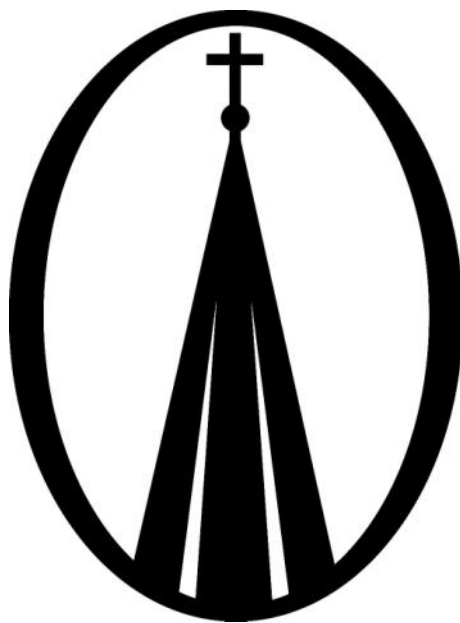


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**News & info for the family of St. John
Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill**



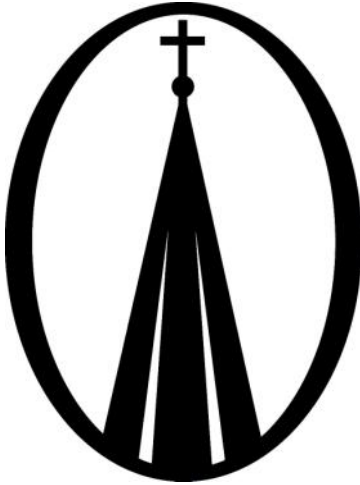
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excited about what God has done (and continues to do!) for us



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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S DESK



The deadline for the
March newsletter is:

**Monday
February 21st**

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

I was thinking about transitions today. Life presents all sorts of transition times. A birthday, time passing from one year to another. Folks get older and time marches on, as the saying goes. St. John's and its people are going through a transition from one pastor to another. Transitions happen. At the final say-so none of us can stop time nor cease the transitions that occur in history. We have some measure of choice and power to mitigate the effects of time passing. But in the end we seem at the mercy of time and time passing.

God in Jesus goes with us in these times of transition. Since the day God's Word became flesh God has established his home with us in Jesus. We are not left alone to travel through our fate alone. He is with us and remains our refuge and strength in the transition times. In Christ God is always for us, on our side to deliver us from all that flesh is heir to.

Jesus says in Luke 12:32: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

George Rahn
Interim Pastor





FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY		FIRST READING	RESPONSIVE	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
6	Epiphany 5	ISAIAH 6:1-13	PSALM 138	1 CORINTHIANS 14:12-20	LUKE 5:1-11
13	Epiphany 6	JEREMIAH 17:5-8	PSALM 1	1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-20	LUKE 6:17-26
20	Epiphany 7	GENESIS 45:3-15	PSALM 103:1-13	1 CORINTHIANS 15:21-26, 30-42	LUKE 6:27-38
27	Transfiguration of Our Lord	DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12	PSALM 99	HEBREWS 3:1-6	LUKE 9:28-36

Feb.	Acolyte	Layreader	Flowers Given By
6	Izzy Sommerfield Harper Huckert	Joseph Ordner Kallie Finke	<i>Ben & Carolyn Kessel</i>
13	Randa Tillman Owen Finke	Sandra Tillman Jennifer Anderson	<i>Trey & Cathy Boeker</i>
20	Logan Boeker Irelyn Antkowiak	Charles Gaskamp Katie Seeker	--OPEN--
27	Swayzee Huckert Braelynn York	Connie Rohde Sandy Ordner	--OPEN--

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Baptismal Anniversaries



2/01/1976	Karen Spinn	2/15/2004	George Boswell
2/02/1975	Amber Westerfeld	2/16/1964	Damon Wegner
2/05/1961	Gerald Wehring	2/17/2013	Brandon Estes
2/05/1984	Leigh Cavner	2/18/1940	Donna Bentke
2/06/1944	Deanna Giese	2/18/1996	Kallie Finke
2/07/1937	Marjorie Hohlt	2/19/1989	Valerie Garner
2/07/2016	Canaan Wilkerson	2/19/2006	Colin Hagerman
2/08/1942	Dorothy Haevischer	2/20/1983	Jennifer Schroeder
2/09/1975	Trey Boeker	2/22/2003	Riley Moehlmann
2/09/2014	Kayden Patterson	2/24/1935	Arle Parker
2/10/1944	Al Steinbach	2/26/1933	Earline Moody
2/10/2002	Wesley Neuendorff	2/26/1995	Falyn Knebel
2/11/1968	Steve Skrla	2/28/1971	Joel Wellmann
2/14/1993	Jordan Kaminski		
2/15/1986	Jessica Wehring		

Wedding Anniversaries



2/04/2017	Brandon & Kaley Bednar	2/20/1982	David & Betty Feldmann
2/05/1967	Ben & Carolyn Kessel	2/24/1973	Fred & Debra Westerfeld
2/05/2005	Kim & Bruce Weilbacher	2/26/1976	Donald & Carolyn Lange
2/12/2000	Trey & Cathy Boeker	2/26/1983	Don & Regina Holtkamp
2/12/1994	Gail & Shannon Mitschke		

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The 2022 Sunday School is back and ready to take on the new year! Classes resumed on January 9th with rotations focusing on the Wedding at Cana.

We started the month of January learning about the first miracle performed by Jesus; turning water into wine! The kids enjoyed exploring the story and creating their own tasty grape drink. In our craft rotation, we made pop up cards to represent the surprise of the water to wine miracle. And lastly during our science rotation, we experimented with the properties of water vs. rubbing alcohol. Thank you to all of the teachers who have volunteered their time & energy to help with our Sunday School program!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all children of our congregation as well as visitors to check out all of the wonderful Sunday School happenings here at St. John Prairie Hill. During the month of February, we will be studying Love is... from Corinthians 13 and would LOVE to have some new (or old) faces join us for the fun!

A huge shout out to Cindy Clay for her role thus far as Assistant Superintendent. She has stepped right up and is rocking and rolling with our Sunday School openings. Thank you for all that you do.




We are always looking for volunteers to help with the Sunday School program to help keep it going strong. If you would like to lead a craft, cooking class, or even a science rotation I know the children would absolutely adore seeing you in Sunday school! If you have a question or would like to volunteer I would LOVE to hear from you! Please feel free to contact me at 979-421-0904.

In His Name -
Megan Schramme
Sunday School Superintendent






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SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 <u>Special Envelope:</u> Bread Partners			1	2
6 Epiphany 5 8:00AM Worship Service 9:00AM Sunday School 10:05AM Worship Service Executive Committee Meeting		7 6:00PM Council Meeting	8 FOOD PANTRY 8:30AM Pastor's Bible Class	9
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January



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Office Closed 10:00AM Naomi	4 Office Closed	5
10 Office Closed 2:00PM Ladies Aid	11 Office Closed	12
17 Office Closed	18 Office Closed	19
24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
		

COMMUNION BREAD

Becky Schulze

ALTAR PREPARATION

Connie Rohde
Janet Wehring

FAMILY AID

Carolyn Kessel

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Deanna Giese
Susi Bentke

SANCTUARY PREP

Dale & Martin
Reisner

CHURCH TELLERS

Donna Skrla
Gary Schulze

SCREEN CREW

Steve Skrla
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USHERS

Johnny Randermann
Family

--Ushers Needed--

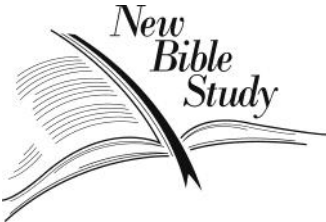
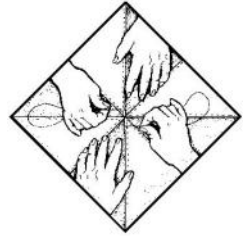
ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prairie Hill Food Pantry Upcoming Dates:
February 8 & 22 6:30AM-8:00AM

February Quilting Schedule

We will meet on **February 15 and 22.**
Susi Bentke will host. We meet at 9AM to noon.
Come join us for quilting, sewing and tying LWR quilts.



On Tuesday mornings at the church at 8:30 am, all and any are invited to participate in a pastor's Bible class. We are reading through St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. Bring your favorite Bible. Of course Bibles are available at the church, as well. See you then.

St. John is in need of some ushers for the following:

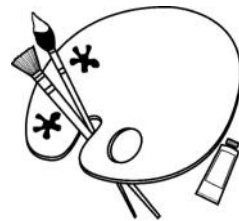


*Ushers
Needed*

February	10:05AM Service
July	8:00AM Service
October	10:05AM Service

We have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can contact Mary Longhofer at (979) 251-2904 or maryslonghofer@gmail.com

Join Terry Boeker in **Painting with Devotion**,
Sunday, February 6, from 2:00 - 4:00pm
at the Activity Center. No skills necessary & you will have the
best time painting & a finished masterpiece when we're done!



In the Potter's Hands

**Women of The North American Lutheran Church
Women's Gathering
Saturday, April 23rd
Peace Lutheran Church
1026 Radio Lane Rosenberg, Texas**

*Featuring a demonstration and testimony
of faith by Rachel Norris
Joy Pottery*



Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex!

**The Flower Chart has been posted in the Annex. We have
several spots available so please sign up if you are able.**

**Altar
Flowers
SIGN-UP**



**Welcome our
Secretary!**

St. John is happy to announce our new secretary, Linda Crabtree. Linda will be training with Johanna this month. Please join us in welcoming her into our church family. Stop by the church office and say hi!

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this transitional phase.
Please print your full name and information on your attendance card to help
Linda as she familiarizes herself with our members.

Council Highlights

The Church Council of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church met for its monthly meeting on January 10, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Council President, Kenneth Seeker, called the meeting to order, and Pastor George Rahn led the opening devotion. All members were present. The December minutes were approved as distributed.

Old Business

- Update from Call Committee that a prospective pastoral candidate will preach at both worship services on January 23.

New Business

- **Motion** to deposit balance from Guss Neumann Estate into the General Fund. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to approve revisions to agenda for January semi-annual meeting to add report from Food Pantry. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to approve request for burial in church cemetery by Kenneth and Becky Graeber upon payment of plot/niche fees per the by-laws. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to approve Burial Agreement draft as amended for signature by non-members when requesting burial in church cemetery. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to approve request from Lindsey and Graig Harrison to use activity center on Saturday, June 4. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to set Lenten worship schedule as follows. **MSC.**
 - Ash Wednesday, March 2: 7:00am and 7:00pm
 - Wednesday Lenten Services: Soup Supper from 5:00 to 5:45pm; worship service at 6:00pm
- **Motion** to hold Easter Breakfast on Easter morning, hosted by the Youth. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to hold Council Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, January 29, at 6pm in the Activity Center, and invite outgoing council members from 2020 and 2021. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to place ad on Indeed website for church secretary position at a cost not to exceed \$250. **MSC.**
- **Motion** to hold February executive council meeting on Sunday, February 6, and to hold the February council meeting on Monday, February 7, at 6pm. **MSC.**
- **Via Text Message Vote:** Following the interview of five candidates, the council voted to hire Linda Crabtree as church secretary.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report

Sharon Neutzler

Report as submitted.

Financial Secretary Report

Jeannie Kroll

Report as submitted.

Community Concerns Report

India Randermann

Food Pantry served 32 families (71 people) at one distribution in December. Holiday Bundles from the Brazos Valley Food Bank were distributed in addition to the normal food distribution.

Worship and Music Report

Mary Longhofer

A sign-up sheet to fill in openings for ushers will be placed in Narthex.

Parish Education Report

Jennifer Schroeder

Twenty-seven children participated in the children's Christmas program on Christmas Eve. A Parish Education Committee meeting will be January 16, at 10:05am service to plan spring events and determine dates for Vacation Bible School.

All reports were approved as presented.

Motion to adjourn. **MSC.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Fairlie, Council Secretary

2022 St. John Council Members

President.....	Kenneth Seeker	Evangelism.....	Josh Clay
Vice-President.....	Herbert Klatte, Jr.	Financial Secretary.....	Jeannie Kroll
Treasurer	Sharon Neutzler	Parish Ed	Jennifer Schroeder
Secretary.....	Janice Fairlie	Property	Steve Skrla
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