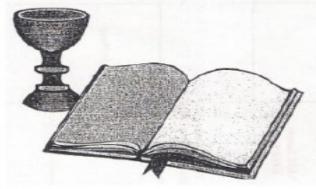
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"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea...Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." Psalm 46:1-2, 10-11 Life is full of uncertainty. I am reminded of this each week when we share prayer concerns. We deal with illness, job loss, medical emergencies, and death of loved ones. To make matters worse, when we watch the news which is mostly bad, the media would have us believe we our seconds away from a global collapse.

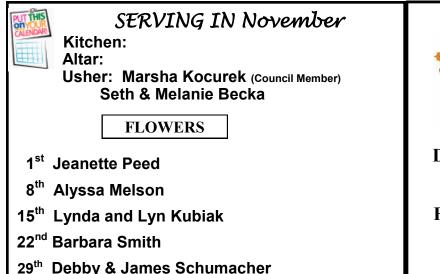
This has indeed been an unusual year with much of the news focusing on the global Covid-19 pandemic. Covid-19 has altered nearly every aspect of our lives and changed the way we normally live. As we brace for a possible Round 2 of this illness this upcoming winter, it is easy to look around at the tumult of our world and lose heart. But as Christ's followers, we have a solid rock, a sure foundation that steadies us when all around us is chaos and confusion.

The Psalmist reminds us that in the midst of turmoil in our world, be still and know that God is still God. God's Word teaches us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is the hope that doesn't disappoint, the light that doesn't fade, and a Mountain Fortress that cannot be shaken. Our Lectionary readings for the month of November proclaim that God is still in control. Christ the King Sunday on November 22 shows us that Jesus reigns supreme over all of creation. Not even the Coronavirus surprised God or caught God off guard. God reigns supreme over this pandemic, and He still has the ability to calm the storms that rage in and around us by saying "*Peace, be still.*" And God offers us the ability to take hold of this peace even when the news is all bad.

Remember, as a child of the living God, you have nothing to fear. The Lord of hosts is with you; the God of Jacob is your refuge.

Blessings,

Terry



Please pray for our Country, the World, those in the military the shutins, the lonely, those in need of healing and their families: Jake Cedidla, Travis Balcar, Barbara Smith, Dennis and Estelle Heitmancik, Jean Bay, Tom Krenek, Stanley and Mildred Sommers, Mary Bess and Garnett Gerdes, Douglas Brinkman, Sarah and Chester Canady, Sophia Pampell, Larry Kubecka, Roy Havemann, Delores Milzcewski, David Ronneberg, Kelly Kubiak, Marcus Broesche, Glen Drew, **Taylor Power, Ed**ward Beran, Cathi Laney, Shannon Miller, John Laffere, John Boyd, Adele Zboril, Kim and David Hardin, Glen and Amelia Wearden, Joel Pertl, John Hollywood, Patricia Tarnowski, prayers for those recovering from surgery, those who are in treatment for cancer and cancer survivors, and prayers for the family of Douglas Rackel, Gladys Faust Jeske and Dr. Delbert Price. Lord we pray that you come to our aid with your love and healing for all affected by Covid-19.



Dear Lord, we come to You today With a humble attitude. For all you give, our hearts are full Of love and gratitude.

Thank you for this special time To offer our Thanksgiving. Thank you for this food, and for The blessed lives we're living. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen

By Joanna Fuchs





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New Newsletter Email Address Stjohnsmonthlynewsletter@gmail.com Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 15, 2020



Harvest Meal

Sunday, November 22nd

Sunday Sermons available on St. John's Web Site for those unable to attend church services. Just click on "sermons" at the top tool bar of St Johns web page.

http://stjohnsdeanville.com/index.html



CONGRATULATIONS to Blake and Marsha Kocurek on the arrival of their baby girl and Marlee and Bailen on their new little sister. Lynnlee Blayke Kocurek made her debut on October 10, 2020 at 3:38 pm weighing 6 lbs 9 oz and 20 in.



THANKS! I would like to thank my church family for the prayers, cards, phone calls during the last year. I especially want to thank you for the extra prayers during my recent back surgery. I am recovering well at home and hope to be back close to 100% very soon.

Yours in Christ,

Barbara Smith







Poinsettias

Yes, I would like to order poinsettia plants for the Christmas Season to enhance our celebration of Jesus birth at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Please order _____ plants for me. The cost per plant will be \$10.00.

If possible, please attach your check to the order form! Make check payable to WELCA, St. John's Lutheran Church. Thanks for making the Christmas season a special memory for all in attendance! Return to Debby Schumacher or mail to Debby Schumacher, 4979 CR 140, Caldwell, Texas 77836. Last date to order will be Sunday, November 15, 2020.

| Put my flowers in | Memory of | OR | Honor Of: |
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Given by/My (Our) name(s) is:



Sympathy Is Extended To The Family Of **Douglas Rackel** On The Loss Of Their Loved One



January 8, 1961 - October 4, 2020

Graveside services for Douglas Rackel, 59 of Dime Box, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Dime Box with Father Joy Adimakkeel officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Douglas James Rackel was born on January 8, 1961 in Houston, Texas, the son of Lawrence Eldie Rackel and Elizabeth "Lizzy" Janeth (Beisert) Rackel. He was baptized on January 22, 1961 and confirmed on March 23, 1975 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Houston. His confirmation verse was John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." He graduated from Dime Box High School in 1979. Doug was united in marriage to Dorothy Ann Koudelka on July 5, 1980 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dime Box, Texas.

Doug worked in many fields until he found the oilfield. In March of 2007, he and his business partner and friend, Kevin Supak, started Choice Safety. He was a member of the Dime Box Volunteer Fire Department, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dime Box, and the SPJST. He never met a stranger and enjoyed meeting different people were ever he went. Doug enjoyed hunting, fishing, operating his tractor (known as Handy Dandy) and most of all, spending time with his family, especially his five grandchildren. He loved to go gambling and play the slot machines. Doug had a heart of gold and was willing to help anyone who needed help. His concern was always for other people and not himself. He was always the first to volunteer and do-



Sympathy Is Extended To The Family Of *Gladys Mae Faust-Jeske* On The Loss Of Their Loved One



January 20, 1946 - October 3, 2020

Gladys Mae Faust-Jeske, 74, was born January 20, 1946 in Deanville, Texas. She passed away October 3, surrounded by her loving family at her home in Bryan, Texas.

Gladys was born at her family's home in Deanville to John and Matilda Faust.

Later in life she married Marvin Jeske on November 30, 1963. They settled down in Bryan, Texas where they lived a happy life and raised their two sons.

Gladys was loving, selfless and hard working. She retired from Bryan Independent School District in 1999 after 27 years of dedicated service. Her free time was spent playing dominoes and cards with her family and friends. She was a kind and loving grandmother who showed her love by spoiling and doting on her grandchildren and great grandchildren every chance she could.

Gladys is proceeded in death by her parents John and Matilda Faust; her husband Marvin Jeske; Brother Louis Faust and several brother's and sister's in law.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories her two sons; Dale of Bryan, David and wife Jana of Bryan; her three granddaughters, Kala and husband Keith of Bryan, Brandee of College Station and Miranda of Bryan; her great grandchildren Wyatt, Alexis and Dalton. She also leaves behind her sister Mildred of Deanville, brother Larry of Caldwell, brothers Ernest and Stanley of Deanville, several nieces and nephews and her dearly loved friend Ronnie Markowski.

A Graveside Service will be held in honor of Gladys at 11 a.m., Thursday October 8, 2020 at Smetana Cemetery in Bryan, TX.

| November, 2020 Monthly Planner | | | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | y Frida | y Satur- | | |
| 1 ALL SAINTS Daylight Saving Time Ends Communion | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Jeffrey Wilhelm | 6 | 7 | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Council Meeting 6:30 PM | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Harper Cedidla | | |
| 15 Communion Congregational Meeting Len Kubiak | 16 Wayne Eichholz | 17 Donna Havemann Kim Cedidla | 18 | 19 Matt Zavodny | 20 Mark Melson | 21 | | |
| 22 Harvest Meal Newsletter items due Brad Balcar | 23 Alyssa Melson | 24 Lamar Kristof | 25 | 26 THANKSGIV- ING DAY | 27 | 28 | | |
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