

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES



- 3 – Shirley Atwood
- 8 – Margie Direr
- 9 – Cale Goldman
- Kevin Karnei Amy Zillig
- 11 – Cavan Rains
Amy Westphal
- 14 – Jessica Barker
Sarah Farquhar
Walker Wimberly
- 15 – Cathy Farquhar
- 16 – Eilene Power
- 21 – Cristy Billo
- 23 – David Bruns Tyler Goynes
Darrell Kunkel Blaine Sullins
Nancy Willeford
- 27 – Benita Junker
- 7 – Tina Jacob Cindy Zillig
- 11- Hanna Henson
- 12 – Vernell Dohmann
- 13- Lyndon Meyer
- 14 – Lamar Riggs Trey Wimberly
- 15 – Elroy Borth Jayden Loest
- 19 – Jake Schneider
- 20 – Jack Farquhar
- 21 – Weston Wimberly
- 23 – Channing Bruns
- 24 – Tim Westphal W. A. Wimberly
- 25 – Christy Paulsgrove
- 26 – Jennifer Barker Kenneth Barker
Ethan Jacob Dona Karnei
Kristofer Karnei
- 27 – Kenneth Kunkel

Our Apologies

If we missed
your special date,
please call
645-3330
to help us make
corrections.



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 1 – Nathan & Ronda Irwin
- 14 – Paul & Merle Otwell
- 16 – Kenneth & Debra Barker
- 23 – Jamie & Gloria Ara Harlan & Tina Jacob
- 29 – Tim & Connie Westphal

FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON MAY 29



**WE WILL HONOR PASTOR BENSON
ON HIS LAST SUNDAY WITH US**

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Note From Pastor Jim.....

Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

This commission is for all Christians... to include me and thee. We shall both move forward. Remember this is a command of the Lord, and neither of us are given a choice. It is a must-do and one not to be feared. The Lord's journeys are bountiful. Beware of any thoughts which make it otherwise, for that is the devil's work. Believe that the Lord will find you a Pastor, and between you three, purpose and mission will manifest.

Blessings always,

Pastor Benson



ST. John's Women of the ELCA

Martha Circle

May 3 @ 9:30 am

Program: Margie Dreier
Visitation

Ruth Circle

May 10 @ 10:00 am

Prayer & Program: LaNell Ressmann
Sunday Morning Setup & Clean Up

Rebekah's Lunch Bunch

May 10 @ 12:00 Noon

Devotion: Glenda Fromme

Sarah Circle

May 18 @ 6:00 PM

Devotion: Lavon Meyer

UNITY MEETING MAY 17 @ 6:00 PM Devotion: Sarah Circle

Projects for Month: Support Vacation Bible School
with cash donations.

May 1, Honor's Day Covered Dish Dinner. (Sarah Circle in charge)

Please plan to attend and support our youth.

The Women Of St. John's are invited

to join the ladies of

Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church

for Bunco and Refreshments Sunday May 22, 2011.

Registration at 2:00 pm Bunco begins at 2:30

Please RSVP by May 16 to:

Doris Luhn 578-7018

Eunice Franke 645-2564

Mary Buesing 550-8823

A Grave Decoration Service will be held at the Kilgore Cemetery at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

John Dellis, minister of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ander, will lead the service.

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 this special annual service. Prior to the Sunday service, families are encouraged to clean and decorate family grave sites.

The annual Kilgore Cemetery Association meeting will follow the service.

The Results of the Special Called Congregational Meeting And Vote Of April 3, On Whether To Remain In The ELCA

There were 90 eligible voters

76 voted to leave the ELCA

14 voted to remain in the ELCA

The vote to leave the ELCA passed by 84%

Information on the second vote is listed below

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

THE SECOND VOTE CONCERNING ST. JOHN'S REMAINING IN THE ELCA WILL BE SUNDAY JULY 17.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Allene Bethke, Charles Bluntzer, Ruby Borth, Gary Breech, Blake Cornish, Betty Cullum, Alfred Gebbert, Pastor Bill Hassel, Morris Dale (Trey) Hoffmann III, Bill Kirchoff, Ted Long, Lillian Moore, Mary Lea Pfenninger, Betty Parish, Zach Paulsgrove, Samantha Stehling

Our Home Bound: Ruby Pfenninger

Those in Care Facilities: Iona Berger, Dessie Crim, Roy Gottschald, Wilton Gruetzmacher, Georgia Hoff, Bettelou Huff, Nona Kling, Dolores Ressman, Minnie Sheppard, Genelle Urban

<p>Attendance</p> <p>4-03 107 4-17 80</p> <p>4-06 37 4-21 41</p> <p>4-10 67 4-22 49</p> <p>4-13 34 4-24E 49 4-24L 107</p>	<p>Monday Night Bible Study</p>  <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>In the Parish Hall</p>
<p>Bishop Tiemann Will Meet With The Congregation Of St. John's To Speak About The ELCA</p> <p>On Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 pm.</p> <p>*****</p>  <p>Church Council Council Meeting</p>	<p>VICTORIA CONFERENCE SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD ELCA</p> <p>Spring Conference Assembly, May 1, 2011</p> <p>Host Congregation: First English Lutheran Church 500 N. Main Street, Victoria, Texas 361.575-3623 Registration 2:30 p.m. Call To Order: 3:00 pm</p>
<p>Date Changed to Thursday May 19 , 6:00</p>	

St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting April 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 was called to order at 6:05 PM by President Merle Otwell. Members present were Merle Otwell, Jimmie Dale Rader, Leslie Zillig, Lavon Meyer, LaNell Ressmann, Mary Lea Pfenninger, and Harry Heil. (All present) Pastor Benson also attended and gave a short devotion and opened the meeting with a prayer. No congregational members were present.

Old Business

The March Council Minutes were reviewed. Leslie moved and Harry seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

LaNell gave the treasurer's report. After reviewing by the Council Members, concern over the year to date deficit was discussed. Giving has gone down dramatically. Council discussed waiting until July, which would be half way through the year and would have a better feel for how the budget, if needed, would be revised. Harry moved and Leslie seconded that they be approved as submitted. Motion carried. The financials were posted in the parish hall as was decided last month. The financial report submitted by John Drier was reviewed.

The May calendar was reviewed by all Council members. Additions and corrections were discussed and made as needed.

The mail was reviewed. Only one item needed to be acted upon. Our subscription to the Rotary club for placing a US flag in our yard on appropriate holidays is due. Lavon moved and Jimmie Dale seconded to continue the subscription. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Property Committee:

Leslie reported that one of the A/C units had been worked on. The bill would be forth coming. Bearings had to be replaced. Leslie also reported that Harry had the trees sprayed. He declined to be reimbursed for the fee. The Council accepted his generous donation and thanked him on behalf of the Congregation. Leslie also reported that we were waiting on the report from the structural engineer on the wall situation.

WELCA

LaNell reported that the eleven ladies would be attending sharing a meal at LaBahia and then going to the see a play at the Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts.

New Business

Pastor Benson gave the Council a formal letter stating his last day would be May 29th. Pastor also requested that his contract be amended for the month of May. He would like to be in Goliad only two days a week. After discussion Leslie moved and Harry seconded to allow the amendment. Motion carried.

The next vote was set for July 10th. Bishop Tiemann has been contacted to find a Sunday that he can visit our congregation as prescribed in the exit procedure. Merle will share that information as soon as she hears back from him. Merle is also arranging pastors for the summer months. Congregational members would be asked as well as ordained ministers.

Pastor Benson reported that three transfers were sent to Ander. Mary Lou Fromme and Gayle and Valerie Albrecht have moved their membership. We wish them God's blessings in this move. They will be greatly missed.

With no further business Lavon moved and Jimmie Dale seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lea Pfenninger

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