

The St. John's Newsletter

St. John's Episcopal Church 254-803-3800 Marlin, Texas www.stjohnsmarlin.org September 2007

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

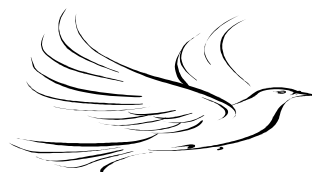
Labor Day

At a recent dinner party, I sat across the table from a woman who has been a professional counselor for the past thirty years. I asked her if she had noticed a difference in people over that time; how have we changed over 30 years? She said that she has never seen as much jealousy as seems to exist now. She attributes this to a lack of self-esteem that she believes is plaguing society. I asked her why she believes this has happened, and she attributes it to a loss of the work ethic. She said that people thirty years ago had more loyalty to the companies for whom they worked and that people also had more physical labor to do, since we had fewer labor saving conveniences than we do now. She believes that work satisfaction, the feeling of contributing to the work force, the feeling of completing tasks, bolstered self-esteem. Now, she said, there can be no loyalty to companies, because companies have no loyalty to employees; and longevity of employment can be a detriment rather than an honor.

As we talked further, I learned that she is a woman of strong Christian faith. We discussed how people whose lives are grounded in faith have self-esteem from knowing who they are: beloved children of God adopted by the Father through his son, Jesus Christ, our savior and mediator. In addition, we know that we are called to His work, using the individual gifts He has given us.

As the opening holiday of this month invites us to celebrate the gift of work, let us give thanks that we know who we are and what we are to do. Let us strive to bring this saving message to a hurting world, as we remain secure in His knowledge and love.

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP Page 824)



St. John's Leadership

Vestry:

Senior Warden, Mike Meyer
Junior Warden, Troy Henderson
Clerk/Treasurer, Cathy Phillips
Polly Gaeke
Bobby Peterson
Joe Owen

Rector: The Rev. Judy Filer

Minister of Music: Sue Visser

Parish Administrator: Cathy Phillips

Altar Guild Chair: Louise Burton

Altar Flowers Chair: Polly Gaeke

Special Events: Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack

September 2 – Labor Day Picnic!
September 9 – Rally Day! Covered Dish
September 16 – Willie Null
September 23 – Megan Henderson
September 30 – Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack



SEPT. BIRTHDAYS:

September 3: Lydia Peterson; Logan Crum
September 6: Johnathan Estes
September 8: George Bosnack; Bill Forson
September 12: Andrew Smith
September 15: Troy Crum
September 16: Sean Farmer
September 20: Diana Miles; Kate VandeVeegaete; Margie Schumann
September 25: Carl Evans
September 26: Morgan Crum
“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*

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 2 — J.R. Taylor
September 9 — Libby Price
September 16 — Sue Visser
September 23 — Polly Gaeke
September 30 — *Vacant*

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

You are cordially invited to brunch on Sunday, September 30th in celebration of all parish September birthdays and anniversaries.

Please join us following the regular Sunday service for wonderful food and fun in the Parish Hall, St. John's Episcopal Church.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR NEWS

Choir practice will resume September 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.



CURSILLO

The Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop will be held at Camp Capers on September 28-30, 2007.



DOK Fall Assembly will be September 28-29 at Camp Allen. Registration packets are in the Parish Hall. Scholarships are available.

2007 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

November 1-4, 2007 (campsite)



Christian Education

“Who Are We, Why Are We Here, and Why Do We Do the Things We Do?” will begin Sunday, September 16th at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. This will be a six week Bible

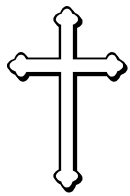


COFFEE HOSTESS

Study. This study involves some church history, some Book of Common Prayer study, taking a look at liturgy and other subjects Episcopalian ... and Anglican. Anyone interested in confirmation classes should attend. These classes, plus a couple of individual studies, will serve for confirmation classes.

The Lectionary Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 18th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parish Hall.

Join us as we explore our faith and grow in Christ.



MINISTRY

Our ministry at St. John's is very strong! Louise Burton is being called to the ministry to be a Spiritual Director. Pattie Bosnack has been asked to be a part of the Kairos ministry. Polly Gaeke is called to become a trainer for Safeguarding God's Children. Let us keep them in our hearts and prayers.



DREAMS

What Are Your Dreams for St. John's?
Please take the time to prayerfully consider this question. Let us know what you are thinking. Bring your ideas to Rally Day!



FOOD BAGS

Don't forget to pick up your Food Bag to bring food for our outreach ministry to the Salvation Army.

FOOD FOR September: Salvation Army – Canned Goods; Macaroni & Cheese; Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rice; Beans

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

MEMORY WALK:

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walker 2007 will be held in Waco on Saturday, September 8th. Tribute Flags may be purchased for \$10. A tribute flag bears the name of a person someone wishes to remember and honor. Once a flag is inscribed, it will travel across North Central Texas to be displayed at each Memory Walk location, year after year, paying tribute to the cherished life it represents. Information regarding the Memory Walk and Tribute Flags is located in the Parish Hall.

RALLY DAY:

St. John's Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 9th. L&S Studios will take the Parish photograph. St. John's will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring your favorite covered dish and all family members for our Parish Photo. Let's have a really wonderful time on Rally Day!

PLANNING AHEAD:

This year we are planning to have our beautiful Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. followed by cider and cookies for those who can stay. Just wanted to let you know so you can mark your calendars.

IN THE NEWS :



Vintage Style Show "Somewhere in Time: After 5" and luncheon buffet September 22 at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$15; no tickets sold at door; contact Pat Smith at 883-2084. Proceeds benefit the Palace Theater.

Faith, Hope & Charity “Let’s Just Play Day” is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, from 10:00 – 1:00 at the Falls County Courthouse Square.

ST. JOHN’S MEN’S ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the St. John’s Men’s Association will be September 27th at 6:00 p.m. Monthly meetings will be held on the last Thursday of each month. All men of the parish are invited to come for dinner and fellowship.



CLEAN-UP DAY!

Clean-Up Day at St. John’s is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd beginning at 9:00 a.m.

THANK YOU! Thanks to Mike Ferda, III, for trimming the tree limbs at the church; to Mike Ferda for the Last Supper picture which he made, now hanging in the Parish Hall.



ST. JOHN’S RADIO SPOT

Did you hear the great radio spot for St. John’s on 95.7, the Oldies Station? You probably recognized our own very talented Bobby Peterson. Also, special thanks to Coy and Mona Beaman for their generous funding of this radio spot through August 31st.

9/11 The sad anniversary of September 11, 2001 is approaching. We received in the office a postcard asking us to take part in a program that encourages all

Americans to perform some sort of service to others, or an act of kindness toward someone on that day, in memory of how the nation united in the face of tragedy. The program suggests that each American choose his or her own act of service or kindness. Some suggestions included giving blood, helping out an elderly or sick neighbor, paying a call to a nursing home, or any other service or act of kindness that you choose.



FAVORITE HYMNS

Do you have a favorite hymn? Please contact Sue Visser or Cathy in the church office and let us know. Then Sue will be able to incorporate some of your favorite hymns into our service.

Ruth Ann Wilson — *Morning Has Broken* Hymn #8



FAVORITE PRAYER

Do you have a favorite prayer from the Book of Common Prayer? Please contact the church office with the information. We will be printing these in the newsletter.

Louise Burton, BCP, p. 832; Prayer #58, *For Guidance*

“O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what though wouldst have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” *Amen*

Louise Burton, BCP, p. 323, *Collect for Purity*

“Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our

hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord.” *Amen*

Kate VandeVeegaete, BCP, p. 832, Prayer #59, *For Quiet Confidence*

“O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” *Amen*

“Money can buy: A bed, but not sleep.
Books, but not brains or wisdom.
Food, but not a healthy appetite.
A house, but not a home.
Medicine, but not health.
Amusement, but not happiness.
Finery, but not inner beauty.
And finally: A crucifix, but not salvation.”

Taken from a sermon given by Deacon Rich Barrett, delivered at St. John’s August 12, 2007, based on Gospel reading Luke 12:32-40.

ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL:

Gary Ray Smith

Our love and sympathy go to Mary Smith in the loss of her husband and our beloved friend. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to family and friends.

“O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servants and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” *Amen*



READING LIBRARY

As the inventory progresses, the books that were in the Bishop’s office will be listed and

moved in the Activity Room. These books can be borrowed. If you have any books at home that you would like to donate, just bring them to the office.

Cathy’s Corner:

Summer has ended, school is back in session, and fall is just around the corner. The office will be closed September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

If you need to contact me, you can reach me at the church office, 803-3800, on my cell phone, 716-6851, or at home, 803-3515. Please note a change in my regular hours at the church: they are now Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please note that the Rev. Judy Filer’s days in the church office are now Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Also, please note her cell phone number (254) 722-2013.