

The Light of St. John

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"I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE." (JOHN 14:6)



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"This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life... that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. Deuteronomy 30:19-20.

After being delivered from slavery in Egypt and surviving the perils of the wilderness, the time had come for the Israelites to enter the promised land. But before crossing the Jordan River, Moses delivered a message from God to them. The message was that as long as the Israelites put God first and held fast to him, they would be in God's favor and could expect to receive blessings from God. But if they turned away from God and worshiped idols, those blessings would be taken away and it would lead to their own destruction. The choice was theirs to make. The rest of the Old Testament, of course, demonstrates Israel's total failure in their commitment to God and the consequences that happened as a result.

Just like the Israelites, we make decisions every day that determine our destinies. It is amazing that the Israelites had to be reminded to "choose life" after all that God had done for them, but it shows that it is in our nature, just like sheep, to wander from what's best for us. Just like the Israelites, we sometimes choose the way of death. And when bad things happen, many people have a victim mentality and blame everyone but themselves for their circumstances. But the truth is we often bear the responsibility for and the consequences of our own actions.

Much of life is cause and effect. And God's word still rings true today. To have the best life possible, we have to put God first in our daily choices. And when our lives are centered around seeking God first, everything else falls into place. Our lives will be happier and more fulfilled. But when we get out of God's will, when we fail to hold fast to God and fail to love Him and to love others, we suffer the consequences as a result. Even though Jesus died on the Cross and took away the eternal punishment for our sins, sinful actions still have consequences in this lifetime.

Remember, life is a series of choices. We make choices every single day that determine whether we are living our best life now. We may not always be able to control our circumstances, but we can choose how we will respond to them. And as long as living obediently before God is our #1 priority, we will have a blessed life. So, like Moses, I encourage you to "choose life" by seeking God first.

Blessings,

Terry



SERVING IN February

Kitchen:

Altar:

Usher: Ronnie Pampell (Council Member)

FLOWERS

7th Donna Havemann (Roy's Birthday)

14^h Kelly Zboril

21st Kelly Pampell (Anniversary)

28th



Please pray for our Country, the World, those in the military the shut-ins, the lonely, those in need of healing and their families: Walter

Nitsche, Jeanette Peed, Kelly Pampell, Barbara Smith, Mike Thompson, Suzzette Hart, Dennis and Estelle Hejtmancik, Barbara Sessions, Jean Bay, Douglas and Linda Brinkman, Tom Krennek, Stanley and Mildred Sommers, Jake Cedidla, Mary Bess and Garnett Gerdes, Sarah and Chester Canady, Roy Havemann, Delores Milzcewski, David Ronneberg, Kelly Kubiak, Marcus Broesche, Glen Drew, Taylor Power, Edward Beran, Cathi Laney, Shannon Miller, John Laffere, John Boyd, Adele Zboril, Kim and David Hardin, Glen and Amelia Wearden, Joel Pertl, Patricia Tarnowski, prayers for those recovering from surgery, those who are in treatment for cancer and cancer survivors, and prayers for the family of Sophia Pampell, Valmore Leite, Harold Albert Wendler . Lord we pray that you come to our aid with your love and healing for all affected by Covid-19.

Ash
Wednesday

READINGS
FEBRUARY 17

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17

Psalms 51:1–17

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Thanks to everyone who signed up for flowers for the 2021 year. Dates still available are:

February 28th
March 14th
March 21st
March 28th
April 11th
April 18th
May 2nd
May 30th
June 6th
July 11th
August 1st
August 15th
August 29th
October 3rd
October 10th
October 24th
October 31st
November 7th
November 14th
November 21st



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St. John's Lutheran Church

Council Installation

January 10th

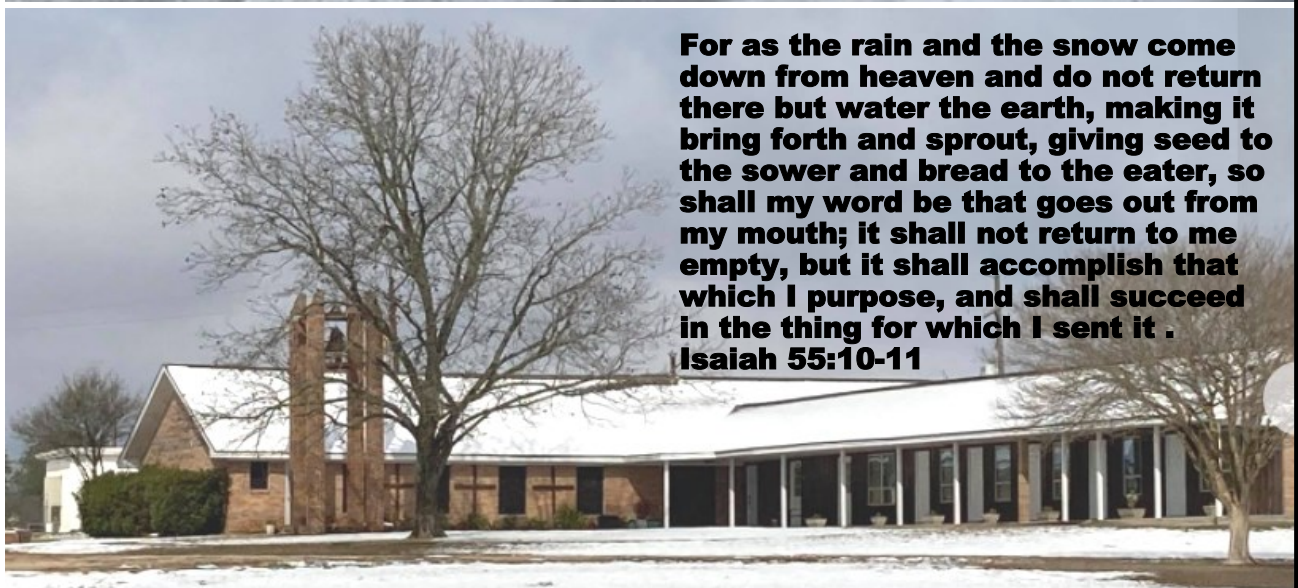


No potluck for February. Council will decide this on a month by month basis and will revisit the issue again in March.

The Annual Pancake Supper Will NOT be held on Fat Tuesday



**Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord.
"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.
Isaiah 1:18**



**For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it .
Isaiah 55:10-11**

Psalms 51:7 - Purge me with hys-sop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Matthew 28:3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.



Video: Dendy Brown's Remarkable Comeback

On Sept. 20, 2018, city employee Harold "Dendy" Brown was struck by a car while collecting a container on his solid waste route.

Some 25 months after the accident, Dendy returned to work in the Solid Waste Division after enduring 11 surgeries. The likelihood of an injured worker returning after a six-month absence is about 5 percent. Returning after two years is extremely rare.

This film tells the story of Dendy's courageous comeback.

[Video: Dendy Brown's Remarkable Comeback | City of College Station \(cstx.gov\)](https://www.cityofcstx.gov/2018/09/20/dendy-brown-remarkable-comeback/)

Dendy is the son-in-law of Jim and Jeanette Peed

Link to Confirmation Lessons for Confirmation Class


[St. John's Lutheran Deanville - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

The Bible Studies are designed for confirmands but can be used by all members as an extension of their faith

Segment Aired on KHRD on Friday, January 15th (Deanville Depot)

<https://www.kxxv.com/brazos/a-small-brazos-valley-town-honors-12-children-from-new-yorks-orphan-train-movement>

(Correction to article-adopted into Prazak household)



**Congratulations to
Kadie Hartman and
Morgan Becka
Kadie and Morgan
were inducted in the
CHS**

**National Honor Society on January 22nd.
Great Job Girls!**



Sympathy Is Extended To The
Family Of
Sophie Blandia Pampell
On The Loss Of Their Loved One



July 11, 1931 - January 24, 2021

Graveside services for Sophie Pampell, 89 of Giddings, Texas will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Old Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery in Warda with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm and on Sunday, January 31, 2021 from 9:00 am to noon at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present Saturday evening from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Sophie Blandina Pampell was born on July 11, 1931 in Northrup, Texas to John T. "Johnnie" and Marie Louise (Mertink) Mitschke. She was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin on July 19, 1931 and confirmed at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda on March 23, 1945. Her confirmation verse was John 11:25-26, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Sophie married Marvin L. Pampell on January 16, 1953 in Houston, Texas. In her early days, she worked at the Rice Hotel in Houston. After she and Marvin moved back to Giddings in 1968, she worked part time for a couple of years in the lunchroom at Immanuel Lutheran School. She was primarily a housewife that loved to cook, can vegetables, and do embroidery work.

Sophie passed away the morning of Sunday, January 24, 2021 at Oakland Manor Nursing Center in Giddings where she had been a resident for four years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John T. and Marie Louise Mitschke; sister and brother-in-law, Hildegard and Alfred Krause; brother and sister-in-law, Vestin and Alma Mitschke, and brother-in-law, Herbert Schautschick.

Sophie is survived by her husband, Marvin Pampell of Giddings; son, Ronnie and Kelly Pampell of Deanville; daughter, Rachel and Paul Meinke of Giddings; two grandsons, Stephen and Caroline Pampell, Jonathan and Brion Pampell both of College Station; two granddaughters, Stephanie and Evan Kubicek of College Station and Stacy and Dylan Yeley of Round Rock; nine great grandchildren, Trenton Pampell of College Station, Michael Pampell of College Station, Gabriel and Anna Pampell of College Station, Abigail Pampell of Giddings, Kaleigh Pampell of Giddings, Caleb Pampell of College Station, Lily Pampell of College Station, Jude Pampell of College Station, and Jack Kubicek of College Station, and Baby Yeley due late summer of 2021; one sister, Hattie Schautschick of Giddings, as well as many other family members and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be her two grandsons and her great grandsons.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church Ring the Bell Fund, Hospice Brazos Valley, or to the charity of one's choice.



Sympathy Is Extended To The
Family Of
Harold Albert Wendler
On The Loss Of Their Loved One



March 31, 1935 - January 20, 2021

Harold Albert Wendler was born on March 31, 1935 in Ledbetter, Texas to Louis and Irene Wendler. He entered Heaven on January 20, 2021. He attended Bell Settlement School and graduated from Round Top Carmine High School. Later, he attended Austin Barber College in Austin, Texas. While working as a barber in Waco, he met Shirley, his wife of 64 years.

In 1958, he and Shirley moved to Houston, Texas where he worked as a machinist in the oil field industry until his retirement. There they raised their daughter, Sandra. Harold was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He and Shirley were active members at Beautiful Savior Our Redeemer Lutheran Church where he loved to be involved in church activities and serve as a church elder.

In addition to his occupations as a barber and machinist, Harold was a lifelong farmer and cattle rancher. He loved raccoon hunting, sports, sharing historical stories, a good, clean joke, and listening to good polka music. He was a kind, genuine person and family man who loved spending time with his family, friends, and neighbors. He was also available to lend a helping hand or to give sound advice. If you needed anything, you knew you could depend on Harold.

Harold is survived by his loving wife, Shirley; daughter, Sandra Lee and husband Danny; granddaughter, Madison Lee; sister, Aileen Carter; sister, Estelle Hejtmancik and husband Dennis; brother-in-law, Adolph Bach Jr.; niece, Karen Blakely and husband Bob, and niece, Jill Bullard and husband Lance.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Thursday, January 28, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Brookside Funeral Home, 13747 Eastex Freeway, Houston, Texas 77039. A funeral service will follow and begin promptly at 12:00 p.m. followed by burial at Brookside Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Beautiful Savior Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 215 Rittenhouse Street, Houston, Texas 77076; and Memorial Hermann online at www.memorialhermann.org/donate, by mail to 929 Gessner, Suite 2650, Houston, Texas 77024, or by phone at (713) 242-4400. Please designate area of greatest need, and note the gift is in memory of Harold A. Wendler. All gifts made in memory of Mr. Wendler will support the work of Memorial Hermann Northeast. [Harold Wendler Obituary - Houston, TX \(dignitymemorial.com\)](http://HaroldWendlerObituary-Houston.TX(dignitymemorial.com))



Sympathy Is Extended To The
Family Of
Valmore Leite
On The Loss Of Their Loved One



July 28, 1924 - January 16, 2021

Valmore Leite, 96, known to family and friends as "Val" or "Putt", left this world on January 18, 2021 to join the angels. Above all else, Val was a family man devoted to both his immediate and extended families and beloved by them. He had a carefree, loving spirit and was known for his generosity, whether it was purchasing a house for his parents as a young airman or trading cars with his granddaughter. As a career serviceman, he dedicated 33 years to the Air Force as a proud American. He was a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and of NASCAR, and he could repair most anything (but not necessarily by approved standards or methods!). Candidly, it's a wonder he lived such a long life given the myriad of stories he had to tell: getting washed overboard from an aircraft carrier, igniting a carburetor at his gas station, and driving through a lowered railroad crossing arm, to name a few. You'd have recognized him by his mischievous smile tempered with kindness and love. Val grew up in a Portuguese community in Goodyear, Connecticut, the youngest of seven children born into the loving family of immigrant parents, Marion and Deolinda Leite, on July 28, 1924. He earned his GED and enlisted in the Army Air Corps at age 18. After his first enlistment, Val owned and operated a service station for a couple years before re-enlisting, this time in the newly-created Air Force. While stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, he met June Burttschell to whom he was married for 53 years before her passing in 2004. Val spent remote tours in Korea and Japan during those early years and on Johnston Atoll during a later year. After the birth of their two children, Valorie and David, the family of four lived in Texas, Wyoming, Colorado, Germany, and on Guam while Val pursued his Air Force career. He excelled in the maintenance field, eventually becoming utilities superintendent and inspector at various bases, and was among the first in the Air Force to achieve the highest enlisted rank of Chief Master Sergeant, a rank reserved for no more than 1.25% of the enlisted force. Val is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Valorie and Scott Carson of Leander; his granddaughter and husband, Rachel Carson and Andrew Cole of Seattle; his granddaughter and husband, Rebecca and Nirav Shah of Austin; his great grandchildren, Maya Shah, Niam Shah, and Elliot Cole; as well as, beloved sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife, June Leite of Austin; his son and daughter-in-law, David and Deanna Leite of Austin; his parents, brother, sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law of Connecticut; and parents-in-law, sisters-in-laws, and brothers-in-law of Texas. Private family services with military honors are planned due to the current pandemic. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Air Force Aid Society or to the charity of your choice. Mr. Leite's service will be live-streamed and you can join services slightly before 3:00 pm, Tuesday by logging into <https://vimeo.com/event/630130>.

Val was married to the sister of Betty Brinkman, June Burttschell. She was the second of eight sisters and brothers. She passed away due to cancer in 2004.

February, 2021

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Roy Havemann	3	4	5 Daniel Perry Darren Broesche	6
7 Communion Cash Albright	8	9	10	11	12 Frank Kristof M/M Bo Zboril	13 Shirley Kristof
14 Lynda Leo	15	16 Council Meeting 6:00 PM Londa Zavodny	17	18	19 Blake Drew	20 Morgan Becka Kate Smith
21 Communion Newsletter items are due M/M John Smith	22	23	24 Ronnie Pampell	25	26 M/M Justin Kalisek	27
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