

# Tidings

St. John's Lutheran Church Newsletter

April 2019 Edition

Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



Dear People of God at St. John's,

Do you know? Whatever you believe to be true affects you to the deepest core of who you are. It shapes you and makes you what you are.

It either blesses you... because it opens you up to the power of God and of all that God can do in your life; or it afflicts you... because it blinds you to all you can be, and to all that God hopes for you.

Do you remember what happened to those first disciples, after the first Easter morning... after they, themselves, really came to believe in all that God can make happen?

They came out of the upper room where they had huddled in fear. And from there, they carried the faith to the ends of the earth. And with the empowerment of God's own Spirit upon them, they forged, despite enormous obstacles, an entirely new way of living.

In essence, they went from being people afraid of dying, to being people who offered their very lives to help others come to the same faith and life that they, themselves, experienced.

And they came to discover over and over again, all that God can make happen.

And yes, in so doing, their own lives were changed.

Because this is what our God is about. This is what "resurrection" is about. This is what our faith is all about...

That God can bring back to life that which has died.

That God can bring good to take root, even out of the soil of evil.

That God can call forth love out of hatred.

That God can produce hope, even out of despair.

But... we see this only as we "live" our belief.

Because it is only in the actual living of our belief that the real difference is made.

Just as what we believe makes all the difference in how we live.

**Pastor Jim Dew**

## Lent and Holy Week 2019

### **April 3 and 10 (Regular Wednesdays)**

5:30pm Campus Ministry/Congregational Meal  
7:00pm Worship in Chapel  
7:30pm Pastor's Class  
7:30pm Choir Practice

### **April 14 (Palm Sunday – Holy Week Begins)**

9:30am Worship  
11:00am Easter Egg Hunt at Yanaguana

### **April 17 (Holy Wednesday)**

6:00pm Campus Ministry Supper

### **April 18 (Maundy Thursday)**

7:00pm Worship in Sanctuary

### **April 19 (Good Friday)**

7:00pm Worship in Sanctuary

### **April 21 (Easter Sunday)**

7:00am Sunrise Worship at Arneson Theater  
8:00am Breakfast  
9:00am Worship

## Memorials/Honorariums

A Memorial is a gift that honors someone by name and is used to accomplish the ministry of the church.

Please consider giving a gift  
in memory or  
in honor of a loved one.

*In Memory of Stanley Brehm by  
Curtis and Frances Franz*

*In Memory of Louis D. Blank by  
Curtis and Frances Franz*

*In Memory of Louis Blank by  
Ted and Dorothy Bowles*

*In Memory of Margie Porter by  
Ted and Dorothy Bowles*

*In Memory of Louis D. Blank by  
Eloi and Doris Cormier*

## FAMILY ministry

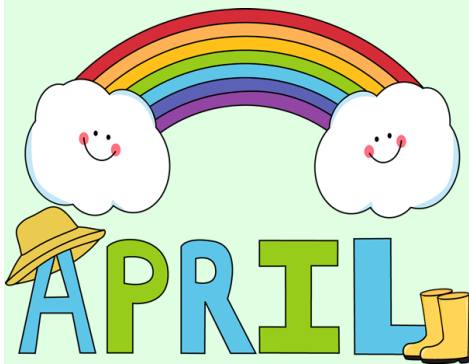
Greetings St. John's,

**Family Ministry** is busy preparing for the seasons of Lent and Easter to come. We invite you to join us for Easter egg stuffing following worship on April 7th in the youth room on the 3rd floor.

Also, mark your calendars for the Palm Sunday Picnic and egg hunt in Yanaguana Garden park on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Plan to bring a dish to share as we invite the community to join with us in a meal and fellowship. We will gather in front of the sanctuary on Nueva Street following worship to walk across Alamo street to the park.

Finally, Family Ministry will host the Easter Breakfast on April 21<sup>st</sup>, so plan to eat with us between Sunrise Worship and our onsite worship. We are asking for donations of sliced fruit and juice to accompany the tacos we will provide. Please bring your donated items to the walk-in in the big kitchen during Holy Week.

Ms. Katie



Sara Goode  
Parker Lear  
Geneva Hudel  
Randee Rutledge  
Alva Schulmeier  
Faith Martini  
Suzy Villarreal  
Wayne Richie  
Martyn Turner  
Steven Baker

Anna McKenna-Stevens  
Nathan Carmines  
Adah Watts  
Douglas Cobb Jr.  
Kayla Reynolds  
Violet Garcia  
Dorothy Grunwald  
Felicia Alvarez  
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Larry Foster  
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Kirby Olson  
John Nellermoe  
Dr. Marla Lear  
Bill Brewer

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Alice Stoeltje  
Clair Gabriel  
Billy Odam  
Connie Haiduk  
Chastity Shaw  
Kimberly Chanler  
Lindsey Ressmann  
Ron Bara





“On behalf of the New Braunfels Gemischter Chor Harmonie, thank you for the opportunity to sing at your beautiful church. And a special thank you for the donation. With donations we are able to continue singing and preserving German culture and heritage through our music.”

Stephen Ministers are available for those experiencing difficult life situations. If you or someone you know could use this distinctively Christian caring ministry, please contact Bea Imken or speak with one of our Stephen Ministers.



FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

JOSH BRYANT—SAXOPHONE  
ACCOMPANIED BY MARK ALEXANDER

JOIN US FOLLOWING THE CONCERT FOR LUNCH

**To order your Easter lilies, please fill out the form to your right, or email the church office with the requested information and send your check for the purchase. Easter lilies may be taken home following onsite worship on Easter Sunday morning at St. John's.**

Easter Lily Order Form

Benefiting St. John's Family Ministries

\$20 per plant

ORDER DEADLINE IS MONDAY, APRIL 15th

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20/Plant)

Dedication: To the glory of God and in Honor/Memory (circle one) of:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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St. John's Lutheran Church  
Statement of Activities -General Operating  
February 28, 2019

	Feb. 28, 2019 Actual	2/28/2019 Budget	Jan 1 - Feb. 28, 2019 Actual	2019 Annual Budget	Actual vs. Annual Budget Over (Under)
<b>GENERAL OPERATING</b>					
Revenues					
INCOME					
GENERAL INCOME	\$ 18,287	22,075	\$ 37,856	\$ 264,900	\$ (227,044)
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION	-	-	-	-	-
EXTRA OFFERINGS	89	-	1,079	-	1,079
BEQUEST & ESTATES	-	-	-	-	-
PARKING LOT INCOME	42,759	45,833	99,846	550,000	(450,154)
CEMETERY OPERATING INCOME	175	100	175	1,200	(1,025)
CHURCH GROUP/PROGRAM INCOME	747	208	1,318	2,500	(1,182)
FUNDRAISING, NET	-	-	-	-	-
MISC - INCOME	-	-	120	-	120
Total Revenues	62,058	68,217	140,394	818,600	(678,206)
TRANSFER OF FUNDS					
Investment income - Transferred		7,500		90,000	(90,000)
Transfer from Endowment Fund	-	-	-		-
Total TRANSFER OF FUNDS	-	7,500	-	90,000	(90,000)
Total Revenues	\$ 62,058	75,717	\$ 140,394	\$ 908,600	\$ (768,206)
Expenses					
SALARIES & EXPENSES					
PASTORAL SALARIES & EXPEN	10,758	11,124	24,790	133,490	(108,700)
LAY STAFF SALARIES & EXPE	18,247	20,632	45,762	247,580	(201,818)
CEMETERY SALARIES & EXPEN	-	-	-	-	-
Total SALARIES & EXPENSES	\$ 29,005	\$ 31,756	\$ 70,552	\$ 381,070	\$ (310,518)
EXPENSES - GENERAL					
GENERAL EXPENSES	6,833	8,613	14,037	103,355	(89,318)
PARKING LOT EXPENSES	22	2,554	34	30,650	(30,616)
CEMETERY OPERATING EXPENS	2,054	2,958	8,264	35,500	(27,236)
Total EXPENSES - GENERAL	\$ 8,909	14,125	\$ 22,335	169,505	(147,170)
COMMITTEES EXPENSES					
FAMILY MINISTRIES	-	583	180	7,000	(6,820)
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL & COMMITTEES	2,441	900	3,163	10,800	(7,637)
EVANGELISM	-	667	-	8,000	(8,000)
HOSPITALITY	346	833	720	10,000	(9,280)
PROPERTY & GROUNDS	16,506	17,792	41,451	213,500	(172,050)
STEWARDSHIP	79	250	258	3,000	(2,743)
WORSHIP/MUSIC/ARTS	2,565	2,602	7,191	31,225	(24,034)
MISSION MINISTRIES	-	250		3,000	(3,000)
VISITATION	-	500		6,000	(6,000)
MEMBERS SUPPORT	-	417		5,000	(5,000)
SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY TEAM	2,075	1,667	2,775	20,000	(17,225)
Total COMMITTEES EXPENSES	\$ 24,011	\$ 26,460	\$ 55,737	\$ 317,525	\$ (261,788)
BENEVOLENCE					
GENERAL FUND BENEVOLENCE	1,000	2,958	1,000	40,500	(39,500)
Total BENEVOLENCE	\$ 1,000	2,958	\$ 1,000	40,500	\$ (39,500)
Total Expenses	\$ 62,925	75,300	\$ 149,624	\$ 908,600	\$ (758,976)
Change in unrestricted net assets	\$ (868)	\$ 417	\$ (9,230)	\$ -	\$ (9,230)

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Statement of Activities - Special Purpose, Restricted & Endowment Funds

February 28, 2019

	Feb. 28, 2019 Actual	Feb 28, 2019 Budget	Jan 1 - Feb. 28, 2019 Ac- tual	Annual Budget	Actual vs. Annual Budget Over (Under)
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND</b>					
Revenues					
INCOME					
DONOR RESTRICTED INCOME	1,766	-	2,615	-	2,615
Total INCOME	1,766	-	2,615	-	2,615
ENDOWMENT - INCOME					
Interest-Dividends	2,298	-	4,355	-	4,355
REALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)	2,649	-	(6,685)	-	(6,685)
UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)	40,040	-	206,361	-	206,361
MEMORIALS & OTHER INCOME		-	-	-	-
Total ENDOWMENT - INCOME	44,986	-	204,031	-	204,031
Total Revenues	46,752	-	206,646	-	206,646
TRANSFER OF FUNDS					
Transfer to/from General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to/from Endowment Fund	-	-	-	(90,000)	90,000
Total TRANSFER OF FUNDS	-	-	-	(90,000)	90,000
Total Revenues	\$ 46,752	\$ -	\$ 206,646	\$ (90,000)	\$ 296,646
Expenses					
RESTRICTED EXPENSES					
MANAGEMENT FEES-ENDOWMENT	1,677	-	3,302	-	3,302
RESTRICTED EXPENSES-OTHER	7,789	-	25,003	-	25,003
Total RESTRICTED EXPENSES	9,467	-	28,305	-	28,305
Change in restricted net assets	\$ 37,285	\$ -	\$ 178,341	\$ (90,000)	\$ 268,341

**Reminder Message from the Finance Office**

The Finance Office requests:

- 1) That all reimbursement requests be submitted to the Finance Office by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month of the purchase date. The Church closes its books each month and no reimbursement can be made for any month that has been closed.
- 2) That if you use a Church credit card, all receipts be turned in the week of the purchase. You can place these receipts in the box outside of the Accounting office. These receipts must be entered into accounts payable before the Church receives the credit card statement at the end of each month.

Thank you for your assistance. God's blessings.

Carolyn Myers, Bookkeeper

**St. John's Lutheran Church****Special Purpose Funds****2/28/2019**

	12/31/2018	2019 Total Deposits	2019 Disburse- ments	Bal
<b><u>Church - Unrestricted and Board Designated</u></b>				
Rilling Estate	34,775.00	-	-	34,775.00
	<b>34,775.00</b>	-	-	<b>34,775.00</b>
<b><u>Church - Board Designated</u></b>				
Bus Sales/Transportation	8,131.64	-	(340.77)	7,790.87
Capital Reserve	60,957.53	-	-	60,957.53
Cemetery Trust Earnings Distributions	13,000.00	-	(13,000.00)	-
Insurance Reimbursement	19,584.98	-	-	19,584.98
	<b>101,674.15</b>	-	<b>(13,340.77)</b>	<b>88,333.38</b>
<b><u>Church -Temporarily Restricted</u></b>				
Archives	110.13	-	-	110.13
Bricks for courtyard	3,809.77	-	-	3,809.77
Building/Restoration Fund.	15,313.02	1,490.00	-	16,803.02
CAM & Easter Sunrise Service	500.00	-	(255.02)	244.98
Campus Ministries	-	100.00	-	100.00
Candlebras	3,099.34	-	-	3,099.34
Choir & Choir Music	2,660.47	-	-	2,660.47
Columbarium	12,499.78	-	-	12,499.78
ELCA World Hunger	10.00	90.00	-	100.00
E.Minasian Scholarship	2,126.06	-	-	2,126.06
Family Retreat	360.00	-	-	360.00
Fiesta Nueva	821.83	288.00	(770.00)	339.83
Finance Peace	4,014.23	-	-	4,014.23
Habitat for Humanity	-	10.00	-	10.00
History Wall Fund	9,254.86	-	-	9,254.86
Meals on Wheels	120.00	20.00	-	140.00
Mem-Marian Brewer	2,432.37	-	-	2,432.37
Mission Trip-Guatemala 2018	2,279.93	-	-	2,279.93
Organ Fund	4,532.53	-	-	4,532.53
Railing and Door Restoratin	1,910.00	-	-	1,910.00
Rynning Memorial	2,839.23	-	-	2,839.23
Sanctuary-Art Carving	10,482.52	-	(6,000.00)	4,482.52
School Ministry	4,007.00	-	-	4,007.00
Sound Level Study	3,932.09	-	-	3,932.09
Sunday School	6.65	27.37	-	34.02
Youth Activity	1,472.51	60.00	-	1,532.51
Women's Retreat	5,223.80	530.00	(1,387.16)	4,366.64
<b>Total ChurchTemporarily Restricted</b>	<b>93,818.12</b>	<b>2,615.37</b>	<b>(8,412.18)</b>	<b>88,021.31</b>
<b>Total Special Funds</b>	<b>230,267.27</b>	<b>2,615.37</b>	<b>(21,752.95)</b>	<b>211,129.69</b>

## Treasurer's 2 Sense

(Making sense of Church Financials)

During our winter meeting in March a motion was brought to the floor to purchase new cushions for the church pews along with carpet and refurbishing the chairs. There was come objection to spending money on cushions and that more should be spent on benevolence.

One very important point that was not brought up at the time but should have been was the fact that the money that was earmarked to be used to purchase these cushions is from funds that are designated to be used in the church for upkeep. Had the motion not passed and been rejected, that money still could not have been spent on benevolence.

A second question that came up through this discussion was how much money is spent annually on benevolence? We budget 10% of the income of the member giving of the previous year. So, in 2017, member giving was \$300,000.00. 10% of that is 30,000.00 which was budgeted for 2018 benevolence giving. At budget preparation time (usually July and August) a list of areas for benevolent giving is reviewed by the budget team, Finance and Pastor to determine what if any changes are to be made to the previous year benevolent giving.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to ask. Next Month "What is a Budget and how does it work?"

Kent Rooen, Treasurer

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*Our Mission Statement: Remembering our heritage and reaching for the future by living in faith and growing through worship, study and service*



## FIESTA Nueva

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Sunday, April 28, 2019

Mariachi Service at 9:30 am

Fiesta Nueva – Following the Service until 3:30 pm

Free Admission

Food provided by

B Daddy's BBQ Food Truck

Caliente Grill Food Truck

North Shore Shave Ice/Tiki Hut.

Family Fun for All Ages

Entertainment will be Dirty River

Dixie Band, St. John's Holy Rollers,

San Antonio Music Academy

and more.

Rides & Games for children, Silent Auction, Raffle  
Free Parking (Limited)

St. John's Church Parking Lot SE corner of Nueva  
and S. St. Mary's

St. John's Church Parking Small Lot on S. St. Mary's  
Viva Fiesta Nueva