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St. John's Lutheran Church Newsletter
March 2020 Edition

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



Dear People of God at St. John's,

The Season of Lent. Each year, we journey through these purple-colored weeks in remembrance of the forty days Jesus spent fasting and praying in the desert... wrestling with his own identity, seeking vision for all that lay ahead of him, and aligning his priorities with those of his Father in heaven.

We often think that Jesus spent those days in the wilderness completely alone. But do you know? He was never alone through any of it. The same Spirit of God who rested upon him at his baptism, and who then led him out into the desert, continued to remain there with him during the entire time. No matter how difficult those days were. No matter how lost or lonely he might have felt.

And whenever things become hard for you, and when you can't see light at the end of the tunnel... do you suppose God ever leaves you to your own devices? Not on your life! God's Holy Spirit goes with you into whatever valley you descend, to help you emerge better equipped, stronger than ever, and even more courageous than before. The Spirit's task is to help you too become a vessel which can be used over and over again by God's own hands.



That same Spirit is there for you...

To make you strong.

To give you courage.

To help you make a difference.

To change your attitude to the struggles you are facing.

And to give you faith in the God whose love for you never decreases.

Through the presence of the Spirit, God says to you:

"Know to whom you belong. You're mine! Your baptism is proof of that! And since you are mine, then I'm on your side. I'm for you. Whenever you face a difficult situation, it's the two of us facing it together. You can make a difference, because I'm with you. And if anyone can make a difference, I can!"

Here at St. John's, throughout this Season of Lent, we will be offering the opportunity for you to connect a bit more closely with the ever-abiding Holy Spirit of God. In addition to our regular, ongoing 12:15pm gathering in the chapel each Wednesday for Word, Silence, and Prayer, I will also be offering an additional, yet identical 6:15pm gathering throughout the five regular Wednesdays in Lent for all who wish to participate.

(Lenten Suppers will begin at 5:30pm. Choir practice will remain at 7:00pm.)

May you allow God to embrace and use you, not only during this Lenten season, but in and through all times and all seasons. And may you also become God's hands, voice, and touch upon our world.

Pastor Jim Dew

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 Bryan Phillip Petry
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 5 Russell Brown
 6 Susan Dickson
 8 Dennis Jandt
 12 Debbie Arnold
 Shelby Cauble
 Dennis Johnson
 13 Louis Blank III



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 17 Lillian Eckhardt
 18 Glenn Behrens
 19 J.T. Mecke
 Stephen Spivey
 Paul Wilson
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 24 Stuart Spivey
 26 Hailee Hayman
 28 Tammy Dorsey
 Madeline Weaver
 29 Gaelyn Burk
 Lizzy Wilson
 30 Tony White
 William Witte
 31 Madison Peavler



- 1 - Congregational Meeting 11:00 AM
- 2 - Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 PM
- 6 - First Friday Concert 12:05 PM
- 8 - Confirmation Instruction 11:00 AM
- Mission Team Meeting 11:00 AM
- Care Bag Assembly 11:00 AM
- 9 - Congregation Council Meeting 6:15 PM
- 10 - Fiesta Team Meeting 6:30 PM
- 11 - 14 ELCA Youth Gathering Team Leaders
- 15 - Worship Team Meeting 11:00 AM



Lilies for Easter Sunday Worship may be given in honor of or memory of special friends or loved ones. The lilies will be yours to take home after Easter Worship. The cost is \$ 10 per plant. Detach this order form and using an envelope, place in the offering plate with your check or cash. Also you may send your order to the church office.

..... DETACH

(please print)

Given by: _____ No. of plants ____ @ \$ 10 \$ _____ Amount due

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Order deadline is Friday, March 27

**St. John's Lutheran Church
of San Antonio, TX
Spring Congregational Meeting
March 1, 2020
Agenda**

1. Opening Worship
2. President's Report
3. Secretary's Report
(Minutes & Statistics)
4. Pastor's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Benediction

PLEASE REMEMBER

In addition to your regular offering, kindly bring one or two non-perishable food items or travel-size personal care products and place in the CAM grocery cart located in Memorial Hall each Sunday. Every Monday a volunteer delivers the items to CAM.



Women of ELCA Gathering

**July 16-19 2020
Phoenix, Arizona**

**For more information:
www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page**

FAMILY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Family Ministry Committee will begin in mid-February to stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. We would appreciate it if the congregation would donate bags of candy for the hunt. A box will be available in Memorial Hall for your donations.

Thank you very much!

Deadline for April TIDINGS is March 15

Scholarship Information

The Scholarship Application for 2020-2021 may be requested from the church office.

Detailed instructions are included in the application.

The Application deadline is March 31, 2020 with no exceptions.

**St. John's 16th Annual Fiesta Nueva
Celebration
Sunday, April 19, 2020**

Fiesta Season will be here before the cascarones are cracked and the mariachis start to sing
Get ready St. John's Familia –

Commemorative Annual Tee-Shirts, Official Medals, along with Raffle Chances will be ready to purchase beginning **SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020** - before and after worship at the Reception Desk inside the entry of the Education Building. That same week, we are mailing to your casa - order forms for *Tee-Shirts, Official Medals along with 6 Raffle Chances. Tee-shirt orders must be placed no later than Sunday, March 29, 2020. Tees will be delivered at the church on Sunday, April 12, 2020. A return envelope will be provided in this mailing. Checks should be written to St. John's and referenced: Fiesta Nueva 2020. And "oh - sí sí" you can bring your order forms with check or cash to the church with you, too.



Profits from Fiesta Nueva are contributed to support the St. John's ministries.

Arriba, Olé ... Fiesta Nueva is "on the way"VIVA FIESTA St. John's !!

Fiesta Nueva is an Official Fiesta Commission Event since 2009.

**Sunday, March 8
2:00 AM**



Word, Silence and Prayer

Wednesdays during Lent

12:15 PM

6:15 PM

**March 4, 11, 18, 25 and
April 1**

Upcoming Retreat Opportunities in 2020

Camp Chrysalis, Kerrville TX - <https://crosstrails.org> September 4-7 Family & Friends Labor Day Retreat

Luther Hill, LaGrange TX - <http://lutherhill.org> March 6-8 Unwind Ladies' Retreat
April 3-5 Spring Family Retreat

Mo Ranch, Hunt TX - <https://www.moranch.org> May 1-3 Men's Retreat
May 29-31 Women's Retreat
October 9-11 Mother-Daughter Weekend

Cedarbrake Retreat Center, Belton TX - <https://austindiocese.org/cedarbrake>

March 13-15, 2020 Silent Lenten Retreat

In Memoriam

In memory of Mourette Boehme By Shawn and Patsy Stevens
By Viola Caraway

Mission Trip 2020 to Sololá, Guatemala June 7 - 14, 2020

It is time to put our mission team together for a summer trip. If you are interested in being a part of this team or would like additional information contact: Bea Imken 210-878-7874 or beafitt@gmail.com



The congregation is asked to donate fruit and apple or orange juice for the Easter taco breakfast. A sign-up sheet will be provided in Memorial Hall. Please label donations and place in the refrigerator on Palm Sunday, April 5.

SHOWER THE PEOPLE WITH LOVE

A Mission Outreach of St. John's Lutheran

Beginning in July of 2019, this program has been received well by the homeless community, the City of San Antonio and CAM's supporting volunteer congregations. Since its inception, SHOWERS has served 404 homeless persons with approximately 1400 showers using an 8 - stall shower trailer which is on the campus of CAM.

The City has purchased a \$58,500 new shower trailer which will accommodate 4 clients at a time, for 20 minute warm showers. It will be staffed by volunteers at the CAM location at 110 McCullough. The programs hours and days will be Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays. VOLUNTEERS are needed from 9:00 am to 12 Noon. Volunteer tasks include check-in/registration, property room, escort, inside and outside shower chaperones.

More volunteers from St. John's are needed to provide help 2nd Saturday of each month. - the dates are March 14, April 10, May 9th and June 13th. If you are available for any or all of these dates, please let me know. Please realize - it's not our "sole responsibility" for those dates as other volunteers will be there to help!!

I hope you will join me sharing the pride of being a vital part of this program in such a short amount of time. See....we CAN make a difference when we show up and "Shower the People with Love".

Thanks Be to God

Janet Grun, Volunteer Coordinator
210-834-8052, janetgrun@gmail.com
Shower the People with Love
Mission Outreach Team

Blessing of the quilts will be Sunday, March 29

First Friday Concert Series
March 6 at 12:05 PM
Featuring: San Antonio Liederkrantz
Tom Ewing, Director
Robert Jenkins, Accompanist

Performing works from the sacred German repertoire.



Altar Flowers

Providing altar flowers is a great way to honor or memorialize or to recognize a special event. With your preferred florist, set-up the delivery of the two arrangements for no later than noon on Friday. You may also bring the arrangements, and place them on the stands next to the altar before 9:00 am on Sunday morning. You can email the church office: info@stjohnssa.org no later than noon on Wednesday to indicate the message you would like printed in the bulletin. There is a Flower Chart Sign-Up sheet currently in Memorial Hall to reserve the date you would like to provide the flowers. Any questions about this process, please call Rosemary Petry (evenings: 210-213-1512.)

Making a Difference

A few years ago, I remember seeing a rather interesting two-page advertisement in a popular magazine. On the left-hand page, in large print, were these words:

Myth: My giving doesn't make a difference.

But on the right-hand page, again in large print, were these other words:

Reality: It does.

That same thing is true in our churches! There will always be some folks who believe the myth that their giving (or lack of) doesn't make much of a difference. They figure that there are enough other people whose giving provides all the funds needed to carry on the mission and ministry of the church. So, what difference could just one person or household make?

But in reality, everyone's part makes a difference. Just as one brick missing from a wall causes the entire wall to be weakened, so each person's part is essential as we continually build upon the church's foundation of faith.

So... Thank you!

Thank you for realizing that your own financial support of the work of the church is essential. And essential, not only here at St. John's, but well beyond our walls and property line.

(In fact, as a parish pastor and spouse, Maria's and my monthly tithe to God is designed to be markedly different than yours in the fact that its entirety is sent out beyond the doors of this congregation as benevolence to a number of ministries and agencies that we have supported for many years. Some of it is also sent straight to the synod office at the beginning of each month in order to strengthen some of this synod's own important mission work.)

And thank you, as well, for your own practice of daily prayer, and weekly worship, and the daily living-out of the Gospel.

Through you... a real and positive difference is made.

Pastor Jim and your St. John's Stewardship Team



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please remember to notify the church office whenever you make a visit to any of our homebound members. Thanks!



Alamo/Cibolo Creek Conference

Spring Gathering



March 21, 2020 - 8:30 AM – 3:15 PM

Christ the King Lutheran Church

1129 Pat Booker Rd, Universal City, TX 78148

Theme: *Finding your passion; nurturing your gifts*

Theme Verse: *Colossians 3:17*

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Judith Spindt

Physical Offering: Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program - RACAP
Non-perishable food items & hygiene products needed
(<https://www.racap.org/>)

Monetary Offering: 25% - Southwest Texas Synod
25% - 2020 Triennial Expenses
50% - Churchwide WELCA

Registration Fee: \$20.00 **Return Registration Form and Payment By: March 9, 2020*



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Your conference? (please circle one): Alamo or Cibolo Creek

Your home church: _____

Are you a first-time conference attendee? Yes ☐ No ☐

Gluten Free Lunch Option? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please make checks payable to: CTK WELCA Registration Fee: \$20.00

Mail form to: Lisa Lopez: 22914 Malabar Peak, San Antonio, TX 78261

Questions? Contact the conference coordinator, Dawn Young: dyoung@qvec.net or 210-413-6121



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#BIGGIVE2020

Join us on March 26th for the biggest day of monetary donations to non-profit organizations in San Antonio! Donate to your favorite non-profit ...CAM! For 24-hours, you, your friends, your family, your co-workers, ANYONE can monetarily donate to the nonprofit(s) of your choosing. Anyone who donates to CAM is helping us maintain our day-to-day services to help those in need in the San Antonio community.

CAM provides many services to meet clients' immediate and physical needs while also addressing the needs of the mind and soul. Every person who comes to CAM, regardless of beliefs, is welcome and will be served. Help is extended to all clients through the distribution of:

Food • Clothing • Financial Assistance
Referrals to Other Agencies • Prayer and a Listening Ear

YOUR DONATION CAN GO SO FAR...

- \$25 Bus passes for those trying to get to a job interview
- \$50 Can prevent someone's utilities from being disconnected
- \$100 Can provide backpacks & school supplies for children
- \$250 Can feed a family of 4 for a month





CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE PAIR AT A TIME

Donate your new or gently used shoes during our Soles4Souls Shoe Drive!

CAM helps people living in poverty gain dignity, courage and hope. When you donate new or gently used shoes, you're helping people get back on their feet, literally!

We need men's and women's shoes of all sizes & brands, children's shoes of all sizes & brands, and men's work boots.

When: February - March 31st

Where: CAM 110 McCullough or 5084 DeZavala Rd.

Contact: Sarah Kory at 210-223-4099 or
skory@cam-sa.org for more
information



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The mission of CAM is to share the love of Christ by providing immediate assistance and encouragement to people in crisis.



April 5 will be our potluck and Easter Egg hunt in Hemisfair Park, immediately following worship.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Reminder Message from the Finance Office

The Finance Office requests:

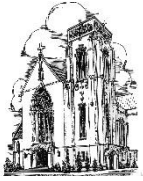
- 1) That all reimbursement requests be submitted to the Finance Office by the 5th of the following month of the purchase date. The Church closes its books each month and no reimbursement can be made for any month that has been closed.
- 2) That if you use a Church credit card, all receipts be turned 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

Financial reports are produced monthly and reviewed by the Congregation Council. These reports and Council minutes are available by request from the church office. For more information, please contact Eric at 210-223-2611 or at eric.ryniker@stjohnssa.org

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since 1857*

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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

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