The Light of St. John
St. John’s Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 38
Deanville, TX 77852
“I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.” (JOHN 14:6)
It happened almost 500 years ago. On October 31, 1517 a German monk named Martin Luther nailed 95 complaints on the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. And with the hammering of that nail, the Protestant Reformation began. The Church leaders at the time had been teaching that God’s grace must be earned or purchased. And this teaching is deeply rooted in the human psyche.

On the night before Jesus was crucified, he met with his disciples in an upper room. Tension must have gripped the room, and certainly Jesus’ action made everyone feel uncomfortable. He took off his outer garment, wrapped himself with a towel, and he began to wash his disciples’ feet. But Jesus was their Lord and teacher. They should have been washing his feet instead of Jesus washing their feet. Peter then blurted out what many of them were thinking. “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

Something inside us makes accepting God’s grace hard for us. We don’t feel worthy to receive it. Like Peter, we feel like we have to deserve God’s gifts or we shouldn’t receive them. Even worse, we sometimes think that by being a better Christian, by being more committed or working harder, that we can somehow expect more of God’s grace as our reward for service.

But as Luther reminds us, God’s grace is a gift to be received only by faith. In fact we receive God’s grace and mercy each and every day, even when we are not aware. When good things happen in your day, they are a result of God’s grace and mercy to you. As the writer of Lamentations states, “God’s compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23.

Each day the Lord is working in your life to make good things happen and to cause his blessings to shower upon you. The Lord’s blessings are not the result of our good works or what we deserve, but rather they reflect the heart of a loving God who watches over you and cares for you each day.

On Sunday mornings we gather in God’s house for the worship service. But the service of worship is not primarily about us serving God, although we do respond to God with our thanksgiving and praise. The worship service is first and foremost about God coming to us in worship and serving us with his grace. The first time God comes to us is when we receive Holy Baptism. He claims us as his children and gives us his prevenient grace even before we are aware that we need him. God comes to us again at the time of our Confirmation when we openly express our faith in God. And God comes to us each week when we are fed with the preaching of the word and in Holy Communion as we receive the Lord’s body and blood. The entire worship service is meant to remind us that God’s grace comes to us as a gift even though we cannot earn it.

As we turn our thoughts this month to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and the approach of the Season of Advent, may you truly experience God’s grace and mercy as it comes anew to you each and every day.

Blessings,

Pastor Terry
All Saints' Day (falls on the first Sunday of November). It is a day when we commemorate the lives of our loved ones who have died in Christ. We confess in the Apostles Creed, “the Communion of Saints”. All Saints Day is a day to glorify Jesus Christ, who through his life and death redeems and through Holy Baptism makes saints of all believers. On this day we remember Barbara Matus and all the faithful departed from this past year and all generations.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Otto Kubecka
(July 5, 1928- October 31, 2016)
Otto was born July 5, 1928 to John Kubecka and Rosie (Courtney) Kubecka in Deanville, Texas. He married the love of his life, Johnnie Lee Newcomb on June 17, 1953. They were married for 56 years.
Otto was a man who was proud to serve his community in law enforcement over a 40 year career, and was Chief Deputy for the Victoria County Sheriff’s Department. During that time, he was selected to attend the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, VA. Otto also answered his nations call by joining the United States Navy and serving during the Korean Conflict. He retired to his ranch in 1991 where he loved raising cattle, calling them his “girls”. He also enjoyed fishing and barbequing. Most of all, Otto loved his family and his church, First Baptist Church of Somerville, where he served as Deacon. Otto was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Johnnie Lee (Newcomb) Kubecka; brother, Jimmy Kubecka; and sister, Rose Marie Marshall. He is survived by his son, Otto Kubecka, Jr. of Collinsville, OK; sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff & Christy Kubecka of Victoria, TX; Don & Linda Kubecka of Palmetto, FL; brother, Warren Kubecka of Mesquite, TX; sister, Rachel Mastrovich of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren, Michael Kubecka, Crystal King, Corey Kubecka, Kristen Kubecka; and great-grandchildren, Brooklyn King, and Alyssa King. Pallbearers will be Dennis Kubecka, Corey Kubecka, Nate King, Earl Dahlquist, John D. Mastrovich and Dennis Griffin.

Please pray for our soldiers, the shut-in, the lonely, and those in need of healing: Preston Perry, Diana See, Jeffrey Love, Mila Klawinsk, Camden Wideman, Baby Jake, Sheila Bartek, Patricia Tarnowski, Joan Schultz, Chris Jadlowski, J.D. Lambrecht, Gene Chemelar, Fontaine Wilhelm, MaeDel Cowan, David Dawson, Bobby Young, Sharon Beseda, Corie Flippin, Raimey Murphy, Vivian and Walter Schumacher, Barbara Sablatura, Mary Hall, Jeff Krueger, Hattie Christensen, Frank and Mart Roberts, Ronnie Langham, Debra Mattlock, Wallace {Lupe} Rosas, Billy Phillips, Ella Coufal, Phillip Acosta, Donna Payne, Barbara and J. W. Zalmanek, the families of Lee Ellen Flippin, John Treeter, Otto Kubecka and Anton Leighman.

Serving In November

Kitchen: Donna Havemann
Altar: Donna Havemann
Ushers: Alyssa Melson
Roy and Donna Havemann

Flowers

6th 13th Donna Havemann (Birthday)
20th Len & Lynda Kubiak
30th RJ & Barbara Smith
Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of

Lee Flippin
(August 31, 1929 - October 12, 2016)

Funeral arrangements for Lee Flippin, 87, of Dime Box were scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 11:00 am at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Dime Box with Brother Harvey Abke and Rev. Roger Millheim officiating. Burial will follow at St. John’s Lutheran Church Cemetery in Dime Box. Visitations will be Friday, October 14, 2016, 6pm-8pm with the family present at Phillips & Luckey Chapel in Caldwell, Texas.

Lee was born August 31, 1929 to Fritz & Elsie (Eberhart) Korth, their second child, at their family home in the Birch Community. She was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Birch. Her family were farmers and she often got out of the fields picking cotton by volunteering to care for the younger children. She moved into town to live with her aunt and go to Caldwell High School where she graduated in 1946 at the age of 16. After graduation she moved to Houston with a friend and worked at the Pepsi Cola Company for 3 years until she landed a job at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in the accounting department. While in Houston, she met the love of her life, Claude Flippin, at Cook’s Hoedown New Year’s Eve and they married 5 months later on May 3, 1958. They continued to live in Houston until she retired in 1969 and they moved to the ranch in Dime Box. The job that brought the most joy was helping close friends Riney and Monica Spacek raise their 5 children. During that time, she became known as “Mama Lee” named by Russell Spacek. Claude and Lee were unable to have children of their own, but they were always surrounded by their nieces, nephews and the Spacek kids. They tried to adopt for years and it finally happened when they were blessed by their newborn baby girl Sue Ellen on March 5, 1982 at the age of 52 & 60. Claude went to his eternal rest June 19, 1988 and Lee took on the role of raising a 6-year-old on her own and she did an amazing job. There wasn’t a volleyball, softball or basketball game she missed and became everyone’s mama. She tamed Sue Elle and her friends to SPJST meetings and camps, sports practices, games and competitions and always had a meal and cold sodas for everyone. She enjoyed playing Bingo with Lucille in Giddings and Caldwell every week and never missed a weekly beauty shop appointments with Jan. Many nights were spent around a domino table at her house with the Ford’s or the Leitko’s and it was a given that Saturday nights were spent at the SPJST hall in Dime Box. There are so many other memories than can be shared and will always be remembered by all who had the pleasure to know and love Lee. The last 4 years she lived at Burleson St. Joseph Manor in Caldwell where she was the President of the Resident’s Rights Council and made many new friends. She was active in all activities and thanks to Sherri, she became quite the artist. She never missed any activities or church and was a buddy helper for other residents. Lee really lived these last 4 years and called the Manor home and the people there family. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She had many names in her lifetime but none as precious to her as “Goggins” (given to her by Patrick). When Hunter came along, it didn’t change and just as she was everyone’s Mama when Sue Ellen was a child, she then became everyone’s Goggins. She had a special place in her heart for her boys and like every grandparent, she thought they could do no wrong. They truly were the light of her life! Lee was welcomed into her heavenly home by Claude on October 12, 2016. Lee is preceded in death by her parents, Fritz and Elsie Korth; 2 brothers, Leon “Buddy” Korth and Wilfred Korth, Sr., and her loving husband of 30 years Claude A. Flippin. She is survived by her daughter Sue Ellen and Marcus Bernal, Sr., step-children, Donna & Lee Halliburton, Frankie Flippin, Larry Sr., and Shirley Flippin. 2 sisters, Velma Bage and Gladys Paholek. Grandchildren Patrick David, Hunter David, Marcus Bernal, Jr., Michael Bernal, Mason Bernal, Justin Halliburton, Sheryl & Paul Smith, Larry Flippin, Jr., Michelle & Rick Hernandez, James & Cody Flippin, 4 great grandchildren with one on the way, numerous nieces and nephews and countless friends.

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Lee was an incredible woman with a huge heart. She was the most loving, giving, caring and selfless person ever known and will be missed by all but her legacy will on in the hearts of all who knew her. Memorials can be made to Hospice Brazos Valley, Burleson County Church in Caldwell or St. John’s Lutheran Church in Dime Box.
Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 12, 6:00 PM. St. John’s Ladies Group has started the planning process to sponsor an Extravaganza. It is a chance to spend a delightful evening viewing beautiful theme-decorated tables, enjoy good food and fellowship and prepare your heart for the coming season. The event will be held at the Deanville Sons of Hermann Hall.

HOSTESS RESPONSIBILITIES ARE:
* Decorate a table with a theme that will tie into the Advent or Christmas season
* Invite family and friends to sit at your table
* Provide 1 dozen sandwiches and 1 dessert
* Provide 1 door prize for guests at your table
* Optional – provide a small party favor for your table guests
* Share the story of your table theme that night with everyone

There are no fees or charges to either the hostess or guests. Most often there are two people who go together as hostess and work together to create the theme and decorations.

Contact one of the following to sign up as a hostess:
- Debby Schumacher, 535-4205
- Joyce Krenek, 567-4222
- Marsha Kocurek, 979-277-5026
- Michelle Blackmon, 979-571-3860
- Lynda Leo, 535-4819

Kathryn,
Just want to express my sincere “Thanks” and appreciation to you and the Ladies of the Prayer Shawl Committee in your church for giving me this beautiful Prayer Shawl. It is so warm and soothing to my body, and my prayer is “God’s Richest Blessing “ to you for this very thoughtful and wonderful deed.

God Bless!
My Love in Christ,
Myrtle
Eat, Drink, and Be Thankful

Please come and join us for a
Deanville Community Thanksgiving Lunch

Sunday, November 13

11:30—1:30
Deanville Hall
6785 FM 111—Deanville, Texas
Fried Turkey Meal Will Be Served
Desserts Will Be Provided By Deanville 4-H

Free Will Donations Will Be Accepted With Proceeds Going To Local Charities
THANKS to everyone who participated in the St. John’s Trunk or Treat!

Special thanks to Coti Freeman, Josh Freeman for preparing the hot dogs and chili, those who provided the booths, the Ladies of St. Johns’ and all who volunteered their time to make a safe and fun filled night of great food, prizes and fellowship and of course tons of great candy for children of all ages. Booths included: Loretta Laffere-Jonah and the Whale, Bridgett Ofczacak-Finding Jesus, Barbara Smith-Fishers of Men, Deanville Heritage Foundation-On The Right Track, Hermann Sons Life-God Bless America, Deanville 4-H, Finding Dora, Marsha Kocurek-Who created the Pineapples and Under The Sea ....Jesus Christ (Sponge Bob Theme), Rebecca Thurman and Marlena Beran-Halloween Theme, Judy Kocurek and Amy Kocurek-God is a Super Hero and Susan Broesche-Fishers of Men. The ladies of St. John's ran bingo. There was also a bouncy house, cupcake walk and other games. A great time was enjoyed by all!
Our youth group has been blooming with great activities!!! Help us keep our activities going by supporting them. The Youth Group will be selling poinsettias for decorating the church. They are selling the poinsettias for $9.00. This year they will also be sold outside the church. This will be a fundraiser for the youth group. The poinsettias can be placed at the altar in honor/memory of someone or you can pick them up. Thanks for supporting our youth!!

Next Youth group meeting will be at 6:30 pm on November 30th.

The St. John's Sunday school group meeting will be on Sunday November 6th immediately after church. Please let me know if you have any agenda items to discuss.

Marsha

Current items include:
Class updates
Trunk or Treat and Scarecrow Review
Christmas program practice/party/etc
Music for church on 11/27 is I Will Call Upon the Lord
Sunday School email address

Thank You!
The Deanville Volunteer Fire Department truly appreciates all the workers, contributors, and purchasers. “This is your fire department.” Each of you is responsible for the success of this fire department. Thank you for your generous support.

Morgan poses with the “WE ARE FINDING JESUS at St. John’s Display” on the Courthouse Square!
Poinsettia Order Form

All orders must be **PRE-PAID**. Proceeds will benefit the St. John’s Lutheran Church of Deanville Youth Group. **Please make checks payable to St. John’s Lutheran Church.**

Flowers will be delivered in late November for those wanting to keep them. Flowers will be placed on the altar during December services, and will be available for pick-up after the Christmas service.

**COMPLETE THE ORDER FORM BELOW TO RESERVE YOUR POINSETTIAS**

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Phone: ___________________________________________

E-mail: ___________________________________________

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Put my flowers in Memory of OR Honor Of:

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Given by/My (Our) name(s) is:

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Please attach your check or cash to the order form! Make check payable to St. John’s Lutheran Church. Thanks for making the Christmas season a special memory and for supporting the St. John’s Lutheran Church Youth Group! Return the form to Marsha Kocurek or Casey Smith. For questions, please call Marsha at 979-277-5026. The last date to order will be Sunday, November 13, 2016.
Dear Lord,
On this Thanksgiving Day, we are thankful for all that You give us, for all that You do for us, for all that You teach us. Thank You for guiding us to live our lives in Your will, in Your purpose, in Your plan for us. Thank You for Your protection from worldly influence and danger. Thank You for bringing us gently to a deeper knowledge of You and what You want from us, with Your love, mercy, compassion and grace. And thank you, Lord, for the blessings we are experiencing right now at this very moment--the food, and the precious people who are with us to enjoy this meal and this day. Thank You, Lord. Amen.

By Joanna Fuchs

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November 11th

Veteran’s Day Prayer

Dear Lord,
Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country’s heritage, for all of us.
Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America’s victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus’ name we pray; Amen.

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| ALL SAINTS Communion Sunday School meeting | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | Advent Extravaganza 6 PM at Deauville Hall |
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| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Last day to order ponsettias | Council Meeting 7 PM Len Kubiak | Wayne Eichholz | Donna Havemann Kim Cedila | Matt Zavadny |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Communion Congregational Meeting follows worship | Brad Balkar | Alyssa Melson Billy Morsko M/M Frank Roberts M/M Larry Maresh | THANKSGIVING DAY Lamar Kristof Allison Faust | Decorate Church for Advent 9 AM M/M Billy Morsko |
| Mark Melson | | | | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Dec 1 | Dec 2 | Dec 3 |
| 1st Sunday of Advent | | | Youth Group 6:30 PM | | Mason Moon Rylan Zboril Christmas On the Square | | |