

# Tidings

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



What a mess...

In a nutshell, that is my honest, professional assessment following one year of closely listening and watching and making note of a whole assortment of different dynamics at work throughout our congregation. And of greatest concern is the ugly face of deep division that I previously named to you in an earlier edition of Tidings. Truth be told, the unrelenting divisiveness that has a stranglehold on St. John's is the most striking I have ever seen. It pulls our energy and spirit away from the many other necessary tasks which we surely ought to be doing as a church. In fact, the level of adversity that I have witnessed here is not only unhealthy, it is pathological. And, unless addressed, it will be the demise of this congregation.

But all is not lost. Really.

You see, one key purpose for which I was called to be the Senior Pastor of St. John's at this particular point in time was to bring structure, new direction, and intentional leadership among you, and it is quite evident that those key components have been lacking for a very long time.

Be assured that I have not and will not align myself to any faction within this congregation. My work and calling is so much greater than that. For the pastoral call that was issued to me by all of you tasks me with setting the tone, a new tone, for St. John's. The need for this is indisputable, and I am convinced that many of you are also truly hoping for and willing to work toward that new vision and spirit, as well.

Still, new approaches tend to upset old patterns and stubborn egos. On all sides. And sadly, yet predictably, there will be some who will continue to choose to work against whatever new directions we pursue together as a congregation.

Therefore, I am asking all of you to continue to remind one another of this new tone, especially when we catch each other slipping back into the old behaviors. The scheming that I have noticed being done by some here at St. John's only exacerbates the problem. As does the bullying that I have also seen. These are the very behaviors that perpetuate the whole mess and deepen the divide. So I am especially calling on those who serve on our Church Council and other positions of responsibility to personally model a healthier approach far and above everything else, in order to better lead everyone else by their own example.

Lastly, I will remind you of those wise words of Mother Teresa that I have shared with you before; hoping, yet again, that they may also become our words...

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

***Pastor Jim Dew***

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**"Mid-Week Word and Prayer"**

Every Wednesday at 12:15pm, beginning November 6<sup>th</sup>. (Bring a sack lunch of you wish.)

# ***First Friday Fridge Page***

The Worship and Music Arts Ministry team, along with Artistic Director, Rob Jenkins, is excited to announce the Fall 2019 line-up of performers for the First Friday Luncheon Concert Series.

Friday, September 6

## **Moipei Trio**

We're pleased to be featuring, once again, this audience favorite, of Triplet sisters from Kenya. Graduates of St. Mary's University their talent flows forth with many crowd-pleasing favorites, many arranged by the sisters, as well as classic favorites sprinkled in.

Friday, October 4

## **San Antonio Wind Symphony**

Small groups from San Antonio's favorite wind and brass ensemble will be delighting us with wonderful arrangements for the October recital. We will enjoy hearing the full ensemble two days later, Sunday evening, for an always exciting presentation of the Wind Symphonies majesty.

Sunday, October 6, at 7:00pm

## **San Antonio Wind Symphony**

This is a free concert and open to all

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

## **Robert Jenkins, Organist**

St. John's Organist, Rob Jenkins, will be presenting a concert of organ classics, from Bach and beyond.

Friday, December 6

## **Beethoven Damenchor**

In today's concert, we honor San Antonio's German heritage as we listen to a handful of secular pieces, as well as celebrating the Advent and Christmas music traditions through sacred and secular German choral offerings. There will be plenty of chances for the audience to participate in the singing!

First Friday's are presented at 12:05 pm in the historic St. John's sanctuary, at 502 East Nueva, with a wonderful luncheon directly following the recital in Memorial Hall, with a suggested \$5 donation. This luncheon has been directed by Dan Robison and his many friends for 11 years, with this series beginning our 12<sup>th</sup> season. God bless and we'll see you soon.

### **CAM Backpack Drive**

The Family Ministry committee would like to thank everyone who donated money and school supplies for CAM's backpack project. We donated backpacks full of supplies for one Holmes High School student, one Harmony Middle School student, and three Cameron Elementary School students. We appreciate everyone's generosity and timeliness (ALL supplies for which people signed up were turned in on time—you made our job easy!). Thanks again from the Family Ministry Committee, and thanks to all who participated in the project on their own as well!



### **Shower the People with Love**

Our first-time volunteering was August 10th. Dottie Bowels, Lynn Ed & Norma Jean Case, Mary Uranga & Janet Grun. We assisted 18 homeless clients & were on "Cloud 9" from knowing we had made a difference in their day. So many stories, so much gratitude, prayers & even song.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS for September 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-Noon. CAM provides showers from 9:30-11:50am. SHOWER THE PEOPLE WITH LOVE is part of our St John's Local Ministry Outreach ~ in partnership with CAM & the City of San Antonio. To volunteer, kindly contact Janet Grun @ 210-834-8052.



### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Albert Tietze Jr.  
Amy Hestilow  
Ashley Park  
Avery Pfeiffer  
Betty McCue  
Beverly Airheart  
Bill Neitzke  
Blake Eckhardt  
Blake Tondre  
Brian Schulmeier  
Bryan Glover  
Byron Davies  
Carol Riemenschneider  
Caroline Hahn  
Cody Johnson

David Caraway  
Deleyce Tietze  
Denise Stahl  
Elle Marie Anderson  
Emma Alexander  
Eryn Wilson  
Frank Burk  
Gillian Lopez  
Gloria Boenisch  
Gregory Dickson  
Hannah Harbour  
Henry Gemblar, Jr.  
Hudson Wadsworth  
Jack Love  
Jan Saathoff

Jeanie Bright  
Joshua Wadsworth  
Joyce Rickrim  
Kathi Crusius  
Kevin Haiduk  
Laurie Curry  
Leslye Mozisek  
Lisa Marie Warren  
Loreen Eckhardt  
Mary Ann Spivey  
Mary Ruth Shipp  
Nathan Gomez  
Nikkolas Thompson  
Nolan Hudel  
Ralph Detwiler

Reagan Mecke  
Rev. Toby Burk  
Riley Kowalik  
Robert Hein  
Ronald Paseur  
Shelby Kolmeier  
Shirl Halvorson  
Victor Schaper  
Wanda Kurth-Jones



# In Memoriam



*In Memory of Kevin Haiduk by Barry and Julie Shadrock*

*In Memory of Louis Blank by Barry and Julie Shadrock*

*In Memory of Eudell Odam by Sam Mendez*

*In Memory of Ernest Chavana, Sr. by Ernest Chavana*



September 2 – Church Office closed (Labor Day)

September 2 – Executive Committee @6pm

September 4 – Choir Practice Resumes

September 6 – First Friday Concert @12:05pm

September 9 – Congregational Council @7pm

September 29 – First Communion Sunday

*Please see the church's online calendar for a complete listing of meetings and events.*

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Your Stewardship Ministry Team is at work planning Stewardship activities for 2020.

We are focused this year on our discipleship in Christ as we each prayerfully consider what God would have us do. Our theme this year is grounded in the Word as we “Ask, Thank, and Tell.”

There are opportunities for all of us to be of service.

We are asking for your financial support of local and global ministries supported by St. John's and our broader ELCA ministries. We ask that you give as God would have you give, from what he has entrusted to you.



Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for 11/24/2019. This is the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. Please plan on joining us.

Brunch will be served immediately following the Worship Service. Please mark your calendars.

Thank you to each of you for your gifts of money, time and talent in support of our ministries.

Stewardship Ministry Team



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**October 13** – St. John's Queso Meltdown  
**November 2** – Third annual CAM Queso Meltdown



Bring a batch of your favorite Queso recipe to St. John's Queso Meltdown after worship on October 13. The winner will be St John's entry at CAM's Meltdown November 2. This is a fun way to support CAM's mission of serving the neediest in our community.

For information contact Ron or Ann Olson, or Bea Imken.

### Save the Date! National Night Out Coming to St. John's.

On October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 pm St. John's will be hosting a National Night Out event for the surrounding downtown community. All members are also invited to attend this event to get to know our downtown neighbors.

Plans are still underway, but include visits by the police and fire department mascots. There will also be other activities, sanctuary tours of our historic church, safety information, and of course food! Come join us for hot dogs and root beer floats. Additional details will be available closer to the event. If anyone is interested in helping during the event please contact Susan Dickson at 210-404-9610 or [sdwd4162satx.rr.com](mailto:sdwd4162satx.rr.com).

Hope to see you there.

The Evangelism Ministry Team



## Fiesta Nueva 2019



Thank you to all who attended Fiesta Nueva 2019! Everyone there seemed to have a very good time. The income was \$10,487.50, less expenses (\$6,695.47), Net Income \$4,613.86. The Family Ministry received \$1700, Mission Ministries and GRACE Retreats will receive \$1900. The



remaining will be used for seed money for Fiesta Nueva 2020. Fiesta Nueva 2020 will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2020 (*SAVE THE DATE*). Due to lack of parking, Fiesta Nueva will be moved into Memorial Hall and other areas of the church building. The Mariachi Service will be held in the church beginning at 9:30. We have invited the San Antonio Lutheran Coronation 2020 Court of Legends and Lords to participate at the Fiesta Nueva in Memorial Hall following the service. Thank you again for all who supported St. John's Fiesta Nueva Ministry.

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Statement of Activities -General Operating  
July 31, 2019

	July, 2019 Actual	July 31, 2019 Budget	Jan 1 -Jul 31, 2019 Actual	2019 Annual Budget	Actual vs. Annual Budget Over(Under)
<b>GENERAL OPERATING</b>					
<b>Revenues</b>					
INCOME					
GENERAL INCOME	\$ 25,711	22,075	\$ 138,329	\$ 264,900	\$ (126,571)
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION	-	-	-	-	-
EXTRA OFFERINGS	165	-	4,567	-	4,567
BEQUEST & ESTATES	-	-	-	-	-
PARKING LOT INCOME	38,303	45,833	229,738	550,000	(320,262)
CEMETERY OPERATING INCOME	-	100	525	1,200	(675)
CHURCH GROUP/PROGRAM INCOME	450	208	5,174	2,500	2,674
FUNDRAISING, NET	-	-	23	-	23
MISC - INCOME	500	-	3,978	-	3,978
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>65,129</b>	<b>68,217</b>	<b>382,334</b>	<b>818,600</b>	<b>(436,266)</b>
<b>TRANSFER OF FUNDS</b>					
Investment income - Transferred	-	7,500	90,000	90,000	-
Transfer from Endowment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total TRANSFER OF FUNDS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 65,129</b>	<b>75,717</b>	<b>\$ 472,334</b>	<b>\$ 908,600</b>	<b>\$ (436,266)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>SALARIES &amp; EXPENSES</b>					
PASTORAL SALARIES & EXPEN	11,015	11,124	78,374	133,490	(55,116)
LAY STAFF SALARIES & EXPE	21,930	20,632	151,110	247,580	(96,470)
CEMETERY SALARIES & EXPEN	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total SALARIES &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 32,945</b>	<b>\$ 31,756</b>	<b>\$ 229,485</b>	<b>\$ 381,070</b>	<b>\$ (151,585)</b>
<b>EXPENSES - GENERAL</b>					
GENERAL EXPENSES	6,145	8,613	45,477	103,355	(57,878)
PARKING LOT EXPENSES	7,567	2,554	24,278	30,650	(6,372)
CEMETERY OPERATING EXPENS	2,157	2,958	19,337	35,500	(16,163)
<b>Total EXPENSES - GENERAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,869</b>	<b>14,125</b>	<b>\$ 89,092</b>	<b>169,505</b>	<b>(80,413)</b>
<b>COMMITTEES EXPENSES</b>					
FAMILY MINISTRIES	-	583	6,622	7,000	(378)
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL & COMMITTEES	-	900	5,015	10,800	(5,785)
EVANGELISM	15	667	561	8,000	(7,439)
HOSPITALITY	66	833	2,778	10,000	(7,222)
PROPERTY & GROUNDS	18,960	17,792	116,944	213,500	(96,556)
STEWARDSHIP	65	250	580	3,000	(2,420)
WORSHIP/MUSIC/ARTS	88	2,602	17,257	31,225	(13,968)
MISSION MINISTRIES	28	250	2,028	3,000	(972)
VISITATION	-	500	-	6,000	(6,000)
MEMBERS SUPPORT	-	417	-	5,000	(5,000)
SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY TEAM	710	1,667	5,447	20,000	(14,553)
<b>Total COMMITTEES EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 19,933</b>	<b>\$ 26,460</b>	<b>\$ 157,233</b>	<b>\$ 317,525</b>	<b>\$ (160,292)</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>					
GENERAL FUND BENEVOLENCE	-	2,958	19,250	40,500	(21,250)
<b>Total BENEVOLENCE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>\$ 19,250</b>	<b>40,500</b>	<b>\$ (21,250)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 68,747</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>\$ 495,060</b>	<b>\$ 908,600</b>	<b>\$ (413,540)</b>
<b>Change in unrestricted net assets</b>	<b>\$ (3,618)</b>	<b>\$ 417</b>	<b>\$ (22,726)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (22,726)</b>

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Statement of Activities - Special Purpose, Restricted & Endowment Funds  
July 31, 2019

	July 31, 2019 Actual	July 31, 2019 Budget	Jan 1 - Jul 31, 2019 Actual	Actual vs. Annual Budget	Over(Under)
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND</b>					
Revenues					
INCOME					
DONOR RESTRICTED INCOME	6,800	-	72,899	-	72,899
Total INCOME	6,800	-	72,899	-	72,899
ENDOWMENT - INCOME					
Interest-Dividends	2,069	-	29,476	-	29,476
REALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)	3,926	-	36,197	-	36,197
UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)	(4,436)	-	248,213	-	248,213
MEMORIALS & OTHER INCOME	-	-	-	-	-
Total ENDOWMENT - INCOME	1,559	-	313,886	-	313,886
Total Revenues	8,359	-	386,784	-	386,784
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	\$ 8,359	\$ -	\$ 296,784	\$ (90,000)	\$ 386,784
Expenses					
RESTRICTED EXPENSES					
MANAGEMENT FEES-ENDOWMENT	1,692	-	11,678	-	11,678
RESTRICTED EXPENSES-OTHER	7,135	-	129,453	-	129,453
Total RESTRICTED EXPENSES	8,827	-	141,131	-	141,131
<b>Change in restricted net assets</b>	\$ (468)	\$ -	\$ 155,653	\$ (90,000)	\$ 245,653

## 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

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In the heart of the City  
St. John's Lutheran Church



A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation

**Church Council**

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Secretary~ **Caroline Nentwich**  
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**Members at Large:**

Mary Boehme \* Ed Case \* Susan Dickson  
Bonnie Eckhardt \* Bea Imken \* Brad Richie  
Dan Robison \* Belinda Schmidt \* Julie Shadrock  
Pat Conroy

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