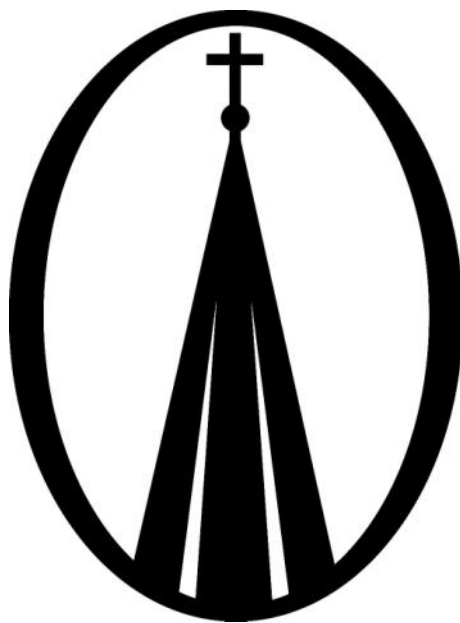


St. John Journal

**News & info for the family of St. John
Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill**



A loving and welcoming family of faith,
excited about what God has done (and continues to do!) for us



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DECEMBER		FIRST READING	RESPONSIVE	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
5	Advent 2	MALACHI 3:1-7	PSALM 66:1-12	PHILIPPIANS 1:2-11	LUKE 3:1-20
12	Advent 3	ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20	PSALM 85	PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7	LUKE 7:18-35
19	Advent 4	MICAH 5:2-5	PSALM 80:1-7	HEBREWS 10:5-10	LUKE 1:39-56
24	Christmas Eve	ISAIAH 9:2-7	PSALM 96	TITUS 2:11-14	LUKE 2:1-20
25	Christmas Day	ISAIAH 52:7-10	PSALM 2	HEBREWS 1:1-12	JOHN 1:1-18
26	1 st Sunday of Christmas	EXODUS 13:1-3, 11-15	PSALM 111	COLOSSIANS 3:12-17	LUKE 2:22-40

Dec.	Acolyte	Layreader
5	Braelynn York	Sandra Tillman
12	Kannon Koehler	Jennifer Anderson
19	Jax Antkowiak	Charles Gaskamp
24	Izzy Sommerfield	--Christmas Program--
26	Elaina Morgan	Katie Seeker

Baptismal Anniversaries



12/01/1957	Janice Fairlie	12/12/1976	Shae Westerfeld
12/01/1979	Darren Huckert	12/12/1982	Tessa Ring
12/01/2019	Mia Davis	12/12/1999	Emily Seeker
12/02/1958	Don Holtkamp	12/13/1970	Troy Giese
12/02/2017	Brandy Moehlmann	12/14/1952	Linda King
12/04/1960	Timothy Herrmann	12/14/1941	Mildred Kuecker
12/04/1960	Linda Schulze	12/15/1963	Sherry Randermann
12/04/2005	Jaden Mertz	12/17/1967	Lisa Finke
12/04/1983	Lori Avalos	12/17/1967	Kary Kuecker
12/05/1981	Kelly Antkowiak	12/18/1955	Gerald Herrmann
12/06/1942	Charles Giese	12/19/1971	Michael Altman
12/06/1959	Carolyn Lange	12/19/1971	Lance Altman
12/06/1959	Doyle Wieghat	12/19/2010	Hayden Hatfield
12/07/2003	Payton Blake	12/20/1987	Garrison Nordt
12/09/2012	Audrey Dismukes	12/21/1975	Chris Koehler
12/09/1962	Patti Horton	12/22/1957	Sharon Neutzler
12/09/1945	Carolyn Kessel	12/23/1984	Preston Davis
12/10/1961	Gayle Himly	12/26/1965	Steven Meyer
12/10/2000	Connor Himly	12/26/1949	Frank Smith
12/11/1938	Ruth Finke	12/27/1955	Lloyd Neutzler
12/11/1949	Vernon Wagner		
12/12/1954	Charlene Keller		

Wedding Anniversaries



12/02/1980	Michael & Cereann Cheney	12/10/1978	Lee & Kathy Nordt
12/09/1973	Jim & Sandy Kite	12/22/2018	Jerry & Kristy Cochran
12/10/1972	John & Carol Haarmeyer	12/28/1990	Charles & Ellen Spinn

You are in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate your special day. May God richly bless you!



\$12.00 each, #_____ Poinsettias

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

or

In Honor of: _____

In lieu of purchasing a plant you can
donate \$_____ to Brenham Pregnancy Center

Make check payable to: St. John Ladies Ministry
Collection basket in Narthex or

Mail to: Glenda Stegent
4508 Prairie Hill Rd
Brenham, TX 77833

Deadline: December 5th

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Holidays from Sunday School,

Christmas program practice is in full swing. The youth of our congregation are putting together one special Christmas program this year and we would like to invite all to attend on December 24th at 4:30PM.

Our upcoming Christmas in the Country will be on December 12th after Sunday School. We will have activities for your youth to enjoy and get in the Christmas spirit!

I would just like to take a moment and say what a privilege it has been to serve as this year's Sunday School Superintendent. This will be my last newsletter, as my time has come to an end. I would like to say Thank You from the bottom of my heart to everyone who has helped with Sunday School and supported me this past year. Megan Schramme will begin her new position as Superintendent in January and Cindy Clay will become our new Assistant Superintendent.

As always, stay tuned for upcoming dates and activities. If you are interested in volunteering for a Sunday or two please contact Megan Schramme. Thank you to all of you and Merry Christmas!

Dates to Remember:

December 12th - Christmas in the Country after Sunday School

December 24th - Christmas Program at 4:30 PM

In His Name,
Brooke Huckert
Sunday School Superintendent





CHRISTMAS BAGS

It's time to start preparing for the Christmas Pageant and children's gift bags. Every year we give every child who worships with us on Christmas Eve a treat bag—a small gift to celebrate. The Sunday School has a collection basket in the back of church.




DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 <u>Special Envelope:</u> Men in Mission Scholarship Fund			1
5 Advent 2 7:45AM Worship Service 9:00AM Sunday School Activity Center Reserved	6 6:00PM Executive Committee Meeting	7	8
12 Advent 3 7:45AM Worship Service & Baptism (Act Ctr Res'd) 9:00AM Sunday School Christmas in the Country 6-8PM Bethlehem in Independence	13 6:00PM Council Meeting	14 FOOD PANTRY	15
19 Advent 4 7:45AM Worship Service 9:00AM Sunday School	20 	21	22
26 1st Sunday of Christmas 7:45AM Worship Service	27	28	29

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Office Closed 10:00AM Naomi	3 Office Closed	4 Ladies Luncheon Parish Hall 10:30AM
9 Office Closed 2:00PM Ladies Aid	10 Office Closed	11 6-8PM Bethlehem in Independence
16 Office Closed	17 Office Closed	18
23 Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve 4:30PM Christmas Program & Communion 7:00PM Service at St. Matthew	25 Christmas Day 9:00AM Worship Service
30 Office Closed	31 Office Closed	

COMMUNION BREAD

Betty Feldmann

SCREEN

Brandy Moehlmann
Jennifer Schroeder

ALTAR PREPARATION

Sherry Randermann
Diana Williams

FAMILY AID

Connie Rohde

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Sandy Ordner
Carolyn Kessel

SANCTUARY PREP

Karen Rosenbaum
Donna Skrla

CHURCH TELLERS

Larry Pieper
Judy Grote

USHERS

Finke Family
Timmy Herrmann,
Marvin Wellmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prairie Hill Food Pantry Upcoming Dates:

December 14

6:30AM-8:00AM

Bethlehem in Independence Live Nativity Scene

December 11 & 12, 2021

6-8pm

Independence School House

9325 FM 390 E

Brenham, Texas 77833



Council is working on a contract with a part-time interim pastor. The Pastor who was to come for a visit has withdrawn his application. Please continue to pray so that God will guide the Pastor that we need to us.

**2022 Offering Envelopes are available
in the Narthex!**



The 2022 Flower Chart has been posted in the Annex.
Please sign up for your altar flowers for next year!

Ladies Christmas Luncheon

December 4, 2021 at 10:30 am

St. John Lutheran Church Parish Hall

All the women of St. John Lutheran Church are invited for a Christmas luncheon on Dec. 4th hosted by the Rachel Circle. We will have a light lunch and a short program with some of our favorite holiday songs as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas.

If you would like, you may bring a dozen (or two!) of your favorite Christmas cookies to share. What would the holidays be without yummy cookies for dessert!

Please RSVP to help with meal planning. We hope to see all of you on Dec. 4th for fellowship and fun. Feel free to invite a friend!!

Name _____

Number attending _____



Council Highlights

The Church Council of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church met for its monthly meeting on November 8, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Council President, Jon Westerfeld, called the meeting to order, and Cathie Klatte opened with prayer. All members were present. The October minutes were approved as distributed.

Old Business

- Progress of transition from ELCA to NALC:
 - Review and discussion of constitution draft was tabled under December.

New Business

- **Motion** to approve use of parish hall by Sandy Order on Saturday, December 4, 2021 for a luncheon. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to approve revision to worship services with St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Sandy Hill for Christmas services. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to approve repair and paint fascia boards and to paint handrails at church building and to make necessary improvements to the parsonage. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to continue advertising for church secretary in local and area chambers of commerce job boards. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to pursue discussion with a candidate for the position of interim pastor. **MSC.**
- **Via Text Messages:** Approved use of Activity Center by Cathie Klatte and Christin Seeker on Sunday, December 5. All responses agreed.
- **Via Text Message:** Approved baptism for Kaylee June, daughter of Jennifer and William Anderson, on Sunday, December 12, and to use the Activity Center afterwards.

Committee Reports:

Community Concerns Report: Food Pantry served 72 families (157 people) at two distributions in October. There were 10 donations made at the Blood Drive. Dates for 2022 will be scheduled.

Worship and Music Report: Passing of offering plates will resume.

Youth Report: Kid Fish welcomed 20 kids and adults to fish at 5 area ponds. A total of 82 fish were caught, weighing in at 103 pounds. A delicious fried fish dinner was served in the evening and prizes were presented to the participants.

Evangelism Report: A total of 165 persons responded for the Good Neighbor drive-thru dinner. Volunteers are needed to make the plates ready for serving and for delivery to shut-in members.

All reports were approved as presented.

Motion to adjourn. **MSC.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Fairlie, Council Secretary

President	Jon Westerfeld	Evangelism.....	Rachel Church
Vice-President	Kenneth Seeker	Financial Secretary.....	Cathy Boeker
Treasurer.....	Betty Feldmann	Parish Ed	Jennifer Schroeder
Secretary	Janice Fairlie	Property.....	Steve Skrla
Community Concerns	Cathie Klatte	Worship & Music.....	Mary Longhofer



**St. John would like to say thank you to
all of our 2021 council members.
We appreciate all of your time and
hard work! Thanks for serving!**

REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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The deadline for the
January newsletter is:
**Monday
December 20th**

Submissions received after
this date will be included if
time and space allow.

Thank you!

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