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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Those words are heard often. They communicate a wish as well as a hope. We also say, A BLESSED NEW YEAR! Those words tend to communicate a prayer, both that you will be blessed during the coming year and that you will be able to receive all that comes this year as a blessing.

Life is precious, is it not? It can be wiped out so suddenly in an accident. It can be taken away breath by breath as we await the final passing of a loved one who is so ready to make their journey. But we dare never lose sight of the fact that the gift of life is a gift of God! It is a gift received anew each day to be invested and spent in a way that brings glory to the giver. Every 365 days we pause to give the year a new number, yet life is much the same on the day after.

For some of you, the past year has meant unemployment, diagnosis and disease, or distress. It has been an uncertain year as the economy sang a different tune and the rapid growth in our community slowed tremendously. But the one certainty of life is that things do change. It is in the midst of change that we seek to keep our eye on our mission and purpose and just strive for faithfulness, trusting that 'The Lord Will Provide'.

It is true for St. John Lutheran as well. This past year of 2010 proved to be a year of turmoil, uncertainty, decision making and pain, yet it was a year of blessing as well. We found ourselves trying to be faithful to our God, while realizing that some brothers and sisters in Christ had a different understanding of what faithfulness meant. In spite of disagreement, we have continued to love one another and participate with one another in the love of Jesus Christ.

By the grace of God we are completing this year. We thank God for God's presence with us throughout the year. But now we have a new year to look forward to. Things are looking like continued blessings. By the grace of God we will be finishing the years with a positive cash flow as income has exceeded expenditures, even though we did not have a full time Youth Minister on board for much of the year. We look forward to the arrival of our new Youth Minister, Matt Olsen, in mid February. Our new Mission, Outreach and Congregation Care Committees show so much promise for faithful ministry as we now find new ways to be the body of Christ and to serve Christ's Mission. Our Children's Ministry is going great! The music ministry is awesome! The new projection equipment will help us to follow our benevolent gifts and see how they touch the lives of so many people. One certainty in our life as a congregation is that things do change, but our mission of building up the Body of Christ in this place does not change.

The year, 2011, promises to be a good and Happy New Year! I admonish you to live it in faithfulness to the glory of God. Be faithful in worship! It all begins there. Having gathered around God's Word and Sacrament we then depart to live and to serve,, all to the glory of God! Happy New Year!

Pastor Henry Schulte

2011 Congregation Council

We are blessed to recognize and install our 2011 Congregation Council Members as they begin a new year of service. We thank God for their willingness to serve God and God's congregation at St. John.

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Stewardship Chair	Fred Keller
Worship Chair	Larry Smith
Youth Member	Connor Mitchell
Youth Member	Kathryn Klokker

We, the Pastors invite the congregation to support our Council with prayer and a working partnership, all to the Glory Of God and for the building up of the Body of Christ.



Council Contacts

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- Youth Member, Connor Mitchell

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Teaching Opportunities

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It's a lot of fun!

There is no preparation needed except reading over the lesson plan that is mailed to you two weeks in advance, and you teach the same lesson for only three weeks to three different groups of children. A guide is always with the class to help. Please contact Ann for more information. at 249 - 3651 X210 or ann@stjohnlutheran.com

Fellowship Chair

My term as Fellowship Chair has been completed and it has been a blessing and an honor for me and my committee to serve the church in this capacity. I truly appreciate the help that has been given by everyone. Donating food, helping in the kitchen, and a special thanks to Zach Fisher and the basketball team as well as Larry Justice for all their help with tables and chairs! Blessing to everyone in the years to come!
 Nancy Felps Fellowship Chair

Quarterly Local Benevolence

Boerne Food Pantry	\$ 500.00
Boerne Family Services	\$ 500.00
Children's Inn	\$ 500.00
Rainbow Center	\$ 500.00
Daily Bread Ministry	\$ 500.00
TLU Tuition Asst.	\$ 1,500.00
Men In Mission	\$ 1,000.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 2,779.00

Monthly Benevolence Report August 2010

Crosstrails Operations	\$ 696.80
Lutheran Social Services	\$ 348.40
UTSA Lutheran Campus Ministries	\$ 522.60
Crosstrails Improvement	\$ 348.40
New Life Center for Girls—LSS	\$ 348.41
Lutheran World Relief –World Vision	\$ 696.80
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 696.80
Developing Lutheran Church Body	\$ 1,393.60
Cause of the Month	\$ 1,393.60
Foreign & Domestic Missions	\$ 522.60
Total	\$ 6,968.01



Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

Child Sponsor Report

Name: Joseph Katebe

Birth Date: Sep/13/2003

Arrived at Village: May/07/2008

Village: Zambia

Child: CF026

Siblings at Rafiki: N/A



Latest News

Mother/Rafiki Parents: Mzamose Mwanza

Physical Development: We thank the Lord that each of the children received a dental exam by a new dentist in Lusaka, at the mission hospital. Dr. Elaine Tan, from Escondido, CA, also traveled to the Rafiki villages to give each of our children, mamas and staff an annual physical. Joseph has grown 7 cm. this past year and his smile reveals beautiful teeth. Joseph is physically healthy, growing spiritually and mentally. The children's diet includes rice several times a week. During G.A.M.E.S. the children read the book "Everybody Cooks Rice", each day they enjoyed sampling different rice dishes-all from different countries.

Health: Excellent

Education Current Grade Level: Grade 1

Education Comments: Joseph has done well with math concepts of addition and subtraction, reading skills, grammar, spelling and memory work. He is kind to others and respectful towards the teacher.

Spiritual Growth: In the home and in the Education Program Rafiki seeks to cultivate minds and hearts that love God, their neighbor and all that is true, good and beautiful. Joseph likes to read Bible stories and is looking forward to receiving his own Bible at the end of the term. He is developing a sense of right and wrong and is able to pray for specific things on his own.

Prayer Requests: Pray that Joseph would continue to improve with handwriting. We praise God that he has done so well in Grade 1, he caught up quickly after missing kindergarten. Pray that Joseph would love God with all his heart, and soul, and mind and would be led to sanctification by discipline and instruction.

Additional Comments/Story: Our theme for G.A.M.E.S. was "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." The children learned about Medical Missions, Bible Translation, Mission Aviation, and Mercy Ministries. They also learned fun facts about Barbados, China, Haiti, India, Italy, Puerto Rico, and Vietnam. They enjoyed making sand castles, simple origami, and playing with bubble wands. Joseph particularly enjoyed making kites from paper he colored and then flying them. The children also celebrated the Independence of Zambia on October 24 with a picnic and fireworks.

Letters to the child may be sent to: Post.Net BOX 232, P/Bag E891, Lusaka, Zambia, AFRICA

Please do not send packages, checks, or cash to the Village. You may send cards and any item that fits inside such as bookmarks, stickers, pictures or a postcard.

[Donate to Joseph](#)

Children's

Birth thru 6th Grade

Director of Children's Ministry
Ann Knuppel
 (830)249-3651 X-210
 ann@stjohnlutheran.com

Important Dates to put on your 2011 Calendar!

- April 23rd - Easter Party
- June 5 - Promotion Sunday
- June 5 - Swim Party
- June 13 - 17 - Vacation Bible School
- June 19 - 24 - Incoming 6th grade Camp Ebert.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 9:10-9:25 Snack & Fellowship in Luther Hall
- 9:25-9:35 Opening
- 1st thru 5th - Luther Hall
- 6th - Holy Hangout
- Pre-K & Kinder Father Abraham's Tent with Mrs. Urban
- 9:35- Dismiss to workshops
- 10:15- Parents pickup in workshops

H O L Y H A N G O U T & M I S S I O N S



Pre-Kinder

Kindergarten

Jesus' Birth

- ◆ Angels announce that Jesus was God's son.
- ◆ The wise men knew that Jesus is God's Son.

Jesus Cares

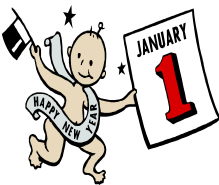
- ◆ Jesus cares for people.
- ◆ Jesus cares about families.

Jesus' Birth

- ◆ Jesus is the savior the shepherds found.
- ◆ Jesus is the savior the wise men worshipped.

Jesus' Miracles

- ◆ Jesus changes water into wine.
- ◆ Jesus calms the storm.



Nursery News

Nursery Director Tiffany Jureczki
 (830) 230-5440 email tiffanyhermann@hotmail.com

“New” Board games needed!



The nursery needs some board games for children ages 5-12 years old to play. If you have some new or gently used board games you would like to donate please drop them by the nursery or Ann's office. Please make sure they have no missing parts. Thanks!

Mark Your Calendar Next Parents Night Out Friday, February 4th!

Reservations at the Nursery sign-in counter. \$12 per child includes dinner Infants - 12 years old

No reservations will be taken after Sunday Jan. 30th. Invite a friend non-member are welcome!

Nursery Sunday School topic for January
 “Jesus Is our Friend”

- Jesus is our friend.
- Our friend Jesus cares for us.
- Our friend Jesus helps us when we are sick.
- We can be a friend to Jesus.
- We can thank Jesus for being our friend.

6th Grade Is studying:

“Free to be Me”



Upper Level Faith Hall at 9:15

Grab a snack in Luther Hall before you come!

Ministry



- 9 - Justin Taylor
- 11 - Hannah Jordan
- 13 - Aisling Ayers
- 13 - Mackenzie Grabarkewitz
- 13 - Reagan Grabarkewitz
- 13 - Riley Kidder
- 14 - Alexander Phou
- 15 - Charlie Jackson
- 16 - Elizabeth Hoepfner
- 17 - Kennedy Walsh
- 23 - Abby Bond
- 27 - Baeley Allerkamp
- 27 - Barrett Allerkamp
- 27 - William Elms
- 29 - Chase House
- 30 - Madison Bruns



Baptisms Anniversaries

- 9 - Nicole Johnson
- 13 - Karl Gass
Jake Allen
Jack Basil

Pre-Kinder
&
Kindergarten
Nursing Home Visit

January 30th
At
Care Choice
Nursing Home

Note: Due to car seat laws,
parents must arrange for
transportation for their child.
Thanks!

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January 5th
5th & 6th Graders

1st Wednesday

Pizza at 6:00
in the Diner
Fellowship & Service
on the 1st Wednesday
of every month!

6:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

1st - 5th Graders

On January 2nd & 9th the students will complete the last two rotations on "Christmas Seen through Symbols". They will participate in an Art/Mission workshop and a Geography workshop.
Starting January 16th

THE MIRACLE WORKER - MIRACLES OF JESUS

Fact, trick, or miracle? By the end of this 6 week unit, the children will know the difference! The children will learn that Jesus' miracles point us to God's love and power, helping us to deepen our faith and reach out in faith to others. Workshops include:

Bible Math: The children will learn of the amazing quantities involved in the miracle of Jesus multiplying the fish and bread to feed 5000 families. They will learn that financial resources are not the most important ones. The children will learn that although they cannot perform miracles like

Jesus, they can offer themselves and whatever they have available to God in faith. In doing this, God can do something great through them. Age is no barrier to Christ.

Movie: Through the video, "The Miracles of Jesus", the children will be given the opportunity to discern the difference between God's miracles and an ordinary human trick.

Science: The children will perform a scientific experiment to illustrate the miracle of Jesus and Peter walking on water. They will relate the experiment to the story and to difficult situations in their lives. The children will learn that having faith in the Lord can keep them from "sinking" during those difficult times in their lives. They will understand that Jesus was given authority from God to perform all kinds of miracles. By having faith, we as followers of Jesus become open to the powerful miracles the Lord performs in our lives.

Youth Faith Formation

COMING EVENTS

January's Senior High Fellowship hosted by the Daniel's!

Check the bulletins for more information!

Youth Calendar

- 5 - J.I.F & Sr. High Bible Study
6-8 p.m.
- 12 - J.I.F & Sr. High Bible Study
6-8 p.m.
- 19 - J.I.F & Sr. High Bible Study
6-8 p.m.
- 26 - J.I.F & Sr. High Bible Study
6-8 p.m.



- 20 - Josh Putnam
- 23 - Samantha Tobleman
- 23 - Ashley Hillman
- 31 - Mark Baker

**Call it Camp. Call It Outrageous.
Either Way You Won't Come Back the Same!**

More than just an ordinary summer camp, Camp Eagle is nestled in a beautiful and rugged environment that is perfect for every kind of outdoor adventure and extreme sport. While beauty and adventure draw many to the camp, it's our "extreme" Bible-based curriculum and

relationships that leave a lasting impact. At Camp Eagle, we tackle tough issues head on and with a staff of devoted and inspired believers, Camp Eagle provides the moral and physical infrastructure needed to provide unforgettable life-changing experiences.

It's not too late to reserve your spot!

Sr Hi Adventure Camp 2011

For all current
8th-12th graders!

July 10-16

Total Cost: \$200

To reserve a spot for your child, a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by February 1st!

Jr Hi Confirmation Camp 2011

For all current
6th and 7th graders!

July 17-23

Total Cost: \$200

To reserve a spot for your child, a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by February 1st!



Youth Director News

The Youth Committee, the Youth Director Search Committee, and the Church Council are delighted to share some good news! After meeting with several blessed and gifted youth director candidates, we have prayerfully and thoughtfully come to a conclusion. Matthew Olson has been called to serve as our Youth Ministry Director.

As of this moment, we are making plans to welcome him and his family into our faith community some time toward the end of February. Keep reading the news letters and bulletins. More exciting news will follow come. Until then, please pray for Matthew and his family as they say good-byes, pack, move, and prepare to join the faith community of St John Lutheran Church.

Adult Faith Formation

Shannon Brehmer * Adult Faith Formation Coordinator * 830-249-3651 * shannon@stjohnlutheran.com

St. John Women's Winter Retreat

January 21-23

Camp Chrysalis,
Kerrville

Cost: \$75 per person



Make plans

to join us for our "Destination Restoration" and refocus your life in God's word and purpose.

Registration forms

will be available by mail, in the gathering place at church, or by contacting the church office.

Questions???

Contact Shannon Brehmer
at 249-3651 or
Shannon@stjohnlutheran.com.

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me." Psalm 51: 10-12

St. John Lutheran Men's Retreat

February 26-28th, 2010
At Ebert Ranch Camp

Make plans for faith, food, and fellowship at
the St. John Lutheran Men's Retreat.

The theme for this year's retreat is "-
"What on Earth are We here For?"
based on *Matthew 28:19-20*

Cost: \$100 per person
Cost includes: 5 meals, 2 nights at the camp,
and all the activities for the weekend.
(Financial Assistance is available.)

If you are interested in this event, look for
registration forms in the Gathering Place or
please contact Darren Brehmer at
Daren@lebcographics.com
or by phone
at 830-816-2525.



"What Does This (**Really**)
Mean??"

Wednesday Mornings
Beginning January 12th
9:00-10:30 am
In Luther Hall

Pastor Schulte will facilitate a 6 week study examining Martin Luther's teachings in a way that every person will understand. Using a DVD study titled "Luther's Legacy for Laity", Pastor Schulte and Dr. David Lose will walk us through all the big questions of faith and life that are found in the abundance of Reformation theology.

So, if you've ever wondered what exactly is the doctrine of justification, bondage of the will and vocation, and many other "Lutheran" theology terms, this study is just the place to get your answers.

**This class will also be offered on Thursday nights,
from 7:00-8:30 pm,
beginning on January 13th, in Luther Hall.**

To sign up for this course, look for registration forms in the bulletins, in the gathering place, or in the church office, or email Shannon at shannon@stjohnlutheran.com.

Childcare will be available upon request.
To reserve childcare, please contact Shannon Brehmer.



St. John University: Spring Class Schedule

Sunday

- **Parenting Class**

This is a 10 week "Child Parent Relationship Training" Seminar designed for parents with a child 3-12 years of age. Class size will be limited to 6 families. This class will begin on January 30th and meet from 4-6 pm.

Monday

- **Lit 'N' Lunch: A faithful & fun book club**

This book club will meet the 3rd Monday of every month from 12-1 pm. Bring your own lunch and meet at the church for this great class.

Tuesday

- **Men's Breakfast**

This group meets for breakfast and bible study every other Tues. at 6:30 a.m. in the Small Dining Room.

- **Cross Talk**

Cross Talk is a weekly women's bible study that will meet on Tuesdays in Luther Hall from 9-11, beginning on January 12th. The class will study "To Live is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul" by Beth Moore.

Wednesday

- **Foundations AM**

Pastor Schulte will lead "What Does This (Really) Mean?" on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:30 am in Luther Hall. This study will meet beginning on January 12th for 6 weeks.

- **Learn the Piano-Group Style**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play the piano? If so, then this class is for you. T.J. Bazzoon will teach you in only eight weeks how to read notes, count rhythms, and understand the foundations of music. The class starts on January 12th at 6:30 in the Sanctuary.

Thursday

- **Precept Bible Study**

The class will meet on Thursday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 am in the Alpha Room in the FLC. The first class will be on Thursday, January 6th and will be taught by Pastor Mariola Bergquist. This spring we will offer a "lighter" version of the Precept study. They will study 2 Peter.

- **Foundations PM**

Pastor Schulte will lead "What Does This (Really) Mean?" on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm in Luther Hall. This study will meet beginning on January 13th for 6 weeks.

Sunday School SCHEDULE

Kindred Spirits: This class is taught by David Houston and meets in Room 211, the council room. This is a small caring class of couples and singles, ages 45+, committed to helping each member know God in a deeper way through Biblical study and discussions. They are currently studying the book of Hebrews.

The "Logos" Class: Small Dining Room. In this large class, a facilitator leads an engaging discussion of various books of the bible. Couples and singles will feel welcome in this warm, caring community. All members contribute to the conversation and through the group we come to an understanding of God's Word. This class is studying "The Life of Moses."

Seekers: This fun and unique class, led by Lanne Brehmer, studies a wide range of biblical topics from books of the bible to contemporary issues. In this class, you can always count on enjoying something good to eat and joining in an interactive discussion. They meet in the Alpha Room in the FLC and is studying the book of Revelation.

"Ask, Seek, Knock. Class": This class is facilitated by Rob Bradley. This class enjoys delving into scripture, chapter by chapter. New study topics are chosen by the class at the close of each book. Discussions revolve around God's Word - its historical context and relevance to our lives today. The class currently meets in Pastor Schulte's office. Grab your coffee and bring your questions. They are currently studying the book of Matthew.

Breakfast Club: This lively class designed for couples and singles, ages 35-50's, provide a remarkable support system for each other. On Sundays, they meet in the Saxon House over breakfast and discuss various bible study topics. They also meet occasionally for fellowship events. This class is studying the "Truth Project".

Renewal: Adult Ministries Office. This class, designed for women, is led by Mary Kruse. They are currently studying "Lord, I Want to Know You," by Kay Arthur.

Faith Builders: This class is led by Dennis Kruse. They meet in the Saxon house, which is next to Faith Hall. This is an open environment where they as men apply scripture to their lives.

Friends N Faith

Below is a list of our current Friends 'N Faith Groups, when they meet, and who to contact if you're interested in attending:

- **LARKS:** This group meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Contact Pastor Don and Marge Adicks at 830-981-8248.
- **LUNCH BUNCH:** This group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m. at different restaurants. Contact Elizabeth Markell at 755-4410.
- **EAT OUT GROUP:** This group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at different restaurants. Contact Kjell & Arliss Oliverson at 830-981-8501.
- **DOMINOES:** This group meets on the 1st Sunday of each month at 6:00p.m. in Luther Hall. Contact Patsy Brehmer at 830-816-2221.
- **CANASTA:** This group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in Luther Hall.
- **HAND AND FOOT CANASTA:** This group meets on the 4th Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Contact Dave Smith at 830-537-9120.
- **SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFTS:** This group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in The Alpha Room (FLC). Contact Kathy Cruz at 336-2804.
- **QUILTING:** This group meets on the 1st and 2nd Mondays of each month. Contact Nancy Felps at 336-2768
- **BASKETBALL:** This group meets every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This group also meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC. Contact Zack Fisher at 830-816-4452.
- **FABULOUS FOLDERS:** This group meets every Friday morning in room 212 at 9:00 a.m. to fold bulletins. Contact Deneice Cheves at 830-249-3651.
- **MARVELOUS MAILERS:** This group meets as needed to help with church mailings. Contact Deneice Cheves at 830-249-3651.
- **YOUNG FAMILIES:** This group meets monthly for social activities. Contact Marissa Klein at 830-336-4487.
- **GROWING FAMILIES:** This group meets monthly for social activities. Contact Jill Daniels at 830-249-8141.
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** This group meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. in the Small Dining Room. Contact the church office for more information.
- **"RUTH'S JOURNEY":** This group will consist of St. John Members who are widows. "Ruth's Journey" will meet together monthly for social activities. For more information, contact June Gaubatz at 210-698-3404.
- **Men's Lunch Group:** Meets on the 3rd Tuesday at Mamacita's at 11:30 am in San Antonio please contact Bart Graves during regular business hours at 210/734-8007 or bart.graves@thrivent.com.



Lit 'N' Lunch: A faithful and fun book club

The new St. John book club met last month to discuss December's book, "Esther's Gift". Our next meeting will be Monday, January 17th. We will discuss "The Confession" by John Grisham.

Bring your own lunch and meet at the church for this great new class. All are welcome!

For more information, email Shannon Brehmer at shannon@stjohnlutheran.com.

Men's Lunch Group:

- The San Antonio luncheon will be Monday, January 17th at Mamacita's at 11:30 am. For more information please contact Bart Graves during regular business hours at 210/734-8007 or bart.graves@thrivent.com. We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship and hope that you will be able to attend.

Volunteers Needed:

There are two events happening this spring at St. John and we would love your help!

The first event:

The Congregational Mission and Discipleship Event

Will take place on February 11-12. This event is a regional event for the Lutheran Church. We will need volunteers to serve on registration teams, refreshment teams, or hospitality teams. This event is an exciting opportunity for our church.

The second event:

St. John Spring 5k and Fun Run

Will take place on Saturday, March 5th. This event will be open to the community. We will need volunteers to help with registration, a water station, route markers, and to encourage the participants as they walk/run. Funds raised at this event will benefit our Adult Education Ministries.

Both events will be a fun way to get involved in the ministry of St. John. If you are interested or have questions, contact Shannon Brehmer at shannon@stjohnlutheran.com or 249-3651.



THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR WORLD

Over the course of the last few weeks we have been given opportunity to bring the light of Christ into a world that is darkened by need. Our church family resoundingly answered God’s call to be instruments of His grace!

On behalf of Pennies for Angels, THANK YOU for the \$503.40 that was contributed to Boerne area school children. Quoting our congregation’s coordinator, Maryanna Pearson, “That’s a lot of pocket change!” We also collected three buttons, and a key. (The key can be found in our Lost and Found area, or contact the church office.) Please pray that our love offering may be compounded by God’s grace, and always keep the needy children in our schools in your thoughts and prayers.

On behalf of Lutheran Social Services, THANK YOU for sponsoring thirty-five of the San Antonio area foster children. Without your support some of these children may not have received any gift(s). Every “Angel” on the tree was plucked, and your gifts were key to the happiness shared at LSS’s annual Christmas Party which was held this past Thursday at McArthur Park Lutheran in San Antonio. May God also add his blessing to this love offering! Please continue to keep Lutheran Social Services and their foster care program in your prayers.

And, Randy and Stephanie Ehmen, would like to say THANK YOU to all who have so generously, once again, contributed toward a Merry Christmas for Roosevelt, Marquel, Annie, Charlie and Chip. Without your ongoing and consistent support not only would they not be able to sustain the lives they share, but Christmas would seem especially sparse. There is no doubt that God has blessed this ministry since Katrina created havoc in their lives a little over five years ago. Please know how much you all are loved and appreciated. Roosevelt often times becomes emotional and has to wipe away his tears of thankfulness for all that the people of St. John Lutheran Church continue to do for him and his family.

As we move from Advent into Christmas, may the light of Infant Jesus shine brightly in each of your homes as you have so graciously given to alleviate the need of others. To God be the Glory! Great things He has done! We thank Him for His indescribable gift.

Nursing Home Schedule



Family Life

Heritage Place 1st Wednesday pm

Riverview 2nd Wednesday am –room visits

Care Choice

3rd Wednesday at 1:00 pm Service w/communion

Town and Country 4th Wednesday 10:30 am Service w/ communion

Menger Springs Cibolo House 2nd Wednesday am

Menger Springs Menger House

3rd Sunday 3:30pm Service w/communion

Home Visits - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Pastor Mariola Bergquist - Visitation Pastor
pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com

Church (830)249-3651 ext 207

Or Home at(830) 249- 2121



Honoring our Senior Members (80+) With Birthdays In January

- Hortense Pfeiffer 01/02
- Roland Windecker 01/02
- Lillie Thomas 01/03
- LeRoy Bartman 01/11
- Clint Briggs 01/13
- Dixie Pfeiffer 01/17
- Phyllis Rademacher 01/22

Our Members and Friends Serving in the Military in Iraq and Afghanistan:

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| Michael Cosby - Kuwait | Damon Pipkin Afghanistan |
| Casey Turk - Iraq | Jeff Crownover Afghanistan |
| Jonathan Rogers - Iraq | Tim Smith - Afghanistan |
| Charles Hefner-Iraq | Kevin Hawkins-Afghanistan |
| Ryan Maltsberger –Iraq | |
| Justin Golla | |

Sharism: Talking comes from nature; silence by wisdom

January 2011

St. John Lutheran Church Metro # 830-816-1853 Church Services Holy Communion
 315 E Rosewood Local # 830-249-3651 8:00 am & 10:30 am 1st and 3rd Sunday
 Boerne, TX 78006 Fax # 830-816-6449 Sunday School 9:15 am Praise Band 2nd Sunday

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

THE MESSENGER

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2 New Member Reception 12:00 pm Dormioes 6:00 pm LH	3 Quilting 9-12 pm SX LARKS 6:30 pm FLC	4 Cross Talk Bible Study LH 10:00 - 12:00 pm Stewardship Mtg. 7:00pm	5 1st Wednesday FH 6:00 pm JIF 6:00 - 8:00pm Sr. High 6:00 - 8:00pm Choir 7:00 pm	6 Precept 9:15 -11:30 am	7	8	
9 New Adult Inquiry Class 9:15 am HC	10 Council 6:45 pm BR	11 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Cross Talk Bible Study LH 10:00 - 12:00 pm	12 JIF 6:00 - 8:00pm Sr. High 6:00 - 8:00pm Learn Piano 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	13 Precept 9:15 -11:30 am Foundations Bible Study 7:00 - 8:00 pm LH	14 Council Retreat	15 Council Retreat	
16 Adult Inquiry Class 9:15 am HC Carnasta 6:00 pm LH	17 Lit 'N' Lunch 12pm BR	18 Cross Talk Bible Study LH 10:00 - 12:00 pm	19 JIF 6:00 - 8:00pm Sr. High 6:00 - 8:00pm Learn Piano 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	20 Precept 9:15 -11:30 am Foundations Bible Study 7:00 - 8:00 pm LH	21 Women's Retreat	22 Women's Retreat	
23 Adult Inquiry Class 9:15 am HC Hand & Foot 6:00 pm	24	25 Men's Breakfast 6:30 am Cross Talk Bible Study LH 10:00 - 12:00 pm	26 JIF 6:00 - 8:00pm Sr. High 6:00 - 8:00pm Learn Piano 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	27 Precept 9:15 -11:30 am Foundations Bible Study 7:00 - 8:00 pm LH	28	29	
30 Adult Inquiry Class 9:15 am HC Parenting Class 4:00	31	Board Room BR Historic Chapel HC Luther Hall LH Saxon House SX Family Life Center FLC	Shepard House SH Grace Place GP Faith Hall FH				

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Return Service Requested



4:00 PM Children/Young Families/
 All – With Children's /Youth Choir,
 Candles & Communion

6:00 PM Traditional Candlelight
 Service with Holy Communion –
 Sanctuary Choir

9:30 PM Traditional Candlelight
 Service with Holy Communion –
 Special Music

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		02-Jan	09-Jan	16-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan
Acolytes	8:00	Cara Rickert	Kaila Daniels	Sam Murley	R.J. Rutherford	Paige Parrish
		Catie Rickert	Karla Daniels	Tim Shook	Catherine Rogers	Ashley Hillman
	10:30	Jared Schramm	Ben Bond	Kaylee Hornung	Matt Blackburn	Ryder Welch
		Anna Bergquist	Brock Grabarkewitz	Joshua Putnam	Tanner Smith	Andrew Oater
		Madison Rogers		Katie Naiser		
		David Hilleman		Andrew Peters		
		David Kruse		Haley Peters		
Assisting Ministers	8:00	Doris Beath	James Meckel	Paul Harris	Ed Whitaker	Doris Beath
	10:30	Kate Russ	Glorify!	James Hurst	Steve Rogers	Brad Blackburn
Altar Guild	8:00	Richard & Janie Wahl & Debbie Jordan				
	10:30	Sara Moldenhauer	Lydia Beaver	Deanna Grist		
Communion Assistants	8:00	TBA				
	10:30	TBA				
Flowers		John & Carol Wimpy				
Lectors	8:00	Matthew Pearson	Karen Schneider	Lanne Brehmer	Carol Bruehler	Bill Rader
	10:30	Mark Danney	Leta Garcia	Allia Kruse	Bob Rogers	Kate Russ
Ushers	8:00	Richard Wahl Team				
	10:30	Johnny Moldenhauer Team				