



The LORD Your God Will Be With You!



As I contemplated about what to write this month, I couldn't help but think about my family's feelings on the first day of school. I communicated with all of my children that day. My oldest son, who finished his undergraduate studies this summer, said, "I'm working my tail off and trying to find a full time job." My middle son, who is in his fourth year in college, said, "Everything is going well, but it's going to be a busy year." My youngest son, who is in his first year of college, said when I asked him how his first day of classes is going, "It is going good, but it's going to be crazy hard." My daughter, who is now in Junior High, said, "I am nervous about school." My wife was also a little anxious because she started training for a new job at St. John Preschool.

My family is in the process of making some pretty big adjustments. Our last boy off at college. Our first boy out of college. Our little girl not so little anymore — going into Junior High. Only one child left at home. If one of us went outside on Monday, every time the door opened, I think my wife, my daughter and myself kept waiting for one of the boys to walk in.

I'm sure that each of your lives are not much different. Maybe different details and circumstances, but all having the same feelings. With all of these things going on in my family's life, I could not help but think of the first chapter of Joshua. Moses had spent 40 years leading the Israelites through the desert after the LORD had miraculously brought them out of Egypt. After Moses died, the LORD called Joshua to take over. It was going to be Joshua's job to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. I'm sure Joshua felt overwhelmed. It was a monumental task not to mention big shoes to fill, but the LORD had these reassuring words for Joshua, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for

the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)



These words of promise were not only for Joshua, but they are for us today. When the task seems to big to accomplish, when the dilemma seems impossible, when the pain seems to be too much, when the burden seems to be heavier than we can handle, remember that the LORD your God is with you. Never forget this. It is a promise from God!

May we continue to be used by God with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!

Pastor Peisl

Men's Bible Study

Starting back up the first Thursday in September. We will meet at 6:30 am feeding our bodies with coffee and a breakfast item and feeding our souls with God's Word. Every man in the church is invited and encouraged to attend.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday Morning

- 8:30 Breakfast/Opening
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship

Tuesday

- 9:00 Quilting

EVERY MONTH

- 1st Sunday– Nursing Home Devotions 1:30pm
- 2nd Week– Board Meetings
- 3rd Saturday–Men's Club 7:15am

See Calendar for more Information!!



New Small Group Study



Interrupted follows the author's messy journey through life and church and into living on mission. Snatching Jen from the grip of her consumer life, God began asking her questions like, "What is really the point of My Church? What have I really asked of you?" She was far too busy doing church than being church, even as a pastor's wife, an author of five Christian books, and a committed believer for 26 years. She discovered she had missed the point. Christ brought Jen and her family to a place of living on mission by asking them tough questions, leading them through Scripture, and walking together with them on the path. Interrupted invites readers to take a similar journey.

Sunday, September 6th 5:00pm

Six Weeks, Meal Provided, Rotate Homes, Kids Welcome



Hamilton Senior Center located at 101 East Henry is currently in desperate need for volunteers. We are in need of volunteers for delivering meals to Meals on Wheels clients in the community or for volunteers at the center for client activities, answering phone & assisting the Center Director with regular daily center functions. If you are interested please come by or call Shelley Voges at 254/386-3676.

Hamilton Senior Center is now open Monday – Friday 8AM to 2PM come by and join in on weekly bingo, dominos, cards, arts & crafts, and meal is served each day at 11:30 AM. For more information come by 101 East Henry or call Shelley Voges at 254/386-3676



Ruth Guild met Sunday June 14th with 7 in attendance. Pastor Reich gave the program out of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. The project we worked on was the gift Fathers Day. The next meeting will be Sunday September 13th at 3:00 PM. Our program will be Is My Heart Really Unforgiving. We would like to have more women come join us. Thank You to the Men's Club for the donation

Dave Anderson & Roger Walck



An Evening of Music

Date: Monday, September 14, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: St. John Lutheran Church

There will be a freewill offering collected that evening. The offering collected supports Shepherd's Canyon Retreat. Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is a retreat center for pastors and their wives as well as other church workers. They are committed to the emotional and spiritual healing of clergy and other church workers who have exhausted their best and seek renewal.

There music is a blend of contemporary, gospel, hymns, and lots of old-time Sunday school songs. The audience will be invited to sing along.

Dave and Roger will need a place to stay that evening. If anyone has a couple of extra spare beds and is willing to house them, please let me know.

COUNTER CULTURE

WITH COURAGE, CONVICTION AND COMPASSION

DAVID PLATT
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

New Sunday School Class

September 13th

Meet in FLC

Counter Culture

- Six week class, Self lead study with reading at home, Video & Discussion in class, Books can be ordered from Amazon & Lifeway.

All are Welcome



Birthdays

3rd Mason Code
 Terri Martin
 Ryder Zschiesche
 6th Neil Muxworthy
 7th Ruth Young
 9th Lois Hungerford
 Kirsten Niemann
 Keith Reich
 Tim Rudolph
 10th Dixie Gromatzky
 Kameron McKandless
 12th Mae Pietzsch
 Kyle Zschiesche
 13th Mischelle Bottlinger
 Josh Cantara
 14th Charles Johnson
 15th Susie Odom
 18th Jacob Dossey
 Charles Rudolph
 Gretchen Rudolph
 Michael Rudolph
 Marshal Stork
 19th Owen Tyson
 20th Wilma Gaydos
 Ed Moyers

Gertie Schrank
 21st Albert Peters
 23rd Erik Christensen
 24th Blayklee Brown
 Ben Chorenziak
 25th Greg Arnett
 Kathy Christensen
 Michael Looney
 26th Brayden Payne
 29th Eddie Abdou
 30th Marliessa Clark
 Eddie Krueger
 Maggie Wenzel

Baptisms

2nd Trint Jeschke
 3rd August Gaydos
 4th Harry Asquith
 5th Mary Ellen Kiely

8th Jean Bottlinger
 9th Kase Kunkel
 Misti Polster
 11th Neil Muxworthy
 15th Shirley Meissner
 17th Robert Hoermann
 18th Melinda Lange
 Keith Reich
 19th Darman Wagner
 20th Amie Eilers
 Ruth Young
 23rd Terri Martin
 Jayson Whitt
 24th Dorothy Hoermann
 Kristen Payne
 27th David Burton
 28th Kayla Edward
 Cynthia McElroy

Wedding Anniversaries

Roger & Neet Bushee 53yrs
 Johann & Kym Jeschke 15yrs
 Kris & Sarah Zschiesche 11yrs
 Ted & Barbara Jahns 61yrs
 Jacob & Kim Robertson 2yrs



Just A Closer Walk With Thee...

*Music Notes: Sept. 2015
Gary K. Gramatzky*

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long

As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

*Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares?

None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

*Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

When my feeble life is o'vr
Time for me will be no more;

Guide me gently, safely o'er

To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

*Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" was probably the favorite southern gospel song of the twentieth century, yet no one knows who wrote it or when it was written. It became known nationally in the 1930s when African-American churches held huge musical conventions. In the 1940s southern gospel quartets featured it in all-night gospel singing rallies. In the 1950s Elvis Presley set sales records with it on a 45 RPM single. In the 1960s Tennessee Ernie Ford made the charts with it. And by the time the 1970s had ended, more than a hundred artists had recorded the song.

Its history probably goes back to an unknown writer in the slave fields of the South before the Civil War. Southern black church choirs kept the hymn alive until World War II.

But while the song is indebted to the African-American experience for its soul, people of every background can identify with it because it presents the humble prayer of every Christian's heart, and humble prayer is the kind that God honors .



This is my Son, Whom I Love; With him

Sunday School News

Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Beginning the first Sunday in September, attendance will be taken in order to recognize those students who have perfect attendance throughout the year. The perfect attendance period will be from the first Sunday in September through the first Sunday in June.

What happens if my child misses?

- If your child is sick, that is an excused absent.
- If your child is absent and attend Sunday school or church elsewhere, bring a bulletin from that church and it will be excused.

Perfect Attendance Recognition



- A pin will be handed out for perfect attendance for the year. A cross and crown pin will be handed out the first year. A wreath will go around the pin for the second year. A bar for each additional years of perfect attendance will be handed out. (see pictures)



- Monthly and Quarterly perfect attendance will also be recognized.

Summer Camp—Lone Star Camp - La Grange, Texas www.lomt.com

Early Registration is in October 2015

The Board of Ed is working on getting Summer Camp for June/July 2016 timeframe schedule for All Sunday School Ages. There will be more details to come in the October Newsletter pertaining to the Age groups, timeframe, activities, etc.. Listed below is some of the what a CAMPER can expect from the Lone Star Camp Experience.

- Living in a small group of similarly aged cabin mates.
- All-camp morning devotions.
- Morning praise and worship time.
- Daily cabin group Bible studies.
- All-camp games like All-camp Soccer, Flicker Ball, Rumble Ball, Darebase, and Lone Star favorites like Capture-the-Dooger!
- Roundup: an evening time when each cabin group presents something they learned that day through a skit, song, or other creative method.
- All-camp evening devotions and campfire to close the day

Daily activity time, which may include any of the following:

- Archery
- Time at the pool
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Arts and crafts
- Nature Center activities
- Multiple sports activities
- Hiking



Christ Centered Camping

I am the Vine, you are the branches. JOHN 15:5

I am Well Pleased. MATTHEW 3:17
I am the good Shepherd. JOHN 10:11

I am the Bread of Life. JOHN 6:48
I am the Light of the World. JOHN 8:12



St. John Lutheran Preschool & Kinder

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Matthew 19:4a

St. John Lutheran Preschool will be kicking off the new year with 33 Little Lambs, 21 Mighty Lions and 15 Kinder students for a total enrollment of 69 students. There are 14 students signed up each afternoon not including an average of 2 additional drop-ins per day



Judy Knoll—Director



I am married with 4 children and 2 grown grandchildren. I have recently retired from teaching in the Grand Prairie ISD for the last 23 years. I love to sew, craft and bake. I am so excited that God has led me to St. John Lutheran Church and has given me the opportunity to be the director of the Preschool. Retirement was a little boring!!

Kayla Edwards—Teacher



I have been blessed to live and raise my children in Hamilton for the past 26 years. I have been an educator for 36 years, and am thankful to be working at St. John Lutheran Preschool educating children about God and His love for us.

Kathleen Payne—Teacher



I am married and have 2 children. I attended McLennan Community College for 2 years. This is my 2nd year to teach at St John Preschool. I am thankful and blessed that God has directed me to this facility to help and teach children.

Chrissy Kensing—Teacher



I am married and have 2 sons Kolton age 11 and Kyler age 8. I graduated from Cisco Jr. College with my LVN license. I am very energetic, love kids, and am very creative especially in music and other crafts. I attend St. John Lutheran Church and am very involved with the youth and other activities.



Betsy Miller—Teacher



I am the only child raised in Dublin, TX. I graduated from Dublin, as well. I am a hard worker and a good team player. I am looking forward to being part of St. John Lutheran Preschool. And, oh yeah...I'm getting married in October!!

Kate Cooper—Teacher



Many new things are coming for me this year! The most exciting is my upcoming marriage in April 2016. I am originally from Temple and just recently moved to Hamilton. I have a step-daughter Catie, who is my heart. I also have 2 dogs, Pete and Leai and 2 cats Autumn and Summer. I have worked with children since 2012 and absolutely love it! I have a huge heart for being in a classroom and am excited to be a part of the team at St. John Lutheran Preschool.

Haley Turner—Teacher



I am married and my husband Cody and I have 2 sons, Cooper and Casen. I earned my BBA and MBA in marketing from Tarleton State University. I am thankful that God has led our family to Hamilton, and I am very excited about becoming part of the St. John Preschool Family.

Christlyn Sneed—Teacher



I am a local girl, born and raised in Hamilton. I attended Tarleton State University where I met my husband Raphael. I am excited to start my new journey with the St. John Lutheran Preschool.

Stacy Reich (aka Pastor Reich's wife)—Teacher



We have 4 children, with Jaley, our youngest starting Jr. High this year. The 3 boys are in college or searching for jobs in the Dallas area. I am very excited to be working with Kathleen Payne in the Mighty Lions class, and to be a part of the St. John Preschool family.

“Jesus called out to them,
‘Come, follow me’”
(Matthew 4:19).





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*May we continue to be used by God as we live by and share the Gospel
 with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!!*



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