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Volunteers for October

If you cannot fulfill your volunteer duties, please ask someone to fill-in for you or contact the office. **We are always looking for more volunteers!** If you wish to volunteer or just want to learn more about a volunteer position, please fill out a Time & Talent Sheet or contact Wendi. *Thank you!*

COMMUNION PREP & PARAMENTS:

Renee Stroman 03, 10, 17, 24 Green 31 Red, Reformation Sunday

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

03 Wanda Cornish17 Wayne Gisler31 Merle Otwell

FELLOWSHIP COOKIES:

03 Ginia Bruno & Leslie Hanslik
10 Wendi Pospech & Renee Stroman
17 Wayne Gisler & Linda Swickheimer
24 Merle Otwell & Mary Lea Pfenninger
31 Potluck Lunch

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LECTORS:

03 Gary Deskin
10 Keith Cornish
17 Wayne Gisler
24 Travis Lee
31 Christy Paulsgrove

GREETERS:

03 Wanda Cornish
10 Keith Cornish
17 Wayne Gisler
24 Jeff Sellers
31 Paul & Merle Otwell







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but the word of our God will stand forever. ~Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades,



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Adeline Haak, Jamie McAdams, Jimmie Dale Rader, Cynthia Barnhill, Betty Cullum, Paula Sellers, Jeneal Jackson, Cory & Cristy Bill

THOSE IN CARE FACILITIES

Ruth Baacke, Virginia Zillig, Ray Parr, Vernell Dohmann, Willie Belle Grossmann & Milledean Albrecht

PRAYER CHAIN

If you added someone to the prayer list, please touch base periodically with *updates*, the person's *current needs*, or when to *remove* them from the list.

Updates may be made with the prayer request cards or the church office.



If you would like to be a member of the prayer chain and receive updates by phone or email, please let the office know.

St. John's Poinsettias 2021

Ordering is taking place early this year due to the freeze. If you would like to adorn our church sanctuary with a poinsettia please fill out this form and turn it in to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

Poinsettias will be placed on the altar and you may take them home after the Christmas Eve service.



The cost of each plant will be \$13.00. Please make checks payable to: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We will provide ______Poinsettias

(How Many)

Your Name

(This is how your name will be listed)

To the Glory of God,

In Memory of_____

In Honor of ______

In Appreciation of _____

In Celebration of _____

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES The September council meeting was canceled due to

the threat of the tropical storm.

CHURCH COUNCIL





FROM THE OFFICE

I have had the sincere pleasure of serving this congregation as office manager for five years now! I continue to feel blessed for this opportunity. ~Wendi



On Sunday, September 19th, we welcomed Wayne Gisler to our church family! He has been joining us in worship for about three years now, and we are so blessed that he decided to officially join us!





BIRTHDAYS

1 - Joyce Albrecht
 6 - Hope Willms
 8 - Garrett Baacke
 8 - Leslie Hanslik
 10 - Johnnie Faye Hausmann
 14 - Jessica Cornish
 14 - Cindy Kirchoff
 16 - Lee Ander Urban
 18 - Kevin Willms
 18 - Debbie Schulze

- 19 Blake Cornish
- 21 Dane Hoffmann
 - 22 Wayne Gisler
- 25 Shelly Schulze
- 27 Peyton Gutierrez
- 28 Jean Hausmann
 - 28 Joel Riggs
 - 28 Kay Walker
- 29 Shanell Gorman
- 31 Cierra Fromme
 - 31 Travis Lee

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Logan & Lauren Brandt
 Tara & Jeff Garner
 David & Lesley Bruns
 Curtis & Wendi Pospech



From Pastor Randy...

³² For their vine comes from the vine of Sodom and from the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of poison; their clusters are bitter; (Deut. 32:32 ESV)

At least in our area, the Oak is one of, if not the, mightiest trees. It grows slowly which means its fibers are long and tight and durable. It can live for many many years and for the most part requires little maintenance. Its large sturdy branches are a favored resting place for many birds and other animals. It is a popular tree, a desired tree, a tree that is admired by many as it is considered majestic. And its wood is highly sought by those who make furniture and greatly preferred by those who buy furniture because it is known to be lasting.

Yet, the Oak does have its enemies. Along with the regular insects that attack most trees, there is a blight that prefers the Oak. I have lived in an area that the blight came through and it was not pretty. But there is another problem for the Oak in our area. It is a vine that is tenacious, and it appears somewhat calculating. I don't remember the name of the vine, but I will bet that there are some around you that do. I was told that it came across the sea, brought by a strong storm, and that we just happened to be among those who received it.

This vine grows fairly rapidly and is known to attach itself deeply in the bark of the Oak. It holds on with strong fiber like tendrils that are difficult to break. And while it doesn't steal nourishment from the tree, it does slowly choke the Oak to death by circling its branches all the way to the top until the tree can no longer get any sun. You have perhaps seen the

ST. JOHN'S CROSS WALL

Our cross wall is looking great in the Fellowship Hall! Submit a cross for your family unit to the office or cross wall committee. For rules and more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Mary Lea or Merle.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



We had about **23** men present for the August Men's breakfast. All men from the community are invited to join us on the **first Monday of every month at 7:30** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and discussion.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Don't forget to wear **RED** for reformation **Sunday**, **October 31st.** We will also be having a potluck lunch following the service that day.

CALICO CORNER

We're Back!!! The Calico Cut Ups will meet **Tuesday**, **October 12th at 9:00**. If you have any questions,

please contact Kelly @ 645-2098. *Happy Stitching :*)



WOSI SEPTEMBER NEWS

Martha Circle Tuesday, October 5th @ 9:00 Program: Martha Oehlke

Rebekah's Lunch Bunch Tuesday, October 12th @ 12:00 Devotion: Eilene Power

Unity Meeting Monday, October 18th @ 6:00

Sarah Circle Wednesday, October 20th @ 6:00 Devotion: Christy Paulsgrove

Fellowship Potluck Lunch Sunday, October 31st @ 11:30 Coordinators: Sarah Circle

Teacher Appreciation Goodies were delivered to GISD on Monday, September 20th in celebration of the hard work and dedication of our teachers and GISD staff! Thank you to alk the WOSJ who baked and volunteered their time to make this happen! only redeeming part of this vine as it flowers once a year for a short time with bright yellow petals that cover your lawn when they are done.

I tell you about this situation due to one that we are in and often don't realize it. God asks for us to stand in the World in His name. We are to be mighty like the Oak. We are to be steadfast like the Oak. We are to be somewhat majestic as the Oak. But like the Oak we have an enemy of God that slowly wraps itself around us. At times we think the vine around us pretty, as it flowers. But too late do we discover how its slow growth around us only encumbers us in our Godly tasks, and if left unchecked that vine will destroy us.

The bad vine in this case is sin. Sin can be loosely defined as anything that separates us from God. Yet God keeps us rooted in Him if we let Him. If we listen when God speaks. If we act when God tells us to act. If we speak when God tells us to speak. If we live a life reflecting God in the world. If we do these things there is no vine that can drag us down because God will prune it. It is the way that we stand mighty. And it is God then who admires us. – And doing so keeps us in the Son.

¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her,
 "Woman, where are they? Has no one
 condemned you?"
 ¹¹ She said, "No one, Lord."
 And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you;
 go, and from now on sin no more." (Jn. 8:10-11 ESV)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday school kicked off last month with the theme "Let Your Light Shine" All children age 3-12 are welcome to attend class the second and forth Sunday of the month at 9:15.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible study takes place every Sunday morning at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to join.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the NALC, thank you for your partnership in the Gospel and for your support of the ministry we share in the name our Lord Jesus. Because of your support there are immediate and eternal implications and impacts on the lives of those we serve. Thank you for your faithfulness and support of our efforts, financially and in prayer. May God continue to bless you in ways that will enable you to bless others.

In Christ Jesus, Bishop Dan Selbo

We are so grateful that we were able to provide the opportunity for so many campers! We did not have any cases of COVID detected in campers at camp or reported to us afterwards for the second summer. Thanks be to God! Even in these unpredictable times, the core of "what camp is" stayed the same again this summer. We know that this ministry would not be possible without the prayers and support of many, and we are deeply grateful for both. Thank you for the part you have played in making it all possible! Sincerely, *Deanna Christensen* Executive Director, Cross Trails Ministry

The Rosenberg NALC Disaster Response Warehouse has been shipping supplies to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in Louisiana. Now the warehouse is ready to be refilled. We have emptied the shelves of the stores in our area. We are looking for people to shop for supplies and for drivers to pick up supplies from churches and deliver them to the warehouse.

The priority supplies needed are:

(We have plenty of buckets waiting to be filled!)

Leather gloves Cotton gloves Scrub brushes Paper towels Bleach--small jugs Contractor trash bags Old/used towels to cut up for rags Powder cleanser (Comet, Ajax, etc.) Floor cleaner--small (Pine Sol, Spic & Span etc.)



Other items needed are:

Baby blankets Rakes Straw brooms Square/flat blade shovels String mops (please no sponge mops)

If you have questions, call Michael Dittrich @ 281-381-5588.

Together we can accomplish much! We will have a box to collect items in the Narthex through Sunday, October 3rd.

Serve each other through love--Galatians 5:13b