

The Light of St. John

St. John's Lutheran Church

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



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"...I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians he explains how his life had been difficult through an affliction which he called "*a thorn in the flesh*." No one knows for certain what the affliction was. It could have been a physical ailment, or it could have been a difficult person that Paul had to deal with, or perhaps a difficult circumstance that God chose not to remove from Paul.

I believe that the reason we do not know for certain what the thorn was is because every person has thorns in their lives and they come in many forms, which may or may not be like Paul's thorn. This verse, therefore, applies to all of us. Paul prayed three times specifically asking God to remove it. But God chose not to give Paul his request; instead God chose to give him something greater, to teach him something more valuable - that His grace can meet us at the point of our deepest need.

True, there are times when God spectacularly removes the thorn - the cancer goes into remission and disappears, your health/finances/relationships take a remarkable turn for the better. Yet often God has something even greater for us - the ongoing lesson that His grace is sufficient to help us learn to live with our "thorn in the flesh." Paul's own explanation was that God was using the thorn to humble Paul and keep him a useful vessel for the Lord's work.

Even though God many times removes the thorns in our lives, He sometimes leaves the thorns so that we will continue to rely upon God. Understand that God cannot work in the life of a strong person, the person who is independent and has need of nothing even from God. Rather, God works in the life of the person who is spiritually broken. And sometimes God allows us to remain in brokenness and unfavorable circumstances so that we will turn to God as the source of our strength. In fact, God's power is at its strongest in our lives when we are at our weakest. That is probably why Jesus told his followers, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*" Matthew 5:3-5

Our nation has been dealing with the reality of Covid-19 for nearly three months now. While I don't believe God ever causes disease, I believe that God uses times like this to help us to turn back to God. And with the thorns in our daily lives that God sometimes doesn't remove, we can find peace knowing that these are the times that God is really at work in our lives, blessing us because "*when we are weak, then we are strong.*"

Blessings,

Terry



SERVING IN June

Kitchen:

Altar:

Usher: Susette Hart (Council Member)

Randall Hart

FLOWERS

7th Ashlee Telschow

14th Alyssa Melson

21st WELCA/Ladies Group (Father's Day)

28th Bobby & Bonnie Schumacher



Please pray for our Country, the World, those in the military including Dillon Narro, the shut-ins, the lonely, those in need of healing and their families: Linda Brinkman, Barbara Smith, Tom Krennek, Mary Bess and Garnett Gerdes, Larry Kubecka, Roy Havemann, Delores Milzcewski, David Ronneberg, Dennis and Estelle Hejtmancik, Dwayne Muzny, Jake Cedidla, Nancy Faulk, Kelly Kubiak, Marcus Broesche, Glen Drew, Mary Neutzler, Ronnie Langham, Taylor Power, Edward Beran, Cathi Laney, Shannon Miller, John Laffere, John Boyd, Adele Zboril, Kim and David Hardin, Glen and Amelia Wearden, Patricia Tarnowski, prayers for those needing surgery, those who are in treatment for cancer and cancer survivors, and prayers for the family of Ernest Bentke, Alton Wiederhold, Dorothy Gaines, Lou Mahon and Gladys Dworsky Dvoracek. Lord we pray that you come to our aid with your love and healing during the Covid-19 global pandemic.

Happy FATHER'S Day

June 21st

What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a
mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's
flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these
qualities,
When there was nothing more
to add,
He knew His masterpiece was
complete,
And so, He called it ... "DAD!"
Author Unknown

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St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2020

6:30pm

Call to order, Opening Prayer – Online meeting

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Approval of Financial Reports:

Treasurer Report– General Fund / Building Fund

Memorial Fund

Cemetery Fund / Perpetual Care Fund –Perpetual Care CD

Pastor's Report- no report

Open issues-

**Building Fund Priorities – Church Roof – Don't have Engineer
Report back yet - Tabled**

**Church Picnic – Post Pone to Fall or Cancel? Voted to cancel
via email vote**

**2019 Audit – Approve Findings (Everything Passed) Voted to
approve via email vote**

New Business

None to cover due to low activity level during Covid recovery.

Adjourn / Closing Prayer – online meeting

Columbarium Completed





**MEMORIALS GIVEN TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
DEANVILLE, TEXAS**

Given In Memory Of

John Cameron Maresh

By

Len & Lynda Kubiak

Julie Eubanks

Betty Brinkman

Kathy Wilibanks & family

Linda Jones Holm

Shirley & Ricky Stewart

Allen & Charlotte Hold

R. J. & Barbara Smith (Sunday School)

Johnny & Dianne Bond

Citizens' State Bank

Given In Memory Of

Mae Del Cowann

By

Allen & Charlotte Hold

**Thanks For Honoring Those Who Served
Memorial Day 2020**





For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

**Congratulations to the class of 2020!
You have met the challenge of
graduating in a year of uncertainty.
God Bless You All!**



Traditionally, Flag Day 2020 is viewed as a time of honor. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days; therefore people (across the United States) use this day to reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. They also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

**St. John's Lutheran Deanville Congregation
formally organized with the signing of its first
constitution
110 Years Ago
June 26, 1910**



**Sympathy Is Extended To The
Bentke Family**

On The Loss Of Their Loved One

Ernest Ray Bentke

October 14, 1930-April 30, 2020

Ernest Ray Bentke, 84, of Brenham, widower of Marilyn Gaskamp Bentke, died April 30, 2020.

A graveside funeral service was held at 2:00 pm Sunday, May 3, 2020 at Prairie Lea Cemetery and open to family & friends. Pastor Phil Geleske & Pastor Skip Stuttts officiated. If attending, and would like to stay in your car, the service will be transmitted on FM 87.9 (in close proximity of the cemetery).

Visitation were held on Saturday 7am to 5pm and on Sunday 7am to 12pm at Memorial Oaks Chapel.

Ernest Bentke was born September 5, 1935 to Ernest E. and Elsie Opperman Bentke. He was baptized October 13, 1935 in St. Stephen's Evangelical Church by Pastor E.H. Hohowugal and confirmed October 1, 1950 in the same church, by Pastor H.M. Nottrott. On June 14, 1964, he was married to Marilyn Lillian Gaskamp in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brenham.

Growing up Ernest and his family farmed & ranched in Burleson County. He attended school in Snook, Somerville, and Blinn College. He also served in the Army and was stationed in Alaska. Ernest was employed by Brentex Mills for 34 years until retiring in September of 2000. He enjoyed working outside on the farm, riding horses and mules, gardening, and picking up and shelling pecans. He loved spending time with his son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughters, while instilling his strong work ethic in them. He took pride in helping Gilbert Janner pick cotton by hand for the annual Burton Cotton Gin Festival, often picking a whole bale by himself.

He is preceded in death by his wife, parents, parents-in-law, Robert and Ida Gaskamp; brothers Melvin and Andrew Bentke; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Melvin and Evelyn Giesenschlag, Robert and Barbara Gaskamp, and Milton Gaskamp. Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, Russell & Rhonda Bentke; as well as his granddaughters Raeann Shelfer and husband Bradley, Rachel Heater and husband Trayse, Raynie Broesche and husband Garrett; great granddaughter Hazel Shelfer; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Bentke. Serving as Pallbearers are John Giesenschlag, Mike Gaskamp, Robert K. Gaskamp, Roy Garcia, Key Kurl, Russell Halfmann, and Nathan Winkelmann.

Memorials may be directed to Radio Ministries of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, or any of your favorite charities.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Memorial Oaks Chapel, 1306 West Main Street, Brenham, TX 77833.



**Sympathy Is Extended To The
Dworsky/Dvoracek Family
On The Loss Of Their Loved One
Gladys Dworsky Dvoracek
October 14, 1930-May 17, 2020**



Gladys Dworsky Dvoracek, born October 14, 1930 in Caldwell, TX to Charlie and Elsie Schumacher Dworsky, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 17, 2020 in Bryan, TX. Gladys was preceded in death by her parents Charlie and Elsie Dworsky; infant sister Rosalie; sister Ruby Lee Dworsky Smith and her husband RJ Smith Sr.; mother and father-in-law Carrie & John Dvoracek; nephew Charles Marion Smith; sister-in-law Bernadette Dvoracek Pustejovsky and her husband Jerry Pustejovsky; brother-in-law William Ray Dvoracek and his wife Carolyn Hynek Dvoracek. She is survived by her loving husband COL (USAR, Retired) Marvin Dvoracek; son COL (USA, Retired) John Charles Dvoracek and his wife Sara Lehnert Dvoracek and their children Patrick and Rachel; son COL (USA, Retired) Michael Dvoracek and his wife Jennifer Ireland Dvoracek and their sons Charles & John; nephew RJ Smith Jr. and his wife Barbara Ann Gerdes Smith and their families; niece Barbara Lee Gerland Smith, wife of the late Charles Smith and her family. Gladys grew up in Caldwell, attending school at Red Hollow (later named Hlavaty), Second Creek and graduating from Caldwell High School in 1948. She then attended Temple Junior College (TJC) and Scott & White Memorial Hospital School of Nursing 36-month diploma program. In 1951 she received an Associate's Degree from TJC and a diploma to practice as a Registered Nurse. Gladys continued her nursing career for 23 years in many capacities; from teaching, industrial nurse for an international shoe company, school nurse and psychiatric nurse. While working as a nurse at Student Health at Texas A&M in 1956 Gladys took a shine to a gentleman that came in after being injured playing softball. Gladys often said she was fortunate this gentleman turned out to be Marvin and I married this loving, kind and supportive man on December 28, 1957. They shared 62 wonderful years together full of great times with family, friends and travel. Gladys was very proud of her two sons that grew up to be kind, caring and compassionate men with wonderful families of their own. Gladys was a Charter member of the Daughters of the King Grace Chapter, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Bryan, TX. She was also active at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Lubbock, TX where she served on the altar guild; helped establish a gift shop; organized and chaired the church reception committee for church functions & weddings; and made altar linens and vestments. She was a member of Episcopal Church Women (ECW), serving as president for several years. She served as President & Treasurer in the Lubbock Area A&M Mothers' Club; as an officer on the Texas A&M Federation of Mothers' Club and Garden Club Treasurer and President. Gladys enjoyed many hobbies including: crafts; sewing; decorating; gardening; traveling-especially cruises; cake decorating; making sugar Easter eggs & gingerbread houses; oil painting; hosting large receptions at her home; genealogy; ceremonies; Christmas and most of all family. Gladys was loved by many and will be greatly missed. Special thanks goes out to all her caregivers at Baylor Scott & White Hospital, Crestview

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Gladys was loved by many and will be greatly missed. Special thanks goes out to all her caregivers at Baylor Scott & White Hospital, Crestview Skilled Nursing, Brazos Valley Hospice nurses, medical technicians and social workers that supported and cared for her in her final days. Visitation was held on Friday, May 22nd from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Funeral services Saturday May 23rd at 3:00 p.m. at the Memorial Funeral Chapel, 2901 Texas Ave. S., College Station, TX. Interment follows at Aggie Field of Honor, 3800 Raymond Stotzer Parkway, College Station, TX. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Marvin J. & Gladys Dvoracek Scholarship Endowment at Texas Tech University; Daughters of the King Grace Chapter, St. Andrews; or Hospice Brazos Valley



**Sympathy Is Extended To The
Wiederhold**

On The Loss Of Their Loved One

Alton "Al" Wiederhold

February 27, 1946--May 14, 2020



Funeral services for Alton "Al" Wiederhold, 74, of Giddings, were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Giddings with Father Miguel Duarte officiating. Visitation was held on Sunday, May 17, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and on Monday, May 18, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. A private family Rosary will be recited Sunday evening after visitation.

Alton Eugene Wiederhold was born on February 27, 1946 in Austin, Texas to Arnold & Martha (Schultz) Wiederhold. He was united in marriage to Angelina "Angie" Gonzales on November 10, 1973 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Giddings, Texas. He was a route salesman for Mrs. Baird's Bread. Alton was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 8085 in Giddings, Giddings Evening Lions Club, and a musician in the choir at St. Margaret's Catholic Church. Alton loved playing music, barbecuing, working outside, going to Louisiana, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

Alton passed away the evening of Thursday, May 14, 2020 in Round Rock, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Arnold & Martha Wiederhold; birth mother, Winnifred Moore; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Atilano & Victoria Gonzales; brother, Jerry Moore, and three brothers-in-law, David Gonzales, Henry Gonzales, and Adam Gonzales. Alton is survived by his wife, Angie Wiederhold of Giddings; son, Jonathan Wiederhold of Giddings; sister, Jan Door and her husband, Bob of Lake Jackson; two sisters-in-law, Normette Moore of Giddings and Patsy Gonzales of Brenham, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and extended family.

Serving as pallbearers are Mike Horne, Austin Barnett, Jerry Moore, A.J. Gonzales, Joey Gonzales, and Garrett Durrenberger. Serving as honorary pallbearers are Eric Gonzales, Joe Cruz, Jesse Cruz, and Skip Cade. Memorials may be made to the Knights of Columbus Council 8085, P.O. Box 461, Giddings, Texas 78942.

June, 2020

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Betty Brinkman Bonnie Schumacher	3 Bo Zboril	4 Natalie Smith	5	6 M/M Joel Pertl
7 Communion Cindy Zwernemann	8	9	10	11 Rowdy Smith M/M Tommy Kindt	12	13
14	15 Caden Kindt	16 Council Meeting 6:30 PM Mike Hayden Madyson Muzny	17	18	19	20
21 Communion Newsletter items due M/M Brandon Ceditla	22	23	24	25 M/M Frank Kristof	26 M/M R.J. Smith	27
28	29	30 Casey Zboril Alexa Drew				