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March 2020 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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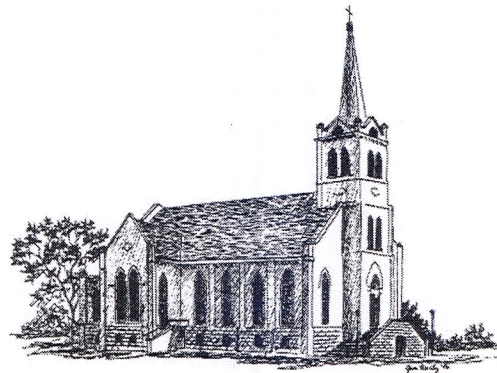
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Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

WORSHIP

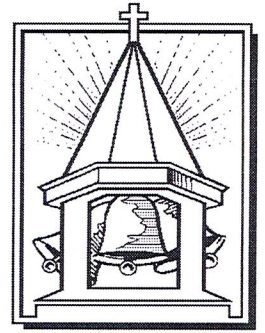
Sunday School for All Ages	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion celebrated on the first and third Sunday of each month.



THE CHURCH BELL
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Greetings,

I have been asked several times about why we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. I have used the explanation from a Lutheran website many times and decided to share it this month.

Actually, there are three reasons why Lutherans receive ashes on Ash Wednesday.

First, the ashes remind us of our sinfulness. Since ancient times, God's people have used ashes as a sign of humble repentance. When we go up and receive ashes on our forehead, we are admitting that we are sinners in need of salvation. We are admitting that not only have we sinned against our neighbors, but against God Himself. The ashes remind the wearer of their need to repent and confess in order to be turned back to God. The ashes serve as a tangible and visible sign of our failure to love God as much as He loves us.

Second, the ashes remind us of our mortality, which is the direct result of God's condemnation of our sin. God said to Adam, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." Ashes serve as a solemn reminder that the price of sin is death. Often, people today feel as if they are invincible. It's easy to feel like we're at the top of the world, capable of doing anything that we desire. Our culture has seemingly sterilized death. We make every attempt to avoid death. That's why ashes are so important. They are the physical reminder that God created man from the dust of the earth and one day all men will return to the dust of the earth. Ashes to ashes and dust to dust. The ashes force us to remember that we are merely mortal and that God alone is sovereign and reigns for all eternity.

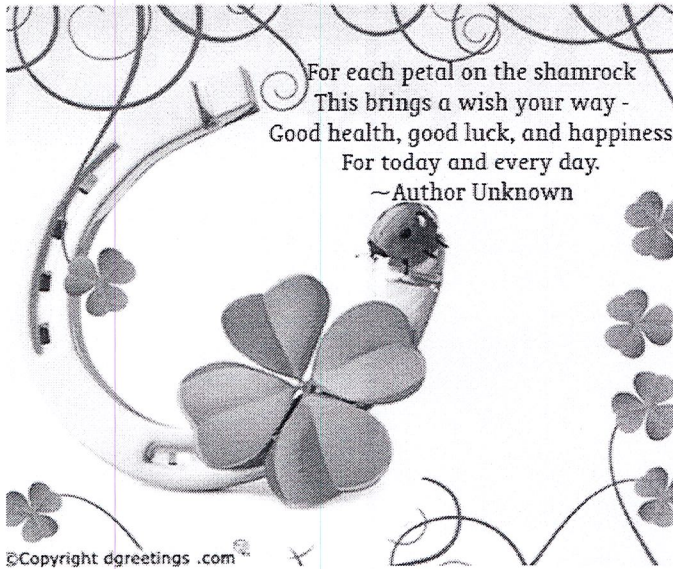
And finally, the ashes also remind us that we have been redeemed. The ashes are given in the shape of the cross. In receiving the ashes, we remember that our Lord Jesus took on the fullness of our humanity. He who was sinless became our sin. Jesus the Christ was crucified on a cross. He was crucified for you. He descended into hell where he endured the fullness of the wrath of God our behalf. Then Jesus conquered death through His resurrection. He was resurrected for you. In doing so, He has taken the ashes of our past and created in us new life, allowing us to live forever in the holy presence of God. He has redeemed His children, making us clean and new. Through the cross of Christ, the power of death has been destroyed. Through the cross there is life. The cross-shaped ashes on our foreheads proclaim the good news that sin and death have been conquered through the cross of Christ.

We always receive the Lord's Supper on Ash Wednesday. We, who were once dead in our sins, we who deserve to die, come to the Lord's Table literally wearing the cross of Christ. Here, at the Lord's table, those who have humbled themselves before the Lord, who have admitted their sin, who know they deserve death, are instead given the new life that is only found through the body and blood of our loving Lord Jesus. Here, at the Lord's table, those marked with the cross of Christ are raised up, strengthened through God's mercy, love, and grace, and sent forth into the world to proclaim the good news.

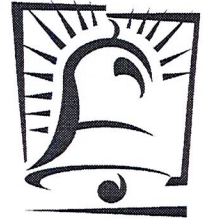
I hope this answers any questions you may have regarding the wearing of ashes on Ash Wednesday.

God's blessings
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). 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**



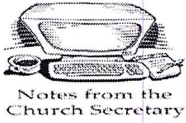
STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2020														
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	
Infant/Child	0												0	
Adult	0												0	
Total Baptisms	0												0	
Confirmations	0												0	
Weddings														
Members	0												0	
Non-Members	0												0	
Funerals														
Members	0												0	
Non-Members	0												0	
Counseling Sessions	2												2	
Transfer Out	0												0	
Transfer In	0												0	
Home Visits	5												5	
Hospital Visits														
Members	0												0	
Non-Members	0												0	
Private Communion														
Members	3												3	
Non-Members	25												25	
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME														
Release of Membership	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Restore to Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor 275-9895 (Cell) 243-0373
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 Vice President - Mitchell Jank 649-8681
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 Worship Team - Johnny Jank 575-6813



Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please see bulletins for any changes.

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES

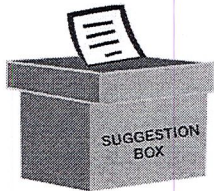
Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

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



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April 2020 Church Bell is Friday, March 20, 2020 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnevlutheran@juno.com. Thanks!



Do you have an idea?

Is there something at the church that you think needs fixing or changing? The Church Council and Committee Members would like to have your input. Please

feel free to use the 'suggestion box' in the Narthex to pass on your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Remember, this is your church and your opinion matters. We are eager to hear from you!

ATTENTION ACOLYTES

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed.



BUSY BAGS IN CHURCH

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to use. These bags have quiet activities for children to enjoy during Worship. The tote bags have items that younger children might be more interested in while the zipper bags have items for slightly bigger kids. Grab a bag on your way in to church, but please "bee" sweet and return it after the service.



PRAYER REQUESTS:



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. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (275-5979).

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Egypt
 Nicholas Jacobs - U.S. Air Force, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
 Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
 Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
 Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
 Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
 Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force
 Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, Fort Rucker, AL, going to Warrant Officer Candidate School then to Army Aviation Flight School
 Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
 Michael Petrash II - Iraq
 Andrew Washington, PFC – USMC, San Angelo, TX
 Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA



Please Pray for:

Adam Womble
 Nate Boehl
 Hunter Jacob
 Glynn Yurick
 Kenny Jacob
 Cole Ohrt
 Carlton Migura
 Carly Waters
 Joy Hoy
 Marie Liner
 Bill Roeske
 Janice Turner
 Marlee Blain
 Slade Doehrman

(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is: 11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)

Nursing Home: Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun

Yorktown Nursing & Rehab. ~ Barbara Mueller
 Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus

Prayer requests cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Mission of the Month of March



The Swanson's Mission Statement

The missionaries had gone to a meeting in Thailand at the end of January. They took their children and one weeks clothing as they thought they would be gone only a week. Because of the coronavirus they cannot go back to China at this time. They need funds to sustain them in Thailand until they are able to return to their home and mission work in China.

Sharing of the Peace

There has been some concern about sharing the peace during the cold & flu season. Those persons not wanting to take part, feel free to stay sitting or share the peace as you feel comfortable. Those of you sharing the peace, please honor the wishes of those who are not taking part.



Thank You

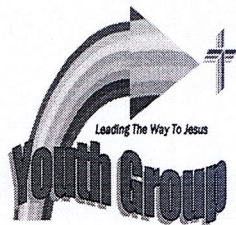
Thank you so much for your continued support for the BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF DEWITT COUNTY. We are making a difference in the lives of our future citizens. Each day we have

70- 80 children from 6 to 16 years old. We offer a safe and enriching environment with programs from technology to nutrition. Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. With your help, we are doing this!



Youth Group News

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 29th. St. John's Youth Group members will be helping with the youth service and serving as greeters in church that morning.



Immediately following the service, we will be having our March youth group gathering in the Parish Hall. Youth Group members will get to have fun making their own homemade pizzas and ice cream sundaes for dessert. There will also be a little basketball and kickball action in between. Another date to put on the calendar is April 5th when Youth Group members will prepare for our Easter Sunrise Service. Practice will be held during Sunday School so please be here at 9:00 am on April 5th. In the meantime have a fun and safe spring break and good luck to everyone in the livestock show!

Doug & Wendy Bishop
St. John Youth Group Sponsors

Sunday School Supplies

The Sunday School department is reaching out to the congregation for supply donations for the 2020 school year. We have several events and projects planned throughout the year and would appreciate any help from our congregation members.



The following timeline is the supply lists for the year:

- Medium to large clear glass jars, vases, bowls, decorative in nature, with or without lids
- Succulent plants

For the Whole Year:

- Medium to large appliance boxes, preferably not cut
- Paint, finger paint, house paint, any leftover useable paint, all colors

Please contact Johnna Kethan 361-649-4234 or leave donations in the parish hall. We thank you for all your help and donations and look forward to a great Sunday School year!

LENTEN



Mid-Week Worship

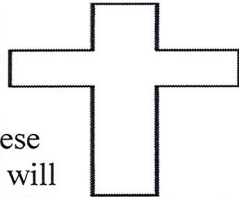
Lenten Worship Services

Mid-Week Services - March 4, 11,
18, 25 & April 1 at 7:00 p.m.



The family of Virgie Gohmert would like to thank: the pastors, organist, deacon, all the ladies in the kitchen and the entire congregation for their help and support. Blessings to you all.

NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes



We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting bar soap for the month of March. Please bring only soap that each bar is wrapped.



On St. Patrick's Day, it is customary to wear shamrocks, green clothing or green accessories. St. Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish. This story first appears in writing in 1726, though it may be older. In pagan Ireland, three was a significant number and the Irish had many triple deities, a fact that may have aided St. Patrick in his evangelization efforts. Patricia Monaghan says there is no evidence that the shamrock was sacred to the pagan Irish. However, Jack Santino speculates that it may have represented the regenerative powers of nature, and was recast in a Christian context—icons of St. Patrick often depict the saint "with a cross in one hand and a sprig of shamrocks in the other". Roger Homan writes, "We can perhaps see St. Patrick drawing upon the visual concept of the *triskele* when he uses the shamrock to explain the Trinity". St. Patrick's Day, while not a legal holiday in the United States, is nonetheless widely recognized and observed throughout the country as a celebration of Irish and Irish-American culture. Celebrations include prominent displays of the color green, religious observances, and numerous parades. The holiday has been celebrated in North America since the late 18th century.

GOD
is Listening

Special Prayers for Cole
~NEW UPDATE~

Cole has returned from China after a six month treatment program for his injury. This included surgery, stem cell injections, and extensive

therapy. He has also recently recovered from a surgery done in New Jersey on his diaphragm to help him eventually get off the ventilator. Cole has now returned to TIRR Rehabilitation Hospital in Houston for continued therapy.

God has been with Cole every step of the way through this very long and difficult journey and by faith we know He will continue to carry him through. We want to thank each and everyone for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's healing and for strength and patience as he continues forward. Thanks again and God bless you.

+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+
At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

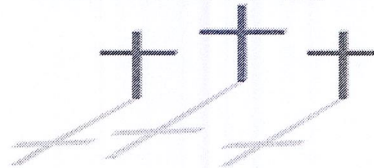
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)

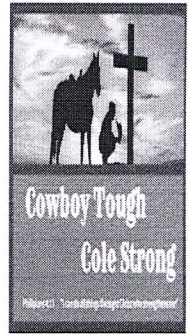


Church Renovation Update

Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals is \$599,553. We are required to pay as construction progresses so the bills are coming in on a regular basis. This project received almost unanimous support so we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this project.

GOAL: \$599,553

RECEIVED AS OF February 26, 2020: \$531,735.80



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 28, 2020

By: Virginia Jank, Church Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor John Boor, President Brian Wendel, Vice President Mitchell Jank, Virginia Jank (Secretary) Matt Nelson (Treasurer) M'Liss Moore (Financial Secretary) Glenn Ruschhaupt (Finance) Linda Ruschhaupt (Mission and Evangelism) Beverly Bodden (Parish Life) Johnna Kethan (Parish Ed) Brent Gohmert (Property) Johnny Jank (Worship)

CALL TO ORDER: President Brian Wendel called the meeting to order. Brian opened the meeting with a devotion on Jesus being caring, loving and compassionate, showing grace and truth to all.

MINUTES: Reviewed, Motion to accept by Mitchell Jank, 2nd by Glenn Ruschhaupt, and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed, Motion to accept by Linda Ruschhaupt, 2nd by Glenn Ruschhaupt and approved.

DISCUSSION: The laptop for the outside sign has been ordered and has shipped. The status on its arrival will be checked. The Safety and Awareness, Pastoral Care and Old Stone Church committees were discussed. Johnny Jank volunteered to coordinate a Pastoral Care Committee. Pastor John requested that a good cross section of the congregation make up this committee to get input from everyone in the congregation. Mitchell Jank volunteered to get the Safety and Awareness committee organized. As for the Old Stone Church committee, one of its present members will need to be designated to inform council of its plans and decisions since it is a part St. John's entities.

PASTOR'S REPORT

A reminder that I will be gone Feb 11-15 for the pastor conference. I would like to remind council that if anyone has recommendations for improving our services to please share it with myself or Johnny Jank.

FINANCE TEAM REPORT

January 13th, 2020

Members Present- Glenn Ruschhaupt, Pastor John, Matt Nelson, Brian Wendel, Archie Abraceit and Marv Sager

Opening Prayer - Given by Glenn Ruschhaupt

REVIEW OF LATEST FINANCIAL REPORTS - Reports were reviewed and various details discussed.

OLD BUSINESS - Reviewed current renovation fund balance together with projected remaining costs. Current estimated completion costs remain at \$46,500 for the general contractor, and \$4000 for the architectural firm. Matt confirmed that to date a total of \$72,000 (\$24,000 each) has been borrowed from the Seminary, Scholarship, and Intern Funds to supplement donations to the Renovation/Elevator project.

NEW BUSINESS - Team discussed priority for repayment of money borrowed from the above internal funds as growth of the Renovation Fund balance allows. Consensus of the group is to make restoration of the Scholarship Fund the first priority.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is March 9th at 7:00 PM

DISCUSSION: It was noted that the Scholarship fund has been replenished for the money borrowed earlier for the renovation.

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM REPORT:

January

Team Members: Brian Wendel, Pastor John, Chery Bramlette, Pam Haun, Obert Sagebiel, Cathie Bettege and Linda Ruschhaupt, Team Leader

We selected Warrior's Weekend for our February Mission and House of Palms for our March Mission.

It was decided that we would collect items for the NALC warehouse and Shoe Box Project on a monthly basis. The month of February we collect tooth paste and tooth brushes. A tote will be in the church foyer marked for the collection.

Work on the information/welcome packets for church visitors and new folks in the community were reported on. Hope is that they will be ready Feb. 1, 2020.

Changing the date for Mission Fest was discussed. Worship committee was trying to put more of an emphasis on Reformation Sunday and if we have a speaker from a mission, Reformation is "lost in the shuffle" If we change it would be September 27, 2020.

Brenda Boor spoke to us about having a church Festival in 2021 much like the Heritage Festival that First English in Victoria has been having for many years. Since it will be the 100th anniversary of the "new" church she thought that it would be a good year. Her thought was it could raise funds for missions. I told her I would take this to council since it would take all the teams to make it a success. We were all in agreement that the church should have a celebration but some thought not a fundraiser in 2021. There will be several celebrations throughout DeWitt County in 2021 for different things so we would have to co-ordinate with those. The following have celebrations in 2021:

175 Anniversary of DeWitt County (March and April)

Trust Texas Bank will celebrate 100 years

Our next meeting will be the third Wednesday in March.

Linda Ruschhaupt, Team Leader

DISCUSSION: Mission Sunday and Reformation Sunday will likely be observed on the same Sunday if a person from the NALC can come and be a part of our service for that day.

PARISH LIFE TEAM REPORT:

Parish Life did not have any events or meetings this month.

Beverly Bodden

PARISH ED TEAM REPORT:

January 2020

The Children's Christmas program was held on the Sunday before Christmas, December 22, 2019. Wendy Bishop prepared and directed the program, purchased and/or sewed new costumes and backdrop for the Nativity. Linda and Glenn Ruschhaupt prepared the Christmas bags for all the children that attended the service. The Church was almost full and the program was very well done.

We were unable to have a Live Nativity at our church this year, but our Youth Group participated in the Live Nativity at the Cuero Christmas in the Park. They also decorated and undecorated the church Christmas tree, and wrapped toys to donate to the church's Mission of the Month family.

The Bishops have a great Summer trip planned for the Summer of 2020 for the Youth Group to go to the Frio River. They are requiring that youth must attend at least 50% of Church Services and Sunday School in order to go on the trip. We are hopeful this will improve our attendance!

The Junior High and High School Sunday School Class is working on a project called Family Fun Night to be held next month. Johnna will be sending out a flier soon:

All family members are invited Monday evening for a night of fun activities, good food, and great company as we explore the word of God. The students will be making Glow In The Dark Mason Jars while learning the 2 Corinthians 4:6 passage. While the students are supervised and working, the parents are invited to join us in a bible study of the same passage and how we can bring God's light into our families and lives. All items and food will be provided by St. John's, so bring the family to an evening of Gospel based fun.

Parents' Bible Study Outline:

Focus: 2 Corinthians 4:6

- How do we focus on God and not ourselves?
- How has God's light shone in our lives?
- What are we doing with our knowledge of God?

The Confirmation Class has been well attended, with 11 students from 6th grade and older. They are Scott Motley, J R Bishop, Grace and Kendra Redmond, MacKenna Diebel Coleman, Kyle and Caleb Nagel, Alexis Flessner, Ella Jander, Maverick Eckhardt and Landon Duckett.

Kathy Dunn

DISCUSSION: It was noted that the attendance at the Christmas Program as well as Christmas Eve service increased from 2019. Family Fun Night has been set for Monday, President's day with fun activities for the youth and Bible study for the parents attending. The youth will also be doing the service on March 29, the fifth Sunday in March.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

Meeting Held 1.14.2020

Members Present: Brent Gohmert; Dickie Bettge; Brian Wendel; Marv Sager; Pastor John; Glenn Ruschhaupt

Maintenance Schedule

January

- Check/clean filters to a/c in church, church office, Pastor's office, parish hall. – **Completed by Marv**
- Check with maintenance employee for items needed on the grounds.

February

- Oil the Bell.
- Check attic in Church.
- Check Bathroom & Kitchen Supplies – Clean and tidy up storage areas.
- Plan work day.
- Pay Country Club Dues
- Pasture Lease due March 1st – **Paid**

March

- Yellow-jacket Extermination
- Annual inspection of A/C.
- Time change on Thermostats & check program
- Check A/C units.
- Dust fans (workday)
- Clean cemetery for Easter & Grave Decoration
- Fertilize grass as needed.
- Cemetery Work Day

Items Complete:

- Elevator reset on 12.3.19
- Property Team met on 12/30/2019 to decide on how to proceed with Elevator landing and canopy flatwork. Stair risers exceeding ADA tolerance also brought up
- Pastor John replaced stove burner knobs

Renovation Progress:

Elevator Landing Draining into the Elevator Issue

- Property Team has requested that the elevator landing be chipping down prior to placing slab topping in order to achieve originally intended elevations
 - RMA contested this request by saying that this cannot be achieved due to the elevation of the top-step.
- However, Dickie, Glenn and Marv shot the stair elevations and also verified their elevations to determine that a number of the stair risers exceed the ADA maximum allowance of 7", meaning they are not in compliance. Per their findings, the stairs are 1-1/4" higher than what they should be, which resulted in the 1-1/4" bust and the elevator landing being graded wrong. Based on these calculations, chipping/grinding the steps down to achieve the required 7" riser height would ultimately result in the elevator landing being at its original elevation, and would ultimately fix the grading issue.
 - Per RMA, Roth is contesting this claim after having taken measurements of the stair risers with a tape measure. However, this method would not produce the best results. Roth, with the support of RMA, is claiming that the only resolution they are willing to perform is to pour a slab topping on the existing landing. This method would result in a double-threshold at the entrance to the church due to the raised elevations. The Property Team deems the double-threshold unacceptable, despite RMA's reassurance that their design meets the ADA requirements.
- There will be no further action until the Property Team is able to discuss these items with the congregation at the Congregational Meeting to be held 1.26.2020 as well as with the church council on 1.28.2020.

Water Ponding at Flatwork Beneath Canopy Issue

- Roth is stating that the only resolution they are willing to perform is to provide additional saw-cuts in order for the ponding water to drain. Their firm stance is based on the fact that the low spot in the concrete causing the ponding is actually within the tolerance listed in the project specifications.
- However, per RMA, they want us to ultimately be happy with our final product and have stated that they are not opposed to chipping out and re-pouring the section of concrete in question.
- There will be no further action until the Property Team is able to discuss these items with the congregation at the Congregational Meeting to be held 1.26.2020 as well as with the church council on 1.28.2020.

Old Business:

- Crown molding strip on stage coming off. Need to remove, clean debris from underneath, and replace existing strip.
- Schedule cemetery work day
- Moon to address leaking ducts in parsonage
- Parsonage to be thoroughly inspected following vacancy

New Business:

- Roth Invoice: Retainage pending project completion
- New Laptop and Control System for LED marquee sign

Projects:

- Repair broken headstones.
 - a. Cemetery Committee.
 - i. Headstones analyzed during Church Workday. One area fixed. Need to schedule date to address remaining issues.
- Have water tested at Church
 - a. Marv to meet with Pecan Valley – retest pending

Renovation Fund Balance: \$504,941 as of 1.5.2020

Items for Council Approval:

Next Meeting: 2.9.2020

DISCUSSION: There has been some major back and forth discussions between property team and the construction company on the elevator landing and the walkway to the parish hall. They have concerned the ADA standards and unsatisfactory work. Findings are in the process of being verified with a plan for correction.

In regard to the pasture lease, changes have been made to have the Lessor be responsible for the spraying of the property stated in the lease.

Property team leader, Brent Gohmert, after much thought and prayer, resigned his position on Council. Johnna Gohmert made a motion to accept his resignation, Matt Nelson seconded the Motion and the Council regretfully accepted his resignation. Marv Sager, a member of the property team, has graciously consented to serving as Property Team Leader for the remainder of this year (2020). Linda Ruschhaupt made a motion to accept Marv Sager as Property Team Leader and Mitchell Jank seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the Council.

WORSHIP TEAM REPORT

Worship Team members Beverly Bodden, Pastor John Boor, Johnny P Jank, Virginia Jank, Dawn Otto, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Marv Sager, Norrean Sager, Bruce Weise, and Brian Wendel met on the 16th January at 7:00PM after rescheduling from the regular meeting date on the first Tuesday, 7th January, 2020.

Ongoing Business

Altar Candlesticks – Have been on the Worship Team “Wish List” for some time. There was a remaining balance in memorial money given in the name of J Gus & Iris Jank. The Jank family would like to use that money to go toward the purchase of the altar candles. The (2) altar candles and candlesticks, some additional candle oil and accessories, less the 15% discount is \$1,032.16. Beverly Bodden made a motion to approve the purchase of the candlesticks. It was seconded by Brian Wendel and the motion passed.

Altar Candelabras – Continue to be a WIP.

Mission Sunday / Reformation Sunday – The Worship Team had originally suggested to try to get a Mission speaker on some other Sunday than Reformation. Mission Team suggested the 2nd Sunday of October. After some discussion and the possibility of getting someone from the NALC to come and speak the Worship Team considered that if we can, we would leave the 2 celebrations together.

New Business –

Church Calendar –The Worship Team worked through the calendar to update it for 2020.

There being no additional new business the Team went about planning the music for the 2nd February through 29th March. Music selection for Ash Wednesday, and Lenten mid-week services will be planned by Pastor John and Bruce.

Close with the Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting – Schedule as necessary **Next scheduled meeting 3rd March 2020 @ 7:00PM**

DISCUSSION: Currently revised church calendars will be distributed to council members so that any additional edits can be made, and a final calendar can be printed.

ADDITIONAL Discussion: Installation of Council was set for Feb 9 2020.

Council Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

CALLED MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Members present were Brian Wendel, Mitchell Jank, Matt Nelson, Virginia Jank, Johnna Kethan, Johnny Jank, Marv Sager, Bev Bodden, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Linda Ruschhaupt and Pastor John Boor.

Brian Wendel called the meeting to order.

The Council went into Closed Session.

Upon coming out of Closed Session Johnna Kethan resigned her position as Parish Education Leader, Matt Nelson resigned his position as Treasurer and Brian Wendel resigned his position as Church Council President.

Council decided that installation of the Church Council would not take place this Sunday, Feb 9, 2020.

Mitchell Jank made a motion to adjourn, Beverly Bodden seconded the motion and the motion was passed by Council.

Virginia Jank, Church Secretary

CALLED MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Council members: Mitchell Jank, Beverly Bodden, Pastor John, Marv Sager, Glenn and Linda Ruschhaupt met after church on February 16, 2020 to brainstorm and reveal suggestions for replacement of members needed to complete St. John’s council.

Virginia Jank, Church Secretary

CALLED MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 19, 2020

Council members: Mitchell Jank, M’Liss Moore, Glenn and Linda Ruschhaupt, Marv Sager, Pastor John Boor, Johnny and Virginia Jank and Beverly Bodden met February 19, 2020, to discuss the vacancies on the Church Council.

Marv Sager was present to verify that he will serve as property team leader for the remainder of this year (2020). Glenn Ruschhaupt revealed that he had talked to Archie Albrameit and that Archie has agreed to fulfill the remainder of this year (2020) as Treasurer of St. John. Beverly Bodden stated that she has talked to several concerning the Parish Education position and that she had one that had said that she would consider taking on that role. Beverly is waiting to hear back from her. The Council is still looking for a leader as President. Members present discussed and suggested members that they felt would be good in this position and these members will be contacted this week in an attempt to get this position filled.

Everyone was reminded that members of teams as well as members of the congregation should be considered as candidates and that everyone should be thinking about new leaders and members of each of their teams so that Council can be a good representation of our whole congregation.

Meeting closed with prayer by Johnny Jank.

Virginia Jank, Church Secretary



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VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

March 1

- Greeters** - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Reader - Dwight Jander
Acolyte - Scott Motley

March 8

- Greeters** - Candy Cowley
Reader - Wanda Hays
Acolyte - Caleb Nagel & J.R. Bishop

March 15

- Greeters** - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Reader - Neal Moritz
Acolyte - Scott Motley

March 22

- Greeters** - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Kathy Dunn
Acolyte - Ella Jander

March 29

- Greeters** - Youth Group
Reader - Johnna Kethan
Acolyte - Landon Duckett & Kyle Nagel

March Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

March Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

March Nursing Home Visitor

Virginia Abrameit

LOOKING AHEAD...

April 5

- Greeters** - Kernell & Elaine Moritz
Reader - Dickie Bettge
Acolyte - Grace Redmond & Mackenna Diebel

April Communion Assistant

Dickie Bettge

April Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

April Nursing Home Visitor

Carol Ann Sagebiel

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 have switched so the correct names can be in the bulletin.

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 - Crystal Eichhorn
Garlan Moeller
- 3 - Kathy Dunn
Tabitha Johnson McConnell
Hudson Zengerle
- 4 - Aubry Warwas
- 6 - Dee Moeller
- 7 - Buck Blain
Daniel Macon
- 8 - Cody Bishop
Michele Motley
- 10 - Donna Gohmert
- 11 - Tammy Blain
Kyler Leist
- 13 - Casen Waters
- 14 - Gary Moeller
- 15 - Richard Egg
- 17 - Henry Lee Rangnow
- 19 - Alfred Rangnow
- 23 - Adelynn Grigsby
- 25 - Marvin Sager
Melanie Light
- 28 - Heather Wendel
- 29 - Leon Dohman
- 30 - Cindy Egg
- 31 - Milam Eckhardt



Anniversary Greetings to:

- 2 - Fred & Rose Mueller
Stanley & Donna Fuchs
Ted & Pam Long
- 6 - Sandy & Vicki Motley
- 7 - Kenneth & Betty Diebel
- 24 - Christian & Kaley Coker
- 28 - Kyle & Melinda Nethery
- 29 - Patrick & Meagan Oehlke
- 30 - Glenn & Dionis Winsauer












Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you.

March 2020

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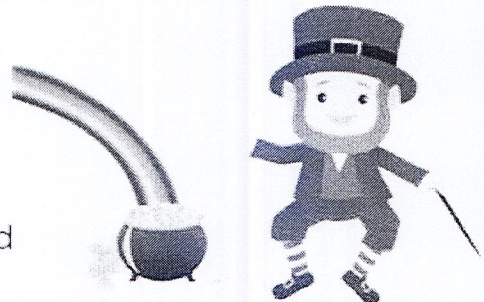
Mission of the Month:
The Swanson Family

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Sunday of Lent 8:45 AM Pancake Breakfast 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 	2	3	1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Lenten Service 	5	6	7
2nd Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship *2:00-4:00 Confirmation Class *Daylight Savings Time Begins 	7 PM Finance Team 9	6:30 PM 4-H Meeting 10	10 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Nursing & Rehab 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Lenten Service 	12	13	14
3rd Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 	16	St. Patrick's Day 	10 AM Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab 1:30 PM Quilters 6 PM Mission Evangelism Team 7 PM Lenten Service 	**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members. 19	**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office. 20	21
4th Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship *2:00-4:00 Confirmation Class	23	7 PM Council Meeting 24	9:00 AM Old Stone Church 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Lenten Service 	26	27	28
5th Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship ~ Contemporary Sunday School Classes Will Lead ~Youth Group are Greeters~ *Youth Group Lunch & Meeting in the Parish Hall Following Worship 29	30	31				Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins 

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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