

Good News Journal January 2022

St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDEULE

9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service

From the Desk of Pastor Stephanie Stark:

Happy New Year! We have officially left the season of preparation (Advent), gotten through all the rush of Christmas, and are now entering a season of reflection. We think about the past year and the things we would like to change. We think about new things we would like to do or places we'd like to go and create resolutions. Resolutions are big this time of year. In years past, the list of resolutions included losing weight, or saving more money; for 2022, the list has changed.

Create a Journaling and Gratitude Routine. ...Try a Healthy Meal Delivery Service. ...Increase Your Movement. ... Make Fun Your Priority. ...Go Sustainable (And Drink More Water) ...Read More Anywhere You Go. ...Break Up with Your Cell Phone, Upgrade Your Sleep Environment. (List from Nicole Charky-Chami at the Hollywood Reporter 12-27-21)

Resolutions are good, whether they are for losing weight or making your bedroom (sleep environment) more tranquil, but if I'm honest with myself, I don't keep the resolutions I make. I might do well throughout January, but stress happens and bad routines of eating fast food and drinking coke become just the easier option. Do you make resolutions? Have you made them for this new year?

If you have, fantastic! I hope that they help bring you joy this year, but if you slip and stop keeping up with them, have grace for yourself. And if you don't have any resolutions, that's great as well. For me, I'm going to try loving myself a little more, forgiving others quicker, and having grace upon grace for myself and others since our Lord God has given us grace upon grace first.

This is the time of the year that we are again reminded that the Word of God came to live among us and to show us the way. If we walk the way of Christ in our lives, then there really is no need to change. Blessings to you this new year!



Left: Stunning picture of the still empty Nativity Scene, soon to be visited by weary travelers.

Right: Pastor at Senior Service administering Holy Communion.

Photos by

Left: Rachel Divin

Right: Sally





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January 2022 Calendar of Events

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---|--|-----|-----|
| | | | | | | 1 |
|  2 No Sunday School Or Children's Church No Singing in the Loft Worship Service 10 am | 3 Staff Meeting 10:00 am | 4 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am St John Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Sunday School 9 am Singing in the Loft 9-9:30 am Worship Service 10 am | 10 Staff Meeting 10:00 am | 11 | 12 Confirmation Class 6:30 pm | 13 St John Blood Drive 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  | 14 | 15 |
|  16 Sunday School 9 am Singing in the Loft 9-9:30 am Worship Service 10 am New Council Installation | 17 Council 6:15 | 18 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am | 19 Senior Service 11:00 am Confirmation Class 6:30 pm | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Sunday School 9 am Singing in the Loft 9-9:30 am Worship Service 10 am | 24 Staff Meeting 10:00 am | 25 | 26 Confirmation Class 6:30 pm | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Wear Your St John TShirt Sunday School 9 am Singing in the Loft 9-9:30 am Worship Service 10 am | 31 | | | .Handbell Choir will resume practice in February | | |

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

2022 January

Youth had a fun time during the last Christmas play practice on Saturday evening. We decorated sugar cookies to go in our Christmas gift bags and we had helpers put the bags together as well. Thank you Sharon and Jolee Meiers for picking up Pizza for us.



We had our youngest youth, Paislee, to our oldest, Lawson and Reed in our Christmas play this year! There was also two special guest, Santa Claus and ACE a friend that Ethan Meiers invited to church who gladly joined us as the 3rd Wiseman. The youth did a really good job!

Youth Sunday school will begin the New year on January 9 @ 9:00.

Hope all had a Wonderful Christmas and New Year!

In Children's church January 9 we will talk about
"Seeking Christ" the kings arrival.



**Acolyte Schedule: Jan. 2 Volunteer Jan. 9 Baylee Brandes
Jan. 16 Brooklynn Logan Jan. 23 Reese Reichardt Jan.30 Cade Thielemann**

Offering Envelopes

are in the

Narthex for 2022.

If you don't see your name and would like a set, just let council or Sally know !

979-865-5455

Worship Attendance

| Date | In Person | Online |
|-------|-----------|--------|
| 12-5 | 64 | 88 |
| 12-12 | 72 | 213 |
| 12-19 | 55 | 48 |
| 12-24 | 94 | 64 |
| 12-26 | 41 | 75 |



Council on Duty



January 2nd- Ruth and Melissa
January 9th- Melissa and Ruth
January 16th- Jennifer and Ryan
January 23rd- Ryan and Sharon
January 30th- Kyle and Jennifer



2022 Flower Chart now available in narthex. Sign up to honor or remember your loved ones or give Glory to God.

Altar Flowers for January 2022

2nd - Rebecca Marek
9th - Tamra Ordner
16th - Open
23rd - The Beckendorffs
30th - Open

January 2022 Worship Service

Ministry Schedule

Readers

2nd - Dan Howell
9th - Chad Divin
16th - Jennifer Logan
23rd - Robin Haugen
30th - Pauline Lapham

Acolytes

2nd - Volunteer
9th - Baylee Brandes
16th - Brooklynn Logan
23rd - Reese Reichardt
30th - Cade Thielemann

Altar Guild

January 2022

Elrose Kollatschny
Rachel Divin

Flower Guild Ruth Walker



Even though the holidays are over, **Sealy Christian Food Pantry** still needs your support !

December 27, 2021

To the Congregation of St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring



I would like to take a moment to welcome the new council members, Jennifer Logan and Kyle Eckhardt. I appreciate them giving up their time and talents for the church. I would also ask that each congregant supports them and the rest of council during the coming year.

I want to thank the congregation for their support of me during my four years on council. We have been through some difficult times, but the Lord has shown his mercy on us. I wish a heartfelt HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone. Stay safe, and Thank God for Our Blessings.

Ken Wienken



St. John Lutheran of Cat Spring, Tx

Statement of Activity
November 2021

| | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Revenue | |
| CSB MM Interest | 6.74 |
| CSB Operating Account Interest | 8.17 |
| General Fund Contributions | 13,563.00 |
| LYO Fund Contributions | 60.00 |
| Memorial Fund Contributions | 70.00 |
| Scholarship Fund Contributions | 60.06 |
| Senior Day | 50.00 |
| Total Revenue | \$13,817.97 |
| GROSS PROFIT | |
| | \$13,817.97 |
| Expenditures | |
| Contract Svcs-Cemetery Labor | 200.00 |
| Education - Youth Curriculum | 48.52 |
| Electricity | 565.65 |
| Employee Contributions | 24.71 |
| Fire - Liability Insurance | 694.00 |
| Garbage | 66.12 |
| Office Supplies & Equipment | 471.92 |
| Pastor Housing Equity Fund | 250.00 |
| Pastor Pension-Medical-Dental | 2,454.58 |
| Payroll Expenses | |
| SALARY - MUSIC DIR | 500.00 |
| Salary- Pastor SECA | 345.17 |
| SALARY-BOOKKEEPER | 507.70 |
| SALARY-PASTOR | 3,819.61 |
| SALARY-SECRETARY | 961.88 |
| Salary-Youth Director | 1,211.54 |
| Taxes | 293.85 |
| Wages | 660.00 |
| Total Payroll Expenses | 8,299.75 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 137.98 |
| Telephone | 123.58 |
| Water | 94.17 |
| Worship Supplies | 159.57 |
| Total Expenditures | \$13,590.55 |
| NET OPERATING REVENUE | \$227.42 |
| NET REVENUE | \$227.42 |



Dear Ms. Barry
 Thank you for buying our
 pretty poinsettias. You help
 give us purpose!
 Love,
 Samantha - Brookwood citizen





St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:23pm by Ken Wienken.

Ruth led the opening devotional from Psalm 46:1.

Members present were Pastor Stephanie Stark, Ken Wienken, Karen Reichert, Melissa Schmidt, Ruth Walker and Ryan Reibenstein.

Member absent was Sharon Meiers.

Christa Klar was also absent.

Guests included incoming Church Council members Jennifer Logan and Kyle Eckhardt.

Motion made by Karen, seconded by Ken to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

The November 8th meeting minutes were read and approved by email. Motion made by Ruth, seconded by Ryan to approve the minutes as read. Motion approved.

Ruth presented the Treasurer's report including a statement of activity for November. The total revenue for November was \$13,817. Expenses were \$13,590 so we were \$227 ahead for the month. Motion made by Karen and seconded by Ryan to accept the report as presented. Motion passed.

Pastor Stephanie Stark reported that Wednesday Advent services are going well with about 20 people in attendance each week. In addition to the Holden Evening Prayer, the services focus on the background of Christmas songs such as 'I'll Be Home For Christmas' which had a military background, 'Jingle Bells' which was really a Thanksgiving song, and 'The 12 Days of Christmas'. The Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00pm this year and will include Communion. Pastor will be gone for a retreat in Galveston on January 9-11 but will be back in time for confirmation class. Pastor Katrina will lead worship on January 30th while Pastor Stephanie is out January 29-Feb 5th.

Committee Reports

Christa was unable to attend the meeting. There was not a report to review.

The Cemetery committee report was given by Ken Wienken. Everything is going well. Two cemetery plots were sold last week. There was also a funeral last Friday.

The House and Grounds report was presented by Ryan. He changed the light in the parsonage. He will be getting the pipes ready for the winter in the next week or two. The city water and water well for the parsonage and the church were discussed. At this time, the inside of the parsonage and inside of the church are connected to city water. The outside faucets for both the parsonage and the church are on the water well.

Old Business:

The 2021 Church Directory is still in progress. Christa has been taking pictures before and after Sunday services. She is also available during the week if a time is needed other than Sunday mornings.

New Business:

The choir wants to move downstairs in the overflow area. They also want to purchase a new keyboard for that area. A motion was made by Ruth and seconded by Karen to approve the move to downstairs and the purchase of a new keyboard not to exceed \$2,600. \$500 will be used from the Music fund and the remainder money will be taken from the Memorial Fund.

The January meeting will be moved from January 10th to January 17th since Pastor will be at a retreat on January 10th.

January Council Assignments-

January 2nd- Ruth and Melissa
January 9th- Melissa and Ruth
January 16th- Jennifer and Ryan
January 23rd- Ryan and Sharon
January 30th- Kyle and Jennifer

January 2022 calendar was reviewed. The only calendar change was the Council meeting was moved from January 10th to January 17th.

Everyone joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Motion was made by Melissa and seconded by Ken to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Schmidt**

WELCA would like to thank everyone who purchased a poinsettia this year and helped make the church look beautiful and festive .



**January's WELCA Meeting will be on
Thursday, January 27, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Bill Barr will be presenting about plants
(and there might be plants to take home!)

Spring on Over and

Get a Jump on Spring Gardening with Bill !

Right here in Cat Spring !

If this past holiday season was a little to hectic and you just wished for a few minutes of peace and quite, we have you covered for next year. **Altar Guild** needs a few volunteers for the upcoming year and , and December has some openings!

If you would like to assist with the Altar Guild, please contact Rachel Divin (281 750 1135) or Sherry Barr (281 793 5968)

A big thank you to the “Quilters” (Shirley, Pastor, Glenda, Elrose, Pauline and Karen) for coming to my home to fill the children’s bags with candy. Thank you, too - for the delicious food you all brought for us to enjoy and for the beautiful apron you gave to me. It was a fun, fun day and I look forward to “next time”.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and may the coming year be packed full of God’s many blessings for all of you.

LaNell



Shirley., Pastor Stephanie, Glenda, Elrose, Pauline and Karen. . Not Pictured is LaNell who is taking this picture !



Senior Service
Wednesday, January 19th
11:00 am
In with New
Out with the Old!
The hostesses will be serving homemade soup flown in from the famous **Cross Roads Tavern!**
Made , with Love,
by Bonnie Hegemeyer!
If you’d like to bring something, a dessert will be great.
Worship Service, Fun, Food , Games

The St John Handbell Choir performing at the December Senior Service. Directed by Cheryl Mellenthin . It was such a nice surprise and they sounded so good ! We were all in the Christmas spirit after they performed for us. We hope they will come back and play for us again, soon !

LOFT SINGERS ON THE MOVE

Our Loft Singers will be **moving downstairs** when we resume rehearsals on **Sunday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m.** Those interested singers who have been hesitant to join in due to those tough stairs up to the loft, have no reason to hesitate! Please come join us as we continue to aid in leading worship through song! The more singers, the more options we have! Oh yes, we will have to change our name, won't we? You don't have to be a soloist to come sing with us.

Every voice counts! Janet

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Thursday, January 13
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

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