*



Happy Birthday to:

- 4 - Hannah Brown
Jackie Parsons
Trish Hood
6 - Letha Blain
Sara Blain
7 - Britton Blain
Pastor John
10 - Martha Diebel
12 - Trace Wunsch
13 - Brooke Ann Wendel
J. Burns Cowley
15 - Helen Sievers
19 - Karon Copeland
20 - Cindy Kainer
Leroy Reinecke
Velma Thieme
21 - Jacob Dreier
M'Liss Moore
Merton Ideus
22 - Pam Ficklen
23 - Leslie Wunsch
Michael Scott Johnson
Trandon Leist
26 - Emily Haun
30 - Stacy Gohmert

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 6 - Pastor John & Brenda Boor
10 - Lucas & Molly Turner
24 - Tim & Dawn Euton