

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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"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

We are all aging, and if you haven't said this to yourself, you surely have heard others talk about the shortness of life. Where did the years go? One minute you are young and feel invincible like nothing can stop you. And the next minute you realize that you've aged several decades. A longtime friend of mine recently texted me a picture of myself taken when I was in high school. I enjoyed looking at that picture and remembering old times, but it also brought me sadness because I realize how much we've aged. And my body certainly feels it too.

This past year we had a record number of funerals at church. And Psalm 90 is a sobering reminder of the frailty of life. We are not guaranteed tomorrow. And so many people spend years of their lives not living with a sense of purpose. They give too much attention to things that don't matter, and they don't give enough priority to the things that really are important. The Psalmist reminds us to number our days and make the most of every day. We do that by living purposely to glorify God in our daily living. And when we do that we are making an investment in our eternity knowing we will reap rewards in heaven for how we lived our lives on this earth.

Since we aren't guaranteed tomorrow, we should live every day in the present because this day is our *"present"* from God. If this moment is all we are promised, we should love more freely in the moment. We should forgive more graciously in the moment, and listen more carefully in the moment. And every day tell your loved ones that you love them.

So many people store up treasures on earth that simply fade away. Jesus reminds us to live with an eternal purpose in mind and store up treasures in heaven that will never fade away. May we all count our days, and consider with godly wisdom how we invest our time here. One day this will all be gone, and only that which is of eternal value will last. I pray that our lives will be invested in the eternal, and not in that which perishes like the grass.

Blessings,

Terry



SERVING IN July

Kitchen:

Altar: Donna Havemann

Usher: Donna Havemann(Council Member)

Carol Brinkman

FLOWERS

3rd Kathy & Lonnie Supak

10th Lynda & Ken Kubiak

17st John & Casey Smith

26th Suehs Family



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

Brinkman, Barbara Smith, Tom Krennek, Mary Bess and Garnett Gerdes, Maxine Lammergard, Sarah and Chester Canady, Larry Kubecka, Roy Havemann, Delores Milzcewski, David Ronneberg, Dennis and Estelle Hejtmancik, Dwayne Muzny, Jake Cedidla, Nancy Faulk, Kelly Kubiak, Marcus Broesche, Glen Drew, 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 Mary Dien Neutzler, Bob Doonan, Ruth Neimann and Don Strickland. Lord we pray that you come to our aid with your love and healing for all effected by Covid-19.



Independence Day Prayer Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, Celebrating our history and revelling in all the great things that our country has achieved. On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defence of freedom and justice. We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much. Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for these times. On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You. Make us a generous people, A holy nation, A people set aside to love You forever, For the sake of the land of the brave and free, And the peoples and nations of this world. Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You, Our people are in need of You, Our industry and business is in need of You. May we look only to You This Independence Day, dependent on You. Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit, Breathe new life into the sinews of this nation. May justice flow like rivers, And righteousness like a never failing stream, Until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory, As the waters cover the sea. We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God, now and for all eternity.

Amen. https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/independence_day_prayer.html

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St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Agenda

June 16, 2020

6:30pm

I. Call to order, Opening Prayer by Ronnie Pampell In attendance: Dwayne, Donna, Susette, Ronnie

II. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Approved as read.

A. Approval of Financial Reports:

A) Treasurer Report - Discussed asking for a year to date budget instead of a monthly budget.

B) Memorial Fund

C) Cemetery Fund / Perpetual Care Fund /Perpetual Care CD

Discussed and confirmed that the MDC CD will reside in the correct account.

Financial reports approved.

B. Pastor's Report – no report

III. Open issues-

A. Building Fund Priorities – Church Roof –

Received report day of meeting on foundation. Need to schedule another leveling survey to get slab re-measured in 4-6 months then re-leveled but no more than one inch to avoid additional damage to structure. Need to cut out small section of tile to get a visual on whether or not the roof is still securely sufficiently supported. Need to repair roof leak at entry.

B. Received quote to replace cooling coil on AC in Sunday school wing for \$1,855.32. It is currently working fine after Freon was added. So the committee will table the topic at this time. We will have a vote to replace the coil in the event the Freon leaks out.

Discussed adding one or two new building committee members

IV. New Business

A. Discuss options for Worship Service Music- Ronnie volunteered himself and Kelly to keep power points and music ready for services missing live music. Also, revisited having a guest paid organist. We budgeted for special music in the yearly budget that we haven't used this

(council minutes continued)

B. Discuss upcoming “open” positions and new Council Members – (Donna, Dwayne and Brandon’s terms are up) Discussed who would be willing to stay on the committee to get back on the regular rotation of replacing two each year.

C. Cemetery Committee Update – Need bid from licensed electrician to run power to columbarium. To date we have spent \$27,433 in donated funds on the columbarium. Viewed the dedication plaques during meeting.

We need a road on fence line to ensure equipment can dig new sites without intruding on existing graves.

D. Discuss COVID – 19 contingency plan – The committee will continue to monitor the trends and remind the congregation through example and word to follow safety guidelines. We also will not reinstate our Pot Luck dinners at this time.

E. Discuss A/C issue in SS Wing – see above discussion

V. Adjourn / Closing Prayer – adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susette Hart



Jefferson Awards: Caldwell woman making a lasting impact in community

Congratulations to Marsha Kocurcek, for being selected the 2020 Jefferson Award Winner
<https://www.kbtx.com/content/news/Caldwell-woman-making-a-lasting-impact-in-community-570373771.html>



Gender Reveal: IT's A Girl!

Congratulations to Marsha, Blake, Bailen and Marley as they wait the arrival of their baby girl/sister.



Congratulations Cameron!

What a finals and year end at YRA!!!

**Year end tiedown champion
Year end reserve ribbon roping
Year end third place team roping
Finals average team roping champion
Finals all around champion
All around year end champion**



**Sympathy Is Extended To The
Neutzler/Moon Family**

On The Loss Of Their Loved One

Mary Dien Neutzler

October 14, 1930-April 30, 2020



Mary Dien Neutzler, age 87 of Burton, passed away on June 11, 2020.

Mary Dien was born August 6, 1932 in Warrenton, Texas to Herbert and Hertha (Albert) Meinen. She was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Warrenton on November 6, 1932 by Reverend Julius Bosshard and was confirmed September 15, 1946 by same minister. Mary Dien was a 1950 graduate of Round Top-Carmine High School.

On December 7, 1952, she was married to Lee Dell Neutzler at St John's Lutheran Church in Warrenton. She worked with Lee Dell on their farm in Burton for many years, raising cattle and growing corn and cotton. They loved going to local dances on weekends and seeing all their friends.

Mary Dien was an excellent seamstress. She cooked and baked frequently, with her German coffee cake and pecan cookies being requested often at family gatherings.

She did daycare in her home for many children in the area. Years later, Mary Dien switched gears and became a caregiver to the elderly. Later, she volunteered at the Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Activity Center, which gave her much fulfillment and pleasure. She was a member of Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Mary Dien was strong willed woman yet, was also sincere and available whenever someone needed help.

She is survived by: daughter and son-in-law, Marla Kay and Terry Moon of Burton; grandchildren, Lindsey Eckert and husband Joshua of Carmine, Kristin Gaskamp and husband Gavin of Brenham, Mason Moon of Burton; great grandchildren Peyton Franklin, Avery Franklin, Hennessey Gaskamp, Gracie Lee Eckert; nieces, Linda Gaskamp, Tammy Brown, Wanda Pohl; and nephew Roy Wunderlich.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; husband; infant son, Dwayne Charles Neutzler; sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Melvin Wunderlich; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Oliver and Vinita Neutzler, Franklin and Thelma Neutzler, and Calvin Neutzler; nephews, Larry Wunderlich and "O.D" Neutzler.

Visitation will be Friday, June 19 from 7 a.m.-7:30 p.m. in Brenham Memorial Chapel.

Funeral services will be Saturday, June 20 at 10:30 a.m. in Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Deacon Cindy Robles and Terry Moon officiating. Interment will be in LaBahia Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Margaret E. Blizzard Senior Activity Center.

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Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Mildred Miman
5 Communion M/M Randall Hart	6 M/M L.W. Brinkman M/M Lonnie Supak	7	8 Vanessa Albright	9 M/M Len Kubiak Brandon Cedidla	10 Lawrence (Butch) Kindt Kadie Hartman	11
12 Cindy Rek	13 Shannon Maresh	14	15	16	17	18
19 Communion Newsletter items due	20	21 Council Meeting 6:30 PM Casey Smith	22	23 Brandon Telschow	24 Aiden Melson	25 Randall Hart
26	27	28 L.W. Brinkman Levi Freeman	29 Justin Kalisek	30 Lynne Love	31 Jeanette Peed	