“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:8-9

When you look at the glass to the left, do you see a half-empty glass or a half-full glass? So much of life is a matter of focus. Good things and bad things can happen to us each day. We can’t always control what happens in our lives, but we can control how we respond. Unfortunately, for many people, including myself, it is easy to fall into a trap of becoming negative. When circumstances are not pleasing, the easy solution is to gripe, complain, and develop a critical spirit. But if we respond to life in a negative way, it pushes people away rather than draw them closer. God does not want us as his children to be negative. And when we are negative, it is a terrible witness for the body of Christ.

God’s word in Philippians 4:8-9 exhorts us to think on things that are pleasing and worthy of praise. In every situation we can see something as a tragedy or as a challenge. We can see obstacles or see opportunities. We can focus on our inability, or we can focus on God’s great sufficiency. The same is true of people we come into contact with on a daily basis. We can spotlight their failures or highlight their victories. We can criticize them for their weaknesses, or we can praise them for their strengths.

It all begins with our thinking. If we think negative or pessimistic thoughts about everything, we will become negative, unhappy people. Try to remember the last time you thought negatively about something. How did you feel and how did you act? Negative thoughts can cause unhappiness, drain your energy, and prevent you from enjoying the present moment. But the opposite is also true. The Apostle Paul tells us to focus on things that build you and others up, and “the God of peace will be with you.”

I encourage you to do just that. Each day have a thankful spirit. Focus on good things that are happening in your life. Never complain. When a circumstance is unpleasing to you, redirect your thoughts away from negative thinking into positive, uplifting thinking. Remember the words of Scripture that remind us not to worry and to be thankful always. And the God of peace will be with you.

Blessings,

Pastor Terry
Please pray for the shut-in, the lonely, and those in need of healing:
Aliene Opperman, Douglas Brinkman, Carol Brinkman, J.D. Lambrecht, Sheila Bartek, Patricia Tarnowski, Joan Schultz, Jake Cedidla, Ronnie Sebesta, Fontaine Wilhelm, MaeDel Cowan, David Dawson, Sharon Beseda, Jake Cedidla, Vivian and Walter Schumacher, Lee Ellen Flippin, Mary Hall, Carolyn Faust, Larry Faust, Darlene Hold, Anton Lehmann, Hattie Christensen, Frank and Roberts, Donna Payne, Barbara and J. W. Zalmanek, Jamie Ausley, Matthew Mead, Jane Hill, the families of Callie Hardin, Ryan Baron, Glenn Bundell, JoAnn Gaas, Vilma Draehm, the families of the victims of the flooding, and those who have been affected by the recent storms. Prayers of peace and comfort for Clarence Bage and his family.
St. John’s Lutheran (die evangelisch-luterishce St. Johannes Germeinde) was formally organized on June 26, 1910, with the signing of its first constitution. The constitution was written in German and is still preserved in the records of the congregation with its original signatures. A building committee was established in 1916 to make plans for a church building. Committeemen Hugo Doehr, Eldie Tiemann, and Louis Wiederhold helped the congregation formulate the plans and raise the money for the church. The final hurdle was crossed with the purchase of a parcel of land along the old Deanville and Caldwell road on January 2, 1917. The land the congregation purchased included all the land now occupied by the parking lot, church and fellowship hall, and the western half of the cemetery. It was purchased from Otto Helweg of Deanville for $500, quite a challenge in that day. The cost of the building of the church was $2000. The congregation met the challenge by raising all the money for the land and construction of the building began, establishing a financing precedent that the congregation still respects and is proud of today.

CELEBRATING 106 YEARS

God has richly blessed the congregation of St. John’s Lutheran Church of Deanville for 106 years. We pray that he will continue to shower his astounding, amazing grace on our congregation, giving us many more years of faithful and loving service to His people, in His Holy Name.

BABY JAKE CEDIDLA IS HOME!

After 9 months (276 days in the NICU/PICU) Baby Jake spent his first night home in Caldwell, Texas on June 1st, 2016. May God continue to bless this family with healing of this precious baby and may God be with his parents and family members as they adjust to caring for Baby Jake in his home.

Welcome Home Baby Jake!

GOD’S LITTLE MIRACLE
St. John's experienced another successful German Fest. This event happens only by the tremendous efforts of the members and community volunteers. Everyone is to be commended for a job well done. This year's event was enjoyed by so many with many being first time attendees and reporting they thoroughly enjoyed the fun, family friendly atmosphere of the day. The fifth year proved to possibly be the best! We have some faithful folks, most have attended all five years; all reporting "It just gets better every year". The church service continues to expand as a highlight of the day with the first Polka-style worship. Most of the 113 in attendance were visitors to St. John's! What a great way to experience a different worship. St. John's appreciates everyone who goes above and beyond to insure German Fest continues to highlight St. John's, our community of believers, and our German heritage.
A Father Is:
There in every memory
See his love and care
Strength and hands to count on
Freely he does share
Provider, toil so faithfully
To make our dreams come true
Give strong and tender discipline
Though it is hard to do
A Father is God's chosen one
To lead the family
And point it to His will for life
Of love and harmony...

Sue Skeen

THANKS to Michelle Blackman and Seth Becka for the music they provided on Sunday, May 22nd.

Thanks to Susan Broesche (Marsha's mother) for the beautiful banner that she made to enhance the sanctuary for GermanFest. Thanks for sharing your talent and thanks for taking the time to make the banner for St. Johns’. This is the 3rd banner that Mrs. Broesche has made for St. John’s. Thanks again for your generosity.

The Wiederhold family reunion was held on May 15, 2016. Many members of the family attended the 10:00 a.m GermanFest Worship Service, purchased meal tickets, and then met in the church fellowship hall for their annual reunion. Following the reunion many enjoyed the GermanFest festivities. Thanks to the Wiederhold family for allowing St. John’s GermanFest to be a part of their family reunion.

THANKS to the children of St. John’s for their participation at GermanFest with the songs sung in German during the worship and the May Pole Dance. Thanks to everyone who worked with the children to continue these annual traditions at GermanFest and also thanks to the Youth Group of the Church for their help at Germanfest.
Thanks to all the ladies that participated in the ladies service on Sunday April 24th. The service focused on the hats that we all wear in our daily roles. Thanks to Marsha for the children’s sermon and to Michelle for the special music with the little trio.

Estelle Hejtmancik and Danielle Hicks were the recipients of the flowers on Mothers’ Day. The flowers were given to Estelle and Danielle in appreciation of their service to St. John’s by the Ladies of the Church. Kadie and Morgan also presented each mother with a wooden rose and wished them a Happy Mothers’ Day.

THANKS to everyone that attended the 7:30 p.m. session of the SOS Ministries. You are all EVIDENCE that God is working in Deanville!!! The next event for the youth group will be the Sunday School Party on June 5. Join us for a water slide, hot dogs and lots of fun!!

On Sunday, April 24th following worship service a birthday party honoring Dennis Hejtmancik on his 80th birthday was held in the Church Fellowship Hall. The church fellowship hall was filled with his family, friends, and church family who joined in wishing “Dennis” a very Happy 80th birthday. The food was provided by his family and was delicious. Thanks to Dennis, Estelle, and their children and grandchildren for sharing this milestone in Dennis’s life with everyone. Dennis stated that this was his “Very 1st Birthday Party” and he was grateful to all who attended and honored to have this birthday celebration at St. John’s. May the Lord continue to bless Dennis with many more years, friends, family and good health.

We wanted to express our gratitude for your generosity of prayers and prayer shawl blanket for David in his time of need. It took two months to be well enough to leave the Houston hospital. A special thanks for Gladys and Milton Englemann for bringing it to us.

Many God bless you and keep you in his care.
David and Dorothy Dawson
### June, 2016
#### Monthly Planner

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**Note:**
- Communion on the 5th and 19th.
- Children’s Ministry Meeting on the 5th.
- SS Party & Outdoor Games.
- Potluck on the 12th.
- Newsletter items due on the 19th.
- Flag Day on the 14th of June.