

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH P.O. BOX 518

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#### A Note From Pastor Jim ....

As a reminder, our midweek Lenten Schedule with sermon titles follows:

- "Water into Wine" Mar 9
  - "Healing Nobleman's Son" 16
  - "Lame Man Walks" 23
  - "Feeding Thousands" 30
- "Calming the Storm" Apr 6
  - "Blind Eyes Opened" 13
  - 20 No Service
  - 21 Maundy Thursday/Communion "Resurrection of Lazarus"
  - 22 Good Friday

Since I write these words prior to the February 27th vote, I do not know the outcome nor do I care to guess. I leave the results up to our Lord Jesus Christ. I do not worry over it, for worry is for nonbelievers and pagans (See the 28th's Gospel lesson). Committed believing Christians will vote either way. Remember that the Church of Jesus Christ is His believers and not a denomination or some building on a corner.

Amen.

Pastor Benson

# HAPPY 5 – Debra Barker BIRTHDAY 7 – Amber Goynes 2 – Gayle Albrecht 5 – Kendra Castaneda 10 – Elizabeth Turner Tracy Karnei 7 – Kristofer Karnei 9 – Brooke Bochat Eric Smith 11 – Wally Lang 12 – Meghan Karnei 13 – Shelby Allen Shawna Cornish Glenda Pompa 15 – Olivia Riggs 19 – Tim Westphal 22 – Jennifer Barker **Tristan Smith** 25 – Christy Paulsgrove

Jake Schneider

26 - Randy Riggs

#### HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

4 6 – Tim & Wanda Cornish	8 – Kevin & Ivy Willms			
$\sim 11 - \text{Randy & Christy Riggs}$	15- Lee & Lavon Meyer			
– Henry & Johnnie Hausmann	27 - Steve & Christy Paulsgrove			
30 – Kenneth & Carol Bayer				



Haley Wimberly

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES** 

12 – Vicki Wimberly

Glenda Pompa

Adeline Haak

- 14- Kendra Castaneda
- 19 Wanda Cornish
- 20 Dorothy Foerster
- 24 Tracy Karnei
- 25 Lyle Schendel
- 26 Jenni Diehl
  - Sara Willms
- 28 Louise Krahn
- 29 Kaitlynd Fromme
- 30 Brandon Scherer
- 31 Cindy Shelton
- Apologies If we missed your special date, please call 645-3330 to help us make corrections.

# ST. John's Women of the ELCA

## Martha Circle

March 1 @ 9:30 Program: Jimmie Dale Rader Sunday Morning Setup & Clean Up **Rebekah's Lunch Bunch** 

March 8 @ 12:00 Noon Devotion: Cristy Billo Bring completed school kits Visitation

## **Ruth Circle**

March 8 @ 10:00 Prayer & Program: Mary Lou Fromme <u>Sarah Circle</u> March 16 @ 6:00 PM Devotion: Karie Wimberly Bring completed school kits

# UNITY Meeting~ March 15 6:00: Rebekah's Lunch Bunch

Projects for Month: Support Lenten Suppers+++ March 19~Victoria Conference Spring Gathering, St. Mark's Cuero~ registration is due March 11 +++ Unity Meeting March 15 @6:00+++ Pack Circle Kits

+++ Women's Day Out ~ Victoria Theatre +++

# St. John's 2011 Church Council And Officers

President: Merle Otwell motwell@hughes.net 649-5688

Vice President: Lavon Meyer lavonm@wildblue.net 936-825-4955

Secretary: Mary Lea Pfenninger mpfenninger@esc3.net 649-2442

Treasurer: LaNell Ressmann lanellr@att.net 571-3456

Members:

Harry Heil 645-3109

Jimmie Dale Rader 645-3695

Leslie Zillig 645-3702

Allene Bethke, Charles Bluntzer, Ruby Borth, Gary Breech, Blake Cornish, Betty Cullum, Alfred Gebbert, Pastor Bill Hassel, Morris Dale (Trey) Hoffmann III, Ted Long, Lillian Moore, Mary Lea Pfenninger, Betty Parish, Zach Paulsgrove, Samantha Stehling, Wayne Willeford *Our Home Bound:* Ruby Pfenninger *Those in Care Facilities:* Iona Berger, Dessie Crim, Roy Gottschald, Wilton Gruetzmacher, Georgia Hoff, Nona Kling, Dolores Ressman, Minnie Sheppard, Genelle Urban

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Attendance Offering		<u>Offering</u>	Monday Night
2-06-11	67	\$2,235.50	<b>Bible Study</b>
2-13-11	77	\$1,738.00	7:00 pm
2-20-11	97	\$2,062.01	In the Parish Hall
<b>REBEKAH LUNCH BUNCH MET</b> at noon Feb. 8. Four members were			The Prayer Shawl
present. Kelly opened with prayer, and Debbie had the devotional.			Ministry Will Meet at 1:30, March 9
The general offering was \$35 , of which half was designated		0	For further information, call Martha Oehlke 645-3042
for the Spring Gathering. The offer-			
ing for Barnyard Animals was \$11.			St. John's Women Of the
A discussion was held for the			ELCA Are Invited
Women's Day Out in March. A Lenten Supper will be hosted jointly by Rebekah and Ruth Circles on March 23.			To A Bunco Party
			Sunday March 6, From 2-4
			P.M. at St. John's Myersville
Nex	t Unity m	eeting will be	Please RSVP By March 2
March 15. Rebekah Lunch Bunch			Mary Wagner 275-9500
will meet March 8. Christy will have		hristy will have	Shirley Wendel 277-3939
the devotion.			Marlene Dreier-Rangnow 277-5544

# St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at Blue Quail Restaurant and called to order at 6:05 PM by President Merle Otwell. Members present were Merle Otwell, Jimmie Dale Rader, Leslie Zillig, Lavon Meyer, LaNell Ressmann, Mary Lea Pfenninger, and Harry Heil. Outgoing member Christy Paulsgrove was also present. Pastor Benson also attended and gave a short devotion and opened the meeting with a prayer.

There were no congregational members present.

The Council members enjoyed a meal and fellowship before the regularly scheduled meeting.

#### **Business Meeting**

The January council minutes were reviewed. LaNell moved and Harry seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Lavon gave the treasurer's report. After review by the council members, LaNell moved and Harry seconded that they be approved as submitted. Motion carried. The financial report submitted by John Drier was reviewed.

The March calendar was reviewed by all. Additions and corrections were discussed and made as needed.

Mail was also reviewed and acted upon as needed. A letter from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Runge was read along with the accompanying missive from the Interim Pastor. The letter will be posted on the bulletin board. A request for a donation to the Shattered Dreams program was considered. The Council approved to use the Local Benevolence line item in the budget and donate \$500 to this worthy cause.

# Committee Reports:

La Nell reported on her work on the voting membership list. She reported that there are 163 eligible voters. Pastor will write a letter to inactive members to encourage their participation in our church family.

# Old Business

Leslie also reported he met with Royce Krueger, a structural engineer from Krueger Construction. Mr. Krueger came out and looked at the wall structure for no fee. Mr. Krueger will be sending a report on what measures should be undertaken to correct the wall structure problem. This report will be used when considering a firm to make the repairs.

## New Business

*Election of officers*: The floor was opened for nominations for president. Harry nominated and Leslie seconded Merle Otwell for president. With no further nominations, nomination ceased. The motion carried. The floor was then open for nominations for vice president. Leslie moved and Harry seconded the nomination of Lavon Meyer. With no further nominations, nomination ceased. The motion carried. The floor was opened for nominations for treasurer. Leslie moved and Harry seconded the nomination of LaNell Ressmann. With no further nominations, nomination ceased. The motion carried. The floor was then open for nomination of LaNell Ressmann. With no further nominations, nomination ceased. The motion carried. The floor was then open for nomination of LaNell Ressmann. With no further nominations, nomination ceased. The motion carried. The floor was then open for nomination of LaNell Ressmann. With no further nominations, nomination ceased. The motion carried. The floor was then open for nomination of LaNell Ressmann. With no further nominations, nomination ceased. The motion carried. The floor was then open for nomination ceased. The motion carried. The floor was then open for nomination ceased. The motion carried. The floor was then open for nomination for secretary. LaNell moved and Leslie seconded the nomination of Mary Lea Pfenninger. With no further nominations, nomination ceased. The motion carried. Christy Paulsgrove was thanked for her years of faithful service to St. John's.

*Quarterly Congregational meetings* were discussed. It was decided that at each Pot Luck Luncheon, Council members would give a short "Informational Update" before the meal. Since the Pot Luck Luncheons fall quarterly, it was decided that this would meet the need.

*The Special Congregational meeting* on February 27th was discussed. All requirements set down by the Constitution were reviewed and would be met. The specific wording of the motion to join with the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) was discussed. Merle would contact Pastor Tim Muehlbrad in Yorktown to finalize the wording and report via email to the Council members. *Pastor Benson* then reported on Easter Services. Sunrise Service will be at 7:00; 8:00 Easter Breakfast and Fellowship; 9:00 Easter Egg Hunt; 10:15 Sunday Service followed immediately by the Cemetery Service.

With no further business Harry moved and Leslie seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lea Pfenninger Council Secretary

Church Council **Meeting Tuesday** March 8, 6:00