

The St. John's Newsletter

St. John's Episcopal Church 254-803-3800 Marlin, Texas www.stjohnsmarlin.org July 2008

Dear Ones,

Summer is here, and it is time to relax, kick back, and enjoy our blessings. The Church calls this time “Ordinary Time” or “Pentecost.” What a good time to give thanks for God’s creation and our own fruitful bounty. The following is a quote for which I failed to get the author’s last name. Her first name is Mary:

“I look at the magnificence that God created, and I feel very significant, very special, because the God who could create mountains and beaches, gorillas and violets, sunshine and rain, simply by willing it, loves ME – yeah, me! – enough to die for me. There’s no conceit in that, because every single human ever born gets exactly the same love. How’s that for equal footing?”

We have so much to be grateful for at St. John’s: a congregation made up of truly outstanding and wonderful people, a fine church filled with rich history, a beautiful place to worship and beautiful liturgy, and God’s good grace to keep us going. We even have parishioners who meet and fall in love with one another and marry in the church! We have baptisms and confirmations and ordinations and birthdays and anniversaries; and we do a great job of celebrating them. We are indeed an “alleluia people.”

Our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, has said that “creation is God’s way of loving the world.” During the same talk, concerning God’s love for each of us, she said: “You were loved into existence for eternity.”

Let us then during this summer take time to bask in the goodness that is God and the blessings that are ours.

Judy+

We are a church community rooted in Anglican traditions and committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer, compassion, and encouragement.

► Sunday Church 9:30 a.m. – June through August ◀

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 6 – Judy and Wes Filer
July 13 – Mike Meyer
July 20 – Joe and Cathy Owen
July 27 – Sue Visser

If you wish to request flowers for St. John's altar, contact Polly Gaeke, chairperson, phone number 584-4464.

MEMORIALS

Anyone wishing to make a memorial should contact Jean Trice, chairperson in charge of memorials, 883-2611.

COFFEE HOSTESS

July 6 – Molly Walker
July 13 – Pam Williams
July 20 – Louise Burton
July 27 — Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack

JULY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:

July 4 – Carter Henderson
July 7 – Betty Ramey
July 7 – Bonnie Crothers
July 9 – Libby Price
July 12 – Mary Price
July 13 – Mary Smith
July 18 – Louise Burton
July 19 – Troy and Megan Henderson Anniversary
July 25 – Dub Wagner
July 27 – Mike Ferda
July 29 – Meagan Henderson (Troy's daughter)
“Grant, O Lord, that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” *Amen*

You are cordially invited
to celebrate all parish July birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday, July 27th.
Please join us following the regular Sunday service for wonderful food and fun in the Parish Hall.

CHOIR

Sue Visser will be on vacation the month of July, and the choir will be taking a break.

Great news! The choir is growing! We have had new members join the choir. We have even started working on Christmas music.

If you are interested in joining the choir, contact Sue Visser. Let us “make a joyful noise unto the Lord!”

ST. JOHN'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The St. John's Men's Association will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31st at St. John's Parish Hall. Come join in the fellowship!

CURSILLO

If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, please contact either Polly Geake (584-4464) or Kyla Smith (584-2461). Applications to attend Cursillo can be obtained on the Diocesan Cursillo website at www.texascursillo.org.

2008 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

August 7-10, 2008

November 6-9, 2008(campsite)

The Daughters of the King is a spiritual praying order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church. The mission of the Order is evangelism through our rule of prayer and service. The Order's purpose is to bring others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus, and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our parishes and missions.

St. John's Daughters of the King will have a 30 minute regular meeting after church services every third Sunday. The next regular meeting will be July 20th at 11:00 a.m.

A 30-45 minute training session will begin after church services every Sunday beginning July 27th for a period of 4 to 5 weeks. All St. John's women are invited and encouraged to attend and become a Daughter.

For any questions or additional information, contact Cathy at the office, 803-3800.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 6 – Louise Burton

July 13 – Antonette Peterson

July 20 – Stefan Peterson

July 27 – Molly Walker

FOURTH OF JULY

As we enjoy the 4th of July, let us not forget to pray for our great country and our men and women serving in the armed forces, particularly in this time of great conflict:

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

YOU ARE INVITED

to the celebration and blessing of the marriage of Cathy Ann Livingston Phillips and Joseph Linward Owen on Saturday, the 19th of July, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

FOOD FOR JULY:

The Salvation Army and the Samaritan House have decided to close their food banks because of insufficient help. The food we collect will now go to Faith, Hope and Charity. Please bring peanut butter, jelly, bread, pudding cups, fruit cups, or Jell-O cups for our outreach ministry.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat . . ." Matthew 25:35

LAMBETH CONFERENCE JULY 16-AUGUST 3

The Lambeth Conference is called every ten years by invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is a time for all bishops to meet for worship, study and conversation. Archbishops, diocesan, assistant and suffragan bishops are invited. Also invited are bishops from other churches "in communion" with the Anglican Communion, bishops from United Churches and a number of ecumenical guests. The word "Lambeth" is the name of the residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Spouses of the 800+ bishops who attend are invited by the Archbishop of Canterbury's wife to a parallel, independent gathering called the Spouses' Conference.

Rowan Williams, the current Archbishop of Canterbury, has called the next Lambeth Conference for July 16th to August 3, 2008. His wife, Jane, will convene the Spouses' Conference. The official website of the conference is: www.lambethconference.org/index.cfm. In addition, the Diocesan website, www.epicenter.org, and the national church website, <http://ecusa.anglican.org>, will carry information.

COMPLAINT FREE SUMMER OLYMPICS: Let the games begin! Enter into St. John's Complaint Free Summer Olympics and win a St. John's shirt. Rules and details in the Parish Hall.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please remember: The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. In the shorter months, this is very critical. Also, if you have any information or articles you would like to share in the newsletter, please drop them off at the office, place them in the basket in the Parish Hall, or email them for consideration. Thank you!

REMINDER: If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail or if you wish to pick up a copy of the newsletter from the church, please notify Cathy.

Those for Whom our Prayers are Requested: Gary Evans, Alice Ferda, Horace Goodrich, Candace Hill, Alice Madsen, Archie Lee Maguire, Ronnie Oltorf, Steve Price, Joe Roppolo, Te

Andria Mason, Connie McLelland, Merrit Schumann, Charissa Goodrich, Mel Rodgers, Kay Evans, Charlene Luedke, Lionel Gleason, Nina Leeth, Betty Maxey, Anne and Cory Burrough, Willie Null, Paula Wade (Polly Gaeke's daughter), Brandon Henderson, H.T. Torgerson, Tom Pulos, Tommy and Betty Goodrich, Dr. Harold and Margaret Clifton, Mena Nichols, Aiesha Spratling, Joanna Newnam, Mary Winters, Forest King, Marilee Painter, Dick Lewis, Louis Polchinski, Gary Mason, Willie Bates, Tina Kluckner, Jack Wagner, Michael Baker, Loretta Bird, Priscilla Feuerbacher, Travis Kiker, Joyce Voelter, Felma Branch, Dolores Grant, Jack Norlie, Morris Smith, Mike Nehring, Jeff Nehring, Billie Maxwell, Joy Nutt, Primativa Pecina, Betty Margoitta, Brittanny Bates, Daniel Teets, Hannah Teets, Shirley King.

Cathy's Corner:

Well, July is here, and the big day is fast approaching! In case we forget in all the excitement, Joe and I want to express our sincere thanks to everyone who has offered us hearty congratulations, and a special thank you to all who have made our wedding a memorable and beautiful occasion.

The office will be closed Friday, July 4th, and the week of July 21st.

Rev. Filer will be in the office on the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 10:00-4:00 and on the third Wednesday of each month from 2:00 p.m. through the Vestry meeting. You can also reach Judy at 254-776-4815 or 254-722-2013 or by email at jwfiler@aol.com.

In case you need to reach me and I am not at the office, you can contact me at (254) 252-0971.

BY REQUEST:

By request, we are reprinting the Charles Swindoll article titled "Attitude."

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circum-stances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you, we are in charge of our attitudes.

Leadership:

"Compassion is the ultimate and most meaningful embodiment of emotional maturity"

Arthur Jersild

July 6, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Pam Williams
2nd Lesson: Pat Smith
Intercessor: Jean Trice
Chalice: Louise Burton
Crucifer: Dub Wagner
Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
Ushers: Mike Ferda, III and
Johnny Richardson
Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Willie Null
Hostess: Molly Walker
Flowers: Judy and Wes Filer IHO Anniversary

July 13, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Kyla Smith
2nd Lesson: Mary Smith
Intercessor: Mark Patterson
Chalice: Polly Gaeke
Crucifer: Joe Owen
Acolyte: Joe Owen
Ushers: Dub Wagner
and George Wilson
Altar Guild: Molly Walker and Pat Smith
Hostess: Pam Williams
Flowers: Mike Meyer
IMO Sandra Lea Meyer

July 20, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Polly Gaeke

2nd Lesson: Bill Forson

Intercessor: Pattie Bosnack

Chalice: Diana Miles

Crucifer: Dub Wagner

Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete

Ushers: Johnny Richardson

and Troy Henderson

Altar Guild: Polly Gaeke and Kate

VandeVeegaete

Hostess: Louise Burton

Flowers: Joe and Cathy Owen

July 27, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Mark Patterson

2nd Lesson: Marge Schumann

Intercessor: Diana Miles

Chalice: Jean Trice

Crucifer: Dub Wagner

Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete

Ushers: Sam Bosnack and Mike Meyer

Altar Guild: Louise Burton

and Cathy Owen

Hostess: Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack

Flowers: Sue Visser IMO John Patterson