

Findings

St. John's Lutheran Church Newsletter
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God's work. Our hands.



Dear People of God at St. John's,

As we transition from these summer months into the fall allow me to offer just a few assorted items

Many of you have heard that we have received the resignations of Michael Bade, our Director of Music, along with that of Rob Jenkins, our Organist. Both of them, with their combined leadership and talent, have contributed immensely to our music ministry here at St. John's. Our love and prayers go with each of them as they follow their hearts toward new horizons and we will miss their presence and great work among us. We will officially bid the two of them farewell and Godspeed at the close of worship on Sunday, September 6th.

We have also accepted the resignation of Tom Dannelley, our Administrative Assistant, who will be returning back home up the road to the Belton area later in the month. In the short time that Tom has been with us, he has repeatedly impressed me with his ever-positive and engaging spirit.

And, sadly, we recently have also had to place on furlough Lindsey Murray, our Sunday School Coordinator. Until we are able to safely resume our full Sunday morning schedule, along with many other congregational activities, we will miss seeing her friendly face and hope to invite her back when we are able.

On a different note

This year's Confirmation Class will take on an entirely new form as we move into an online format using Zoom. I am pleased to share that we've got ten young people representing eight households participating in the class this year and I have been busy creating a brand-new curriculum to make full use of that new venue. Our first class gathering is Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00pm. Even though I will be sharing the link also by email to each household, the Zoom invitation for that evening is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81376707366>.

And just one other item

I received an email from Pastor David Lose earlier this week with the great reminder that God is still at work, no matter what we might otherwise perceive. More than that, the Holy Spirit continues to show up in a whole variety of ways to create faith, hope, and love during these unprecedented times. In the cards, text messages, and phone calls that are currently having to take the place of in-person home and hospital visits. In the kindness and responsibility demonstrated toward the well-being of others by wearing masks in public spaces. In the extra gifts graciously given to both the church and to local help agencies. In the willingness to adapt to simplified liturgies, online gatherings, and any number of other adjustments until our lives are finally able to return to normal.

Yes, there are challenges. But God is still sustaining us in faith, equipping us to meet the needs of our neighbor, renewing us in hope and courage, and working through us for the sake of the world which God so loves.

Please know of my prayers for your continued health and hope and well-being.

Pastor Jim Dew



In memory of Arlene Schirmer

**by Fred and Maria Pfeiffer
by Kenneth and Mary Boehme**

In memory of Frances Bara

**by Fred and Maria Pfeiffer
by Douglas and Kathy Cobb
by Kenneth and Mary Boehme
by John and Sally Conrad**

In memory of Harold Spivey

by Kenneth and Mary Boehme

In memory of Larry Foster

**by Fred and Maria Pfeiffer
by Douglas and Kathy Cobb
by Kenneth and Mary Boehme
by Maurice and Michelle Deaver
by Jack and Susan Park
by Ron Stinson**

In memory of Paul Wilson

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by Kenneth and Mary Boehme
by Douglas and Kathy Cobb
by Ron Stinson**

In memory of Samuel Alvarado

by Maurice and Michelle Deaver

Sunday Schedule

8:30 AM Pastor's Class in the Sanctuary

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

Thank You, Michael!

On behalf of the Worship Ministry Team and St. John's Lutheran Choir, I want to thank Michael Bade for his leadership, devotion, and hard work. He has spent many hours working with us in developing our voices, directing the choir and singing solos along with his beautiful wife, Alisha. He has spent much time coordinating and scheduling musicians, special concerts, as well as many other things. Michael will certainly be missed, and we wish him much success and happiness for future years to come.

Ross Halvorson

Thank You, Rob!

On behalf of the Worship Ministry Team and St. John's Lutheran Choir, I want to thank Rob Jenkins for his dedication and years of service here at the church which includes, Organist, Administrative Assistant, and First Friday Director. He will be missed, and I wish him much success and happiness for years to come.

Ross Halvorson

**Congratulations to
Kevin Baker and Esmeralda Robledo
who were married on July 11, 2020**



2nd Henry Gembler

5th Robert Hein

Jack Love

Mary Ruth Shipp

6th David Caraway

7th Elle Marie Anderson

Nolan Hudel

8th Ashley Park

Carol Riemenschneider

10th Gloria Boenisch

Deleyce Tietze

14th Loreen Eckhardt

Caroline Hahn

Reagan Mecke

Mary Ann Spivey

18th Denise Stahl

21st Kathi Crusius

22nd Frank Burk

Gregory Dickson

23rd Shelby Kolmeier

24th Ralph Detwiler

Joyce Rickrim

26th Albert Tietze, Jr.

28th Brian Schulmeier

Growing Generosity Through Legacy Planning

The Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest will offer "Growing in Generosity--Legacies That Last," webinar on legacy planning for family and ministry. The webinar will be offered at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on two Wednesdays – Sept. 9 and Sept. 23 – and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13. Please sign up for the one that works best for you using the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FAnTBa1rRyaP-E6ZSGT4Cw

This webinar is open to all congregational members to learn more about the Foundation's comprehensive legacy planning services for family and ministry. The Foundation is a partner ministry of the three ELCA synods in Texas and offers its services at no cost and no obligation.

All members of ELCA congregations are invited to participate in these webinars. Those who may have additional questions or need assistance with registration are invited to contact Deacon John Dellis, senior gift planner for congregations in the Southwestern Texas Synod, at (830) 305-2758 or jdellis@lfsw.org.



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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



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