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SISTERS IN CHRIST LUNCHEON


Saturday, September 27th from 11:00 am-2:00 pm, focusing on "The Fruit of The Spirit"



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Nick Amato, Elroy Boehl, Billye Berger, Diana Colon,
Phyllis Franke, Adeline Haak, Joyce Mollicone, Cindy Shelton,
Melvin Straube, Sherry Harvey, Mildred Heinold, Spencer Pfen-
ninger, Molly Turner, Gladys Weise, Linda Yanta, Milam Von Rad-
er, Newton Warzecha, Ray Zillig, Virginia Zillig

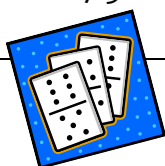
Those in Care Facilities: Matilda Boehl, Dolores Ressman

Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity

Has geared up with **Thrivent Financial** to build again in Goliad. House number 2 is being constructed this year at 510 E Garden St. next to the first Habitat home constructed last year. Leslie and Belinda Warren and their family will be the recipients of this home and have begun the "Sweat Equity" hours as partners with Habitat.

We need help making lunches for the volunteer workers. If you are interested in helping prepare food on a Saturday, please contact LaNell at 645-3636 or email her at lanellr@att.net. It would be nice for several people to get together to make a lunch. Your help will be appreciated.

Also if you are interested in helping work on the house please call Leslie at 571-1337. We would like for St. John's to have at least 2 work days from 7:30 until 12 noon, followed by lunch. He will get back with you on what days work for you.



42 Party
Sept. 15
2:00-4:00 Parish Hall

Church Council
Meeting 6:00
Sept 9th

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

Martha Circle

September 2 @ 9:00am
Program: Jean Hausmann

Ruth Circle

September 9 @ 10:00am
Program & Prayer:
Ginia Bruno

Rebekah's Lunch Bunch

September 9 @ 12:00 Noon
Devotion: Debbie Baacke

Sarah Circle

September 10 @ 6:00pm
Devotion: Lavon Meyer

Unity Meeting

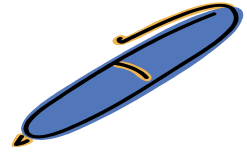
September 16 @ 6:00pm
Devotion: Ruth Circle

Practices of a Fruitful Congregation

1. Practice Radical Hospitality

- A. Radical Hospitality is more than just having friendly greeters at the door; it has more to do with what happens when the visitors move past the door.
- B. It is not about how welcoming we think we are, but how welcomed the visitors perceive they are received and treated.
 - i. Are they invited to sit where **they** feel comfortable?
 - ii. Are they invited into and helped through the service?
 - iii. Are they made to feel as though they are a desire family member or just someone passing through?
 - iv. How well have we offered to support and care for them beyond the church walls?
 - v. If you were treated as they are treated, would you feel as though you had finally found your spiritual home?
- C. Radical hospitality does not stop at saying "hello";
that is merely where it starts.

From Pastor Randy



Matthew 18:6 *"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea."*

I once came very close to drowning. So close in fact that the group I was with had written me off for dead moments before I finally came up to the surface for a life-saving breath. And although this happened many years ago, the thought of drowning still evokes in me a certain amount of fear. Therefore, when I read a passage like the one above you can understand how deeply this speaks to me about not being a stumbling block to anyone in their belief of Jesus. – How deeply does it speak to you?

Most of us have no desire to make anyone stumble in their faith. We would more than likely be appalled, shocked, and full of regret if we found out that we did indeed cause anyone to even miss one step in their walk with God. There are those, though, who find it their purpose to deceive; and their methods are often as deceptive as their goal. One of the preferred techniques is to talk about God with enough truth to get us off guard, then when our guard is down, introduce ideas that go against God's desire, God's teaching. I once heard this described as a lie wrapped in only a thin skin of truth.

The best way to protect against such things is to remain on watch and be cautious. Yet as I said earlier, just having our guard up is often not enough. There is no way to tell deceit from the truth if we do not know the truth. And to know the truth we have to know God's word. – Can we get there from here?

The way to learning God's Word is to start. There is no need to wait for that perfect text study, class, topic, or person at the church to

start; although those things certainly help. All we need is a bible and a willingness to begin. Even if everything read is not immediately clear, the more you try the better comes understanding. And after all, the effort is to be better informed, to know the truth, and therefore be less likely to be deceived. As Christians we should know the bible well; its stories, its people, its parables, and its teachings. The end result is to better know God. – We have a saying that you are what you eat. Could not this also apply to our spiritual life?

It is my hope that we will hold more bible studies together than we have now. I am open to trying your ideas in order to accomplish this. I have been contemplating a few things; as a one-time class on bible translations, types, and study methods. Another is to start a book club. We could read a “Christian” or “religious” book then gather to walk through the book together and discern both its biblical and non-biblical aspects. There are also some studies put together by various groups which we could use to further our biblical knowledge.

To not study the bible means to remain uninformed, and therefore open to the deceivers. That can be your choice if you want. Perhaps though that would be causing yourself to stumble. – Yet all it takes to keep from stumbling is to take one informed step at a time.

Peace, Pastor Randy

Proverbs 14:15 *The simple believe everything, but the clever consider their steps.*





CHOIR RESUMES

Sunday September 7, 9:15am.

St Francis said, " *He who sings, prays twice.*"

Come join us in this special ministry of praise & song.

Everyone is welcome.

"He will rejoice over you with singing"

Zephaniah 3:17



*****CONFIRMATION CLASSES*****

There will be a meeting for confirmation students and parents Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 PM. Please try to attend as we will be going over schedules and class structure.

******We apologize for any inconvenience but, due to scheduling, the Church Council Meeting minutes for August will be in next month's newsletter.******

42 Party! September 19, 2:00—4:00 PM

Thanks to all who have made our 42 get-togethers fun and successful! Welcome to all, come play and get to know each other over dominoes!

SISTERS IN CHRIST LUNCHEON

****Saturday****

September 27 from 11:00-2:00

“The Fruit of the Spirit”

The event is free but you will need to pick up a ticket from the Women of Saint John’s or the Church Office to retain your spot.

All ladies are encouraged to attend! Bring a friend, sister, daughter, mother, or neighbor! For more information, contact Christy Paulsgrove or another member of WOSJ.

WOSJ Unity Meeting Minutes will be available in next month’s newsletter! We apologize for the delay!

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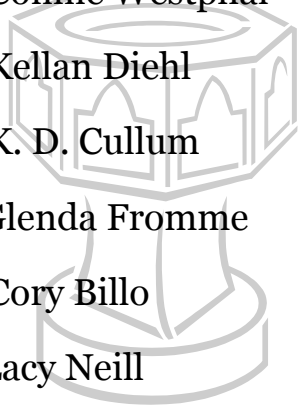
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4 – Mary Lea Gebbert
8 – Jennifer Schrade
9 – Kenneth Kunkel
10 – Keith Cornish
 Jerret Rains
11 – Wayne Karnei
 Sarah Oehlke
 Mallory Shelton
12 – Douglas Franke
16 – Werger Dohmann
 Larry Lange
18 – Adeline Haak
24 – Jack Farquhar II
26 – Kristen Carter
28 – Harry Heil



BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Johnnie Hausmann
5 – Kelly Oehlke
6 – Harlan Jacob
16 – Connie Westphal
18- Kellan Diehl
19 – K. D. Cullum
 Glenda Fromme
21 – Cory Billo
 Lacy Neill
22 – Gloria Ara
24 – Donovan Loest
28 – Kristen Carter



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 – Dave & Dorothy Hennig
9– Wendi & Tye Ray
17 – Mike & Eilene Power
18- Timmy & Jennie Diehl
19- Dale & Katie Hoffmann
26 – K. D. & Betty Cullum



Our apologies If we missed your special date, please call 645-3330 to help us make corrections.

