

# Gidings

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



Dear People of God at St. John's,

Maybe you noticed over the past few Sundays, whether you've been worshipping in-person or online, that in the appointed Gospel Readings, Jesus has been sharing a whole variety of parables that use the image of seeds.

So let's talk for just a moment about seeds. Not ordinary seeds, but holy seeds. The type that God the Sower is constantly seeking to plant into your and my lives. The kind which the Holy Spirit is continuously nudging us to scatter among the lives of all those other people with whom we walk or work or interact with.

Such seeds seldom grow without nourishment, without time and patience, and without a bit of struggle. In fact, everything that grows, involves struggle. You and me included. Because conditions for growth are seldom ideal.

And yet, don't ever think that the seeds which God is continually planting in our lives... don't ever think that they are not growing. And don't be tempted to discount even the tiniest of those seeds, nor the tiniest examples of grace taking place around you, taking root, seeking to grow...

For you and I have been promised that this marvelous God of ours, who began His good work in us, will bring it to full completion. Even when it doesn't appear so. Even when our eyes can't see it. Even when we grow tired of waiting and become discouraged or even dismayed.

But here's a little exercise to help you, yourself, grow...

Even while you are patiently (or perhaps, impatiently) waiting for those seeds of God to come to blossom, take the time to find again right there in Matthew, Chapter 13, the handful of parables in which Jesus uses seeds as examples to teach us about the ways of the Reign of God. Sit with them. Pray with them. And allow them to germinate within you, as well.

(I would love to hear from you what you learn and discover from this small spiritual exercise.)

May God give us eyes to see the growth of the Kingdom, not only among us, but all around us. And may God also help and use us to be cultivators of those very seeds.

**Pastor Jim Dew**



## Sunday Schedule

**8:30 AM Pastor's Class in the Sanctuary**

**10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary (live streamed)**

### Happy Birthday in August

2 Barbara Reed  
Renay Jandt  
3 Kevin Scott Baker  
Melissa Nedbalek  
4 Julie Mason  
Mary Ann Spreen  
5 Pearl Alvarez  
Alwin Schaefer  
6 Claudine Michalek  
7 Janet Grun

10 Estella Eckhardt  
11 William Rickrim  
12 Geraldine Nichols  
14 Ken Taggart  
15 Kermit Crenwelge  
Stephen Wendel  
Gail Zoll  
16 Barrett Walker  
Junius Wehe  
17 Liam Neal  
Patrick Neal  
Ronald Ressmann  
Belinda Schmidt

18 David Lowther  
21 Douglas Bornemann  
22 Kaiden Dorsey  
23 Brendan Warren  
26 Elizabeth Ressmann  
Jeremy Tietze  
29 Jacob Jandt  
30 Kathy Cobb  
Judith Zipp



### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, August 30  
Memorial Hall, 8:00 am – 12 noon  
If you can help, contact  
Bea Imken at 210-878-7874  
or email her, [beafitt@gmail.com](mailto:beafitt@gmail.com)

### **FIESTA NUEVA**

**Fiesta Nueva has been canceled for 2020. Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 18th, 2021. All Fiesta Nueva raffle tickets already sold will be honored in 2021. More information to come! Viva Fiesta**



**August 10–16 Pastor Jim Vacation**

**Word, Silence, and Prayer will not meet on August 12**

**Pastor's Class will not meet on August 16**

## **In Memoriam**

### **In memory of Frances Bara**

**Given by: Jack and Susan Park  
Tom Dannelley  
Maurice and Michele Deaver  
Karen Driskill  
Ralph and Carol Detwiler  
Ron and Belinda Schmidt**

### **In Memory of Larry Foster**

**Given by: Ralph and Carol Detwiler  
Frank and Gaelyn Burk  
Ron and Belinda Schmidt**

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

**Given by: Betty Joyce Chavana and family**

### **In Memory of John H. Chavana**

**Given by: Betty Joyce Chavana and family**

### **In Memory of John P. and Marie Antoinette Chavana**

**Given by: Betty Joyce Chavana and Family**

### **In Memory of Richard Collier, Jr.**

**Given by: Sharon Collier  
"Rich" Collier III and family**

### **In Memory of Paul Wilson**

**Given by: Maurice and Michele Deaver  
Ralph and Carol Detwiler  
Ron and Belinda Schmidt**

### **In Memory of Arlene Schirmer**

**Given by: Ron and Belinda Schmidt**

### **In Memory of Thomas A. Chavana**

**Given by: Betty Joyce Chavana and family**

### **In Memory of Alvin H. and Ellen Hartman, Sr.**

**Given by: Betty Joyce Chavana and  
family**

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## **Honorarium**

**In honor of Pastor Jim and Maria Dew and the previous pastors of  
St. John's Lutheran Church and their spouses.**

**Given by: Betty Joyce Chavana and family**



After COVID 19 started spreading in our community, many of us were looking for ways to help. Unfortunately, some of us were asked to stay home and not volunteer due to our age. But we want to help, and we can help. Providing sandwiches and clothing items for our homeless friends are a great help to CAM. Volunteers from St. John's have delivered over 1,300 sandwiches to date, along with hygiene products for their shower program, and gently used women's and men's clothing and shoes. If you would like to join us in this ministry, please text me: 210-878-7874 or email me: [beafitt@gmail.com](mailto:beafitt@gmail.com).

*"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something" Max Lucado.*

Blessings,

Bea Imken

## St. John's Quilters

A quilt is special! It can bring warmth on a cold night and shelter from the sun on a hot day. It can become a bed, a room divider, a backpack to carry belongings and at times, even a home.



A big THANK YOU to all our St. John's quilters: Barbara Bornemann, Viola Caraway, Michele Deaver, Carol Germain, Janet Grun, Karen Iredale, Mary Jane Schessenhagen, Alva Schulmeier, and Deleyce Tietze. 52 quilts were finished and are being stored at Zion Lutheran Church for eventual shipping to a warehouse in new Windsor, MD.

In 2019, quilts were shipped to 24 countries. The total number was 333,405.

If you are interested in helping make quilts or would like to donate materials, please contact Carol Detwiler 210-71-5159.



# Congratulations!

**Julie Ann Mason received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio in Multidisciplinary Studies, Magna Cum Laude**

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**Patrick Conroy will attend Indiana University**

**Paul Conroy will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point**

### Scholarship Winners

**Wesley Arnold will attend The University of North Texas**

**Felipa Mendez is hopeful to attend law school**

**Olivia McKenna-Stevens will attend Nazareth College**

**Christian Stevens will continue his studies at St. Mary's University**

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### **Reminder Message from the Finance Office**

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](mailto:eric.ryniker@stjohnssa.org)



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***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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