

“The Richland Word”

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From The Pastor's Desk

May God's blessings be with you as we enter a New Calendar Year, 2012

Now that the Christmas and New Year celebrations have come to an end, some of us may be saying, “Whew, I’m glad that’s over”. It seems that in the hustle and bustle of the season, we can over-burden ourselves and when it’s over, feel like we need to take some time to relax.

I am thankful for holidays. I remember as a child having those couple of weeks off and hoping that we would have enough snow to build forts and go ice skating. I remember not having enough snow one year but the temperatures were so low we carried pails of water outside and made our own ice rink. Thinking back on this, I suspect my parents were probably just happy we were outside getting exercise and tiring ourselves out instead of in the house making noise.

But the fact is, Christmas isn’t “over” at all. Apart from what I thought when I was younger, The Twelve Days of Christmas actually follow Christmas Day and don’t come before it. I had always thought that they came before and led up to Jesus’ birth. But Christmas is actually the twelve days that follow Jesus’ birth leading up to January 6th when we celebrate the “Epiphany of Our Lord.”

Epiphany means “manifestation,” and it’s on this day that we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, to all nations. Three epiphanies that Christians celebrate on January 6th include the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and Jesus’ first miracle, turning water into wine at the Cana wedding.

It is following the Epiphany that we enter the time which focuses on Christ’s ministry following His baptism. Our scripture readings for these days will include the baptism of Jesus, Jesus’ calling of the disciples, the healing of the man with an unclean spirit and other healings, Jesus’ preaching in Galilee and the cleansing of a leper.

As we begin a new calendar year, let us celebrate a newness in our faith, letting Jesus be the guiding light in everything we do and everything we say.

Happy New Year and peace to you and your families in Jesus, name.

Pastor Mann

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For God is King of all the earth.

Psalm 47:7

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**





Flowers for January

1—Elizabeth & Alfred Wendland 8—open

15—Janice & John Rabenaldt 22—Rita & Darryl Hodde 29—open

Adult Mission Team

Meetings every 3rd Thursday at 6:15pm.



We're committed to volunteer time at the Storehouse in the P-O-P center on 685 every 3rd Friday from 10 until 2pm.

Monetary donations are welcome and accepted in the container at the back of the church.

Pray for



Cole Lindgren

Leslie Henderson

Victor Masi

Mike Reynolds

Men's Bible Study

Every Thursday evening at 7pm -

all ages are welcome to join us in the parish hall.



The Women's Bible Study will meet

January 27th at 10am in the

parish hall!



Women's Guild

2012 Officers: Helen Roithner as President, Debby Bennett as Vice President, LaVerne Engelman as Secretary and Kara Hamann as Treasurer.

Did you know that on January 6th, St. John Church will be 134 years old???

There will not be a meeting in January due to the fish fry, but watch for details concerning February events!

Sandy will be creating a new prayer chain list soon. If you are not on the list and wish to be on it, give Sandy a call or email her in the church office!

Another Year is Dawning

Another year is dawning, dear Master, let it be, in working or in waiting, another year with Thee. Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace; another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face. Another year of progress, another year of praise, another year of proving Thy presence all the days. Another year of service, of witness of Thy love, another year of training for holier work above. Another year is dawning, dear Master, let it be on earth, or else in heaven another year for Thee.

Francis Ridley Havergal

Christmas Eve Children's Program



Narrators: Jake Horak, Matt Merideth, Bailey Rodriguez

Speaking Parts: Angels: Katy Sammons and Ayla Borman

Wiseman: Kaleb Hamann & Trevor Ethun; **King Herod:** Scott McDavid

Camels: Mac Hamann and Adisyn Zupfer; **Cow:** Maggie McDavid; **Sheep:** Ethan Borchers, Alayna Schmidt and Mason Borchers; **Chicken:** Brennan Zupfer; **Donkey:** Travis Gebert;

Shepherd: Cord Lindgren

Non-Speaking Parts: Mary: Carol Sammons, **Joseph:** Scott McDavid, **Angels:** Alayna Schmidt, Kaleigh Engelmann, Lacy Lindgren; **Shepherd:** Alex Gebert; **Wiseman:** Hayden Schmidt; **Camel:** Emma Borchers; **Chicken:** Alex Gebert; **Cow:** Steger Quintana; **Sheep:** Elaine Hamann and Ethan Hamann

Crew: Terrell Hamann, Ron Roithner, Chris Hamann, Mark Hamann, Sandy Brunton

Lights: Larry Sammons; **Spotlights:** Paul Brunton & Clinton Anderson

Program Helpers: Remi Ethun, Chrissy Zupfer, Millie Hamann, Christy Borchers, Michelle Schmidt, Sandy Brunton

Wood for Animal Faces: Paul Bennett; **Animal Faces:** Sandy Brunton

Costumes: Mary Martinka, LaVerne Engelmann; **Ushers:** Senior Youth

Director: Alicia Gebert **Music:** Louise Dunklin

There are still openings on the flower chart plus signing up to donate funds towards the church bulletins. Your \$10 will help pay for printing and paper. When you put flowers on the altar, you are welcome to take them home or take them to an area nursing home!. We appreciate your help!

Questions, just ask Sandy.



Bulletins for January

1—Les & Mary Overstreet 8 -Helen & Ronald Roithner

15—Gene and Kelley Gorham

22—Pat & Leroy Meiske

29—Bill & Kitty Schwarz



“Word of the Month”

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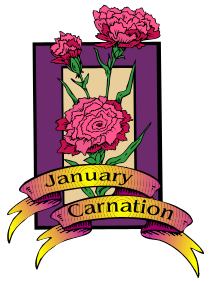
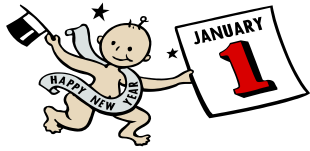
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to make ready, “prepare”

“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”

Matthew 25: 34

January Prayers 2012



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<p>1</p> <p>Birthday Tim Heine Darrell Hennig Savannah Lindgren</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Birthday Elaine Hamann</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Anniversary Carlton & Pam Hamann</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Birthday Kermit Hees Tyler Gates</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray for Kermit Weiss Victor Masi</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pray for Leslie Henderson</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Pray for Mike Reynolds</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pray for Mildred Melber</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Birthday Meredith Masi</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Birthday Chance Lindgren Frank Bennett</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Birthday Ron Roithner Anniversary Janice & John Rabenaldt</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Birthday Wanda Hamann</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Anniversary Justin & Melissa Jones</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Birthday Kim Gebert Tara Lindgren</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Anniversary Sarah & Clay Provence</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Pray for Florine Weiss</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pray for Thekla & Harry Hamann</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Birthday Carl Dillon M.J. Kelley</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Birthday Brandon Masi</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pray for Mary Hees Zelma Gorham</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pray for Adele Hodde</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pray for Corene Mueller</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Pray for Marvin & Alvina Hamann</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Birthday Rodney Gebert Tamara Kirchner</p>		<p>Remember Our loved ones who passed away in 2011</p>		

January Activities 2012



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<p>1</p> <p>Worship 10:15am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Scouts</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Vocal Choir 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Christian Education Com. 6:30pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Fish Fry Set Up</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Sun. Sch. 9am Conf. 9am Worship 10:15 Fish Fry</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Council 6:30pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Vocal Choir 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9am SS & Conf. 10:15 Worship New Member Classes Begin</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Scouts</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Vocal Choir 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Mission Team 6:15pm Evangelism 7pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Volunteer at the Storehouse</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9am SS & Conf. 10:15 Worship New Member Class –Deadline For annual reports</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Scouts</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Vocal Choir 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Putting Newsletter Together/ Room</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10am</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9am SS & Conf. 10:15 Worship New Member Class/Annual Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Scouts</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Also on the 29th Installation of Council/ Officers</p>			

Sunday School January News



Following is this month's lesson focus:

Pre-k through 4th grade: **“Jesus, Son of God”**

Jan. 1st – No Sunday School this week

Jan. 8th – Jesus at the Temple [Luke 2:41-52]

Jan. 15th – Jesus is Baptized [Matthew 3:13-17]

Jan. 22nd – Jesus Calls the Fishermen to Follow Him [Mark 1:16-20]

Jan. 29th – Jesus Calls Matthew [Mark 2:13-17]

Grades 5th – Sr. High: Continuing with their Talk Sheets, which provide them with insights on dealing with everyday worldly struggles with a Christian heart.

Confirmation Class: Continuing in the lessons in the affirmation of their faith.

Adult Class: This quarter's comprehensive Bible study focus is: **“God**

Establishes a Faithful People”

Unit 2 : God's protection

Jan. 1st – “A life of Integrity” [Genesis 37:7-12; 39:13-21]

Jan. 8th – “Faithfulness is Rewarded” [Genesis 41:37-45, 50-52]

Jan. 15th – “Sharing Blessings” [Genesis 45:3-15]

Jan. 22nd – “The Power of Forgiveness” [Genesis 45:3-15]

Jan. 29th – “Following a Trusted Leader” [Exodus 15:1-3, 19]

Michelle has done a wonderful job as superintendent these past three years and I would like to thank her for all the time, devotion, and love that she put into this program. I am very excited to start this new year as the Sunday School Superintendent. With a fresh start this new year I have many wonderful ideas to enhance the Sunday school experience for the children and welcome and appreciate any ideas that you might have as well. This is going to be a great year full of learning, fellowship, and fun.

God bless,

Aubrey Hamann



Rules of Usage (Building Rental Policy)

1. All buildings used and the grounds of the Church around them shall be left the way they were found prior to rental.
2. Renters shall be responsible to provide for their own trash bags and the picking up of all their trash and removing it from the property.
3. No smoking in any of the buildings.
4. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the premises (exception: wine used in appropriate ceremonies of the Church overseen by ordained clergy).
5. All activities will remain within the bounds of the law in the state of Texas and Travis County.
6. Usage of Church supplies, dish ware, silverware and other kitchen items is by special request only, approved by the Council. Renters shall provide their own utensils otherwise. Property of the Church shall not leave the premises.
7. The facilities and property are rented on a 24 hour a day basis for usage for an event with the exception and allowance for extra time for wedding rehearsals.
8. The Renter is responsible to repair or replace at his or her cost, any item or aspect of the facility broken, permanently marred or permanently marked during the usage of the building on the day of rental.
9. St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC) reserves the right to cancel a reservation when a church ministry conflicts with the scheduled event. Should such a cancellation occur, the security deposit and any fees already paid will be reimbursed in full or applied to another rental date agreed to by both parties.
10. Breach of any of the above rules and policies will lead to the loss of the security deposit and if necessary, legal action in the interests of the church.

LIABILITY STATEMENT:

St. John Lutheran Church (LCMC) cannot be held responsible or liable for any damage or injury done to the property or person of the renter or those persons and their property who attend the function for which the building was rented resulting from acts of nature or accidents attributable to irresponsible or inappropriate use of the facilities, property, furniture or equipment.

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The other part of this policy was printed in your newsletter a couple of months ago.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO OKLAHOMA

It is time to sign up for the youth mission trip to the Osage Reservation in Oklahoma. The trip is scheduled for 7/15/12—7/20/12 and is open for youth completing grade 6 through grade 12. We need to have our preliminary number of participants in place prior to January 20th. The sign up sheet is located on the table in the office. No money is due at this time. If you have questions, please call or text Pastor Scott or Karen at 715-551.4257.

Serve and Help Haiti in 2012!

Pastor Scott and Karen will be going to Haiti in June of next year for a mission trip!

Their mission is to bring hope and love to these people, plus building and repairing. They are looking for people to join the team who have a heart of service and want to help build some life-saving

facilities



It's Quiz time

What did people in the Bible eat?

- 1. John the Baptist?**
- 2. Adam and Eve?**
- 3. King Saul?**
- 4. People led by Moses?**
- 5. Disciples of Christ?**
- 6. Ezekiel?**



Christmas Cards

There are some Christmas cards still on the table in the parish hall. Please pick them up when possible.

Fish Fry/Memorial Sunday

January 8th following worship

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New Member Classes

To begin Jan. 15th—29th

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Installation of Council Members

Church Officers & Committee

Chairs

To be held on Jan. 29th

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Annual Meeting

Jan. 29th following worship—get your reports to Sandy as soon as possible!

Message from Michelle Schmidt

This year’s Christmas Program on Christmas Eve was once again an awesome performance. Thank you to all the performers and those who made it all happen. A special thanks to Alicia Gebert for her dedication in taking on the challenge of directing this event.

Thank you to those who helped support our Sunday School programs this past year. It is highly appreciated!

Thank you to all who helped contribute to Angel Heart (a local children’s facility for abused/neglected children), to the South America program (Bibles and backpacks for children in need), St. Jude’s Mathathon (raising money for children with critical/life threatening cancer) and World Vision (helping to provide money and food for starving children in Africa), plus our Christmas Eve offering which is going to the fire victims in Bastrop.

HOW AWESOME OF A GOOD FEELING FOR ALL THIS OUTREACH AND MISSION!

God Bless, Michelle



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Email Address Changes: please send Sandy any changes!

Apology

The church office apologizes for the mistake made in the last newsletter concerning a person’s name! The wrong name was printed!

New Church Directory

A new directory will be printed in January which will include all names, addresses, etc. plus birthdays & anniversaries!

The Saints’ Corner

The Saints are now meeting every 1st Sunday of the month following worship.

Looking forward the Saints are:

- * Planning a day at the beach in Spring, 2012
- * Making plans for a mission trip to a Reservation in Oklahoma July, 2012

Answers to this months quiz:

1. Locust and Honey
2. Fruit of the tree of knowledge (apple?)
3. Grass
4. Manna
5. Fish, bread, wine
6. Grass



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"True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."

— *Martin Luther King Jr.*

*And Martin Luther:
"Peace if possible, truth at all costs"*

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