

Good News Journal May 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:

Last week, at Senior Serve, I preached about the hard words that we pray during the Lord's Prayer. Every week, and sometimes daily, we pray; "Your will be done", but do we actually want God's will done?


Most of us would say yes, but when we really think about it, we would rather our will be done and not God's. When tragedy strikes or things in our life seem to be running off the rails, we plan. We know exactly what we want to happen and how situations should turn out, but does our planning, our wishes, align with God's?

Trusting God is not as easy as it sounds or as easy as we like to think it to be. Trusting God requires humility on our part. A humility that says that sometimes our way isn't the best way. A humility that says God you are in control and I will follow your lead.

Like Thomas, from our Gospel Lesson this past Sunday, we want proof positive, or that things are going to work out in our favor. We want our way all the time, but doesn't the saying go: "God is good ALL the time, and all the TIME God is good."

Beloved, God wants what is best for you and those your love, and you can take that to the bank. It's a promise that we can rely on 100%. And when we know that God desires the best for you and those you love, we can trust that God will is a perfect will.

If doubt keeps our faith in lively tension; helping it to grow and become stronger, than humility is the foundation on which trust is built. We can trust in God always, but sometimes we'll need to humble ourselves first.



**Volunteers are
seldom paid; not
because they are
worthless, but
because they are
PRICELESS!**

We Thank You and We Appreciate You



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8 Mother's Day <i>St John Singers</i> 9-9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i> 9:00 am <i>Worship Service</i> 10:00 am	9 <i>Staff Meeting</i> 10:00 am <i>Council</i> 6:15 pm	10	11 <i>Confirmation</i> <i>Class</i> 6:30 pm	12 <i>Handbell Practice</i> 5:30 pm	13	14
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29 <i>St John Singers</i> 9-9:30 am No Youth or Adult Sunday School <i>Worship Service</i> 10:00 am Wear your St John T-shirt !	30 <i>Staff Meeting</i> 10:00 am	31				

Easter morning is full of excitement and joy. Kids checking out their filled Easter baskets, putting on your best Sunday clothes, going to a beautifully decorated church to hear that Christ has risen!

Something else we look forward to is Easter breakfast. We were all able to gather together this year! **Thank you Men in Mission** for providing a delicious breakfast. My waffle iron cooked quite a few waffles as well.

Our youth has always made table decorations for Easter breakfast. During children's church on Palm Sunday, the youth made Easter crosses and planted wheat grass seeds around their cross. We were all surprised to see such pretty green grass that had grown around the crosses for Easter morning! So pretty.



Thank you to all who donated Easter egg candy for our hunt!



Our next two lessons are: Healing Jairus'

Acolyte Schedule: May 1- Cade Theilemann 8- Baylee Brandes 15- Reese Reichardt

22- Jolee Meiers 29- Brooklynn Logan

June 5- Marissa Divin 12-Cade Theilemann 19- Reese Reichardt 26-Jolee Meiers

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Prevailing Prayer

- 1 Elaine Thielemann
- 2 LaNell Waldrop
- 3 Blake Biehunko
- 5 Jack Brandes
- 6 Carrie Froebel
- 8 Johnny Class
- 15 Nancy Hartmann
- 16 Ethan Meier
- 20 Robin Haugen
- Vana Froebel
- 22 Chad Hugo
- 23 Jessica Fogle
- 25 Brianna Machinsky
- 26 Brain Krause
- 28 Susan Baumann

- 5-7 *James and Carol Wenzel*
- 5-15 *Alan and Erika Restivo*
- Dayne and Karla Rice*
- 5-18 *Ray and Sherry Menke*
- 5-22 *Ken and Rose Wienken*
- 5-28 *Chris and Jennifer Logan*



MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

- Arbors of Briarwood– Bellville**
- Carrie Froebel
- Kruse Village-Brenham**
- Elaine Thielemann
- HOMEBOUND:**
- Katherine Ludwig
- Katherine Washburn

THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

- Melvin and Johnnie Klatt
- Greg Klatt
- Joyce Amother
- Ember and Easton Tomlinson
- Shirley's sister, Jackie
- Gloria Tipp
- Charlene Bolton
- William Ordner
- Tomas Divin
- Mike Mueller
- Billy Schaffner
- Allan Boehm
- Cindi Harrison
- Beverly White
- Faye Johnson
- David Wilkenson
- Anita Zaskoda.
- Debbie Haidusek
- Fay Rice
- Shirley Hering
- Susan Boyett
- Robert Klar
- Jheri Sell
- Melinda Brod
- Richie Butler
- Dennis Mauney
- Colin Brock
- Elrose Kollatschny
- Deana Keller
- Janice Whitehead
- Robert Emshoff
- Paulette Miller
- Deanna Ling
- People of Ukraine and Russia
- Diane Cook
- Skylar Ordner



Memorial Day USA Flags

Sunday May 29th after Worship Service

St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery

Please join in and help place a USA Flag on every Veteran's grave, in honor of their service to our country.

We will gather, after Sunday Gospel Worship and hope you can join us in this yearly event.

Bring the family and what a great teaching moment, honoring those who gave so much for us, on this Memorial Day Weekend.

If you have any question let Sally know and she will find out the answer!

May 29th is the 5th Sunday, so remember to wear your St John T Shirt!



May 2022 Worship Service

Ministry Schedule

Readers

- 5-1 Ralph Grinde**
- 5-8 Dan Howell**
- 5-15 Chad Divin**
- 5-22 Jennifer Logan**
- 5-29 Robin Haugen**

Acolytes

- 5-1 Cade Thielmann**
- 5-8 Baylee Brandes**
- 5-15 Reese Reichardt**
- 5-22 Jolee Meiers**
- 5-29 Brooklynn Logan**

Worship Attendance

Date	In Person	Online Views
3-30	26	37
4-3	69	61
4-6	18	28
4-10	59	130
4-14	39	77
4-15	22	69
4-17	178	79
4-24	47	47

May 2022 Altar Flowers

- 5-1 Chris Beckendorff**
- 5-8 Open**
- 5-15 Open**
- 5-22 Faith and Ellie Haugen**
- 5-29 Melissa Schmidt**

May 2022 Altar Guild

Karen Landrum

Robin Haugen

Flower Guild: Ruth Walker



May 2022 Council On Duty

- May 1- Ruth and Ryan
- May 8th- Ruth and Kyle
- May 15th- Sharon and Jennifer
- May 22nd- Melissa and Jennifer
- May 29th-Melissa

The Ladies Auxiliary of the CSFD

would like to thank everyone who donated desserts for the **CSFD BBQ** Saturday !

It was such a huge help ! They would also like to thank members of the church who helped by donating their time and working at the event.

We are so lucky to have such a fine Fire Department in Cat Spring!

St. John Lutheran of Cat Spring, Tx

Statement of Activity
March 2022

	TOTAL
Revenue	
CSB MM Interest	6.53
CSB Operating Account Interest	8.60
ELCA Endowment E272908 Distribution	2,045.12
ELCA Endowment E272909 Distribution	241.76
ELCA Endowment E273030 Distribution	437.86
General Fund Contributions	12,056.00
LYO Fund Contributions	513.75
On-line Giving	1,086.30
Thrivent Choice Dollars Fund Contributions	55.00
Total Revenue	\$16,450.92
GROSS PROFIT	\$16,450.92
Expenditures	
Auto Reimb	466.89
Building Repairs & Supplies	1,895.00
CONTRACT SERVICES-PIANO ACC	100.00
Electricity	1,261.26
Employee Contributions	31.81
Garbage	66.12
Office Supplies & Equipment	757.39
Online Giving Expense	54.58
Pastor Housing Equity Fund	250.00
Pastor Pension-Medical-Dental	2,531.58
Payroll Expenses	
SALARY - MUSIC DIR	625.00
Salary- Pastor SECA	345.83
SALARY-BOOKKEEPER	720.00
SALARY-HOUSEKEEPING	660.00
SALARY-PASTOR	3,819.57
SALARY-SECRETARY	959.72
Salary-Youth Director	1,332.70
Taxes	328.76
Total Payroll Expenses	8,791.58
Special Prayer Shawl Fund	71.35
Telephone	323.58
Water	69.69
Worship Supplies	211.12
Total Expenditures	\$16,881.95
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -431.03
NET REVENUE	\$ -431.03



Palm Sunday Smiles ! Photo by Rachel Divin

Don't miss the next WELCA meeting !

Fellowship Hall

May 26, 2022

6:30 pm

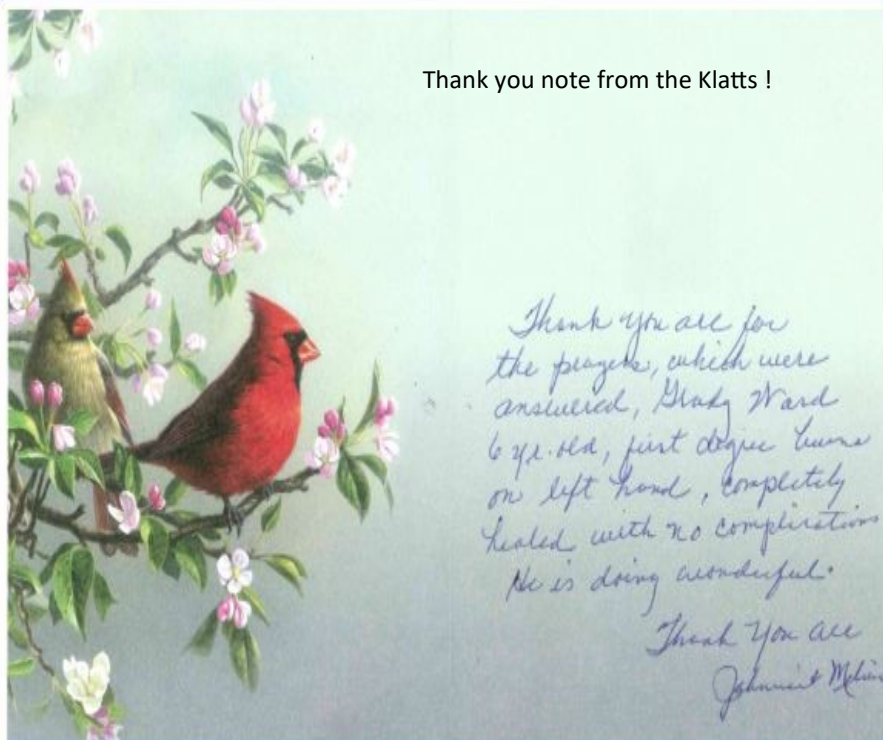
Noodles with Tillie

Bring a friend!

Bring children!

It should be a great evening!

Thank you note from the Klatts !



Maundy Thursday Washing of the Feet



**St. John Lutheran Church-Cat Spring
Council Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m. by Jennifer Logan.

Pastor Stephanie Stark presented the opening devotional.

Members present were Pastor Stephanie Stark, Jennifer Logan, Melissa Schmidt, Kyle Eckhardt, and Ruth Walker.

Members absent were Ryan Reibenstein and Sharon Meiers.

Guests included Christa Klar.

Motion made by Pastor Stephanie, seconded by Ruth to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

The March 6th meeting minutes were read and approved by email. Motion made by Melissa, seconded by Jennifer to approve the minutes as read. Motion approved.

Ruth presented the Treasurer's report including a statement of activity for March. The total revenue for March was \$16,450.92. Expenses were \$16,881.95 so we were \$431.03 short for the month. There was an online donation of \$500 given to the youth and the donor also paid the \$13.50 fee. Sally has watched the online video and we are now compliant with the Vanco online requirements. Motion made by Pastor Stephanie and seconded by Melissa to accept the report as presented. Motion passed.

Pastor Stephanie Stark reported that the Lent services have gone well. However, next year she will have Christa take over the confirmation classes during Advent and Lent. This will allow her to focus on the services and not interrupt the confirmation class schedule or lessons. Back by popular demand, Holy Smokes will be returning in May on Monday nights. Pastor is working on the new theme and will have more information very soon. A motion was made by Kyle, seconded by Ruth to accept the report as written. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Christa reported that Sunday School and Children's Church are going well. Several of the youth passed out palm crosses on Palm Sunday and have made the table decorations for the Easter breakfast on April 16th. Unfortunately, the Easter egg hunt will not be done in the field by the parking lot due to multiple ant piles. On May 15th, we will be celebrating four of our Senior graduates with refreshments following the service. A high school Six Flags trip and a camping trip are still being discussed. A youth movie night is also being planned where the Ten Commandments movie will be shown. A motion was made by Ruth, seconded by Melissa to accept her report as presented. Motion passed.

There was not a Cemetery committee report from Ken Wienken this month.

The House and Grounds report was presented by Kyle. The upholstery on the pews scheduled for repair was completed and they look good. Ryan is still working with Kloss Electric on updating several lights to LED lights and the security light outside. Motion made by Ruth, seconded by Jennifer to accept the report as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business:

The 2022 Church Directory will be ready after Easter. Christa and Sally are making the final updates and then will begin printing copies for the congregation.

A sample for the church office floor was dropped off and repairs will begin soon.



Sally’s computer in the church office is old and needs to be replaced and programs updated. Jennifer presented prices on a computer tower and external hard drive. Updated software needs to be purchased. Motion to allow a budget of up to \$1,500 for a computer, external hard drive, and software was made by Ruth, seconded by Melissa. Motion passed. Jennifer will start working on ordering one from Dell.

Jennifer has been exploring cost effective options for a fireproof safe that would hold baptism, marriage, cemetery, and other important records. She will report back next month after looking at gun safe options and stand-alone safes vs fireproof filing cabinets.

New Business:

A cleaning day needs to be scheduled because the fans in the sanctuary and the beam above the altar need cleaning. These areas cannot be reached with a regular ladder. Kyle’s scaffolding will not fit in the church. Kyle will check with Ryan to see if he has a ladder that will be tall enough to reach those areas. Jennifer is also checking to see the height of her ladder at home. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

The choir would like a power speaker because the music sound goes out to the congregation, but they are not able to hear the music properly. Mr. Alphin has been bringing his speaker each Sunday. Motion to allow up to \$300 to purchase a power speaker was made by Ruth, seconded by Kyle. Motion passed.

The Synod has requested a \$2,000 Conference Challenge Gift which will be put towards paying off Lutheran Pastor’s seminary debt. Motion to give \$2,000 made by Kyle, seconded by Jennifer. Motion passed.

May Council Assignments-

- May 1- Ruth and Ryan
- May 8th- Ruth and Kyle
- May 15th- Sharon and Jennifer
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May 2022 calendar was reviewed. The only change was to remove youth Sunday School on 5/29.

Everyone joined in the Lord’s Prayer.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Melissa, seconded by Ruth. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Schmidt**





Come join us on May 15 as we honor our

High School Seniors

during the church service.

Reed Dittert Lawson Meiers

Breanna Brandes Callen Rabius

Reception following in the Fellowship Hall