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## Sunday School



Our Sunday School for the 2020-2021 school year is Winding Down! Our last day will be May 23rd.

Even with the conclusion of Sunday School we are getting ready for our Summer events. Our 8-12 year olds will be attending camp from July 11th thru the 16th at Camp Lone Star.

Our youth (kids going into 6th grade thru graduating high school seniors) will be doing mission work in Stillwater, OK from July 25th thru July 31st.

At this time we are on hold for our VBS. We are waiting the guidance from our church council as to whether we will go virtual or hold in person. Which ever way we go look for it to be held around the end of June.

Blessings to All,  
John and Shannon Patrone



## New LCMC Mission In Waco

April 21, 2021

Hello.

I wanted to take a moment and share with you all that we've scheduled our first workday at Christ Lutheran - Waco Mission! It's scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2021 and we're recruiting volunteers to sign-up to come help with the work that day. We are asking anyone interested in helping to use the SignUp Genius Link to let us know if you can come help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aabc29a5fbc52-mayworkday>

Kelli will need help sorting and organizing items throughout the buildings, and I'll need help rearranging pews and other items to prepare for some of the renovations we are planning! More details are available on the SignUp Genius page above.

Please share this information with anyone you think may be interested in making the trip to help out. *There will be plenty more work days to sign up for* as we move along towards our fundraising goal as well!

Thank you,  
Chris Meyer, Pastor  
Christ Lutheran - Waco Mission

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## New A/V System Up and Running

After waiting months for the last component of our new A/V system to arrive from the supplier, AV Connect was finally able to finish installing St. John's new sound and video system in in April, and the first Sunday of using our new system was April 25th!

St. John's new A/V system represents *current* sound and video enhancement technology (all digital), so as to be capable to use the newest audio and visual source formats for years to come.

In addition to *improving* the sound quality of those speaking from either the

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## Seniors Graduating, and “Growing Your Garden”

This year St. John has three high school seniors that are graduating from local high schools: Ayla Borman, Alex Gebert, and Cameron Patrone.

Congratulations to these seniors (and their parents!) on them finishing their studies and work during a uniquely challenging time and year. God bless and guide you in your big days to come!

(Watch your “In Touch” for special Sundays when each senior will be present with us to share a bit about their plans going forward!)

On Thursday, April 15th, the campus of St. John experienced a severe hail storm, that not only pebbled vehicles, but in addition did serious harm to

the crops both south and east of the church, as well as in neighboring fields.

Being the most severe hail storm I have ever witnessed, I was impressed with the fact of how challenging and difficult it is to successfully grow crops. *(My hat is off to the farmers of our congregation, not only for their skill,...but for their faith, courage, and determination!)*

In the Gospel for May 2nd Jesus uses an agricultural analogy to describe the process of “growth” in the Christian life: “I am the vine; you are the branches.” (John 15:5)

If so many threats to growth exist for plants in the natural world, one can only imagine the many threats that exist to thwart

and hamper our spiritual growth. Satan, one of the most powerful, supernatural beings ever created, now lives to simply “take as many souls to hell with him” as he possibly can!

As we conclude another Sunday School year for children and youth, I am reminded of **the importance of knowledge and learning**, and its relationship to growth. Strive to become a “life-long student” of both God,...and what it means to be a human being. For the message of both Creation and Redemption is that God, who is Spirit,...has a remarkable love for human beings! And thank God, that God does! - Pastor Todd

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lectern or the pulpit, through new *wired* microphones, St. John is now equipped to **expand** its music capabilities (both instrumental and vocal), with the ability to fine tune the balancing of multiple inputs either from the mixing board in the balcony, or wirelessly, on either a laptop or pad, via Wi-Fi.

If St. John is going to draw more young people and young families, one key ingredient is to be able to provide a greater variety of Christian worship music, especially from the contemporary Christian music culture of the past 50 years.

Throughout the Psalms there is the exhortation to “Sing to the Lord a new song.” (Psalm 33, 96, and 98 are some examples, to name a few.) New worship songs give eloquent testimony to the fact that God is working *today*, that His Spirit is alive *today*, and that His saving work is as real *today*,...as it was 50, 100, or more years ago!

Besides improving the quality of speaking and voice amplification, and additionally expanding the variety of types and kinds of music St. John is now able to provide, resources have also been put in place to enable the use of video content

in the future (both stills and moving content), if and when St. John chooses to do so.

Do you have a musical skill or talent, that you’d like to try out and share with the congregation in praise of your Savior, our risen Lord Jesus? Even a new song perhaps?

Contact Louise Dunklin, or call the church office.



**SING TO THE LORD**  
A NEW SONG,  
BECAUSE HE HAS DONE  
WONDERFUL THINGS!  
~ PSALM 98:1

## Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild recently met on April 18, it was a good and productive meeting. Thank you to all who attended.

The important old business first of all was to hear from our nominating committee; Jenny Schuchmann was elected Secretary and JoAnn Savage was elected the Women's Guild's new President.

The allocation of 2019 Pfolk Pfest monies was also prioritized. It had been discussed at the January 2020 meeting, but not disbursed.

A budget for 2021 was discussed and organized and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Pastor Todd is meeting with representatives of the Guild to develop a proposal for updating our Funeral ministry to families at their time of loss, discerning what St. John is able to provide.

Lastly, another group of ladies is working on developing a proposal for our next Guild meeting. It involves whether we are able to have a Pfolk Pfest this year. This committee is working out many details, and, with the Lord's help, along with the better health of our community, it will go on!

Our next meeting will be May 16 following worship.



## Crafting w/ Friends

It has been a trying and different year or two. Everyone has gone through things we never thought would happen. It is now time to take back our normal and rise again!

Crafting with Friends and "The Charms" (our girls group ages 6-16) are back in action! We met in April and planned our projects for now.

We will be making Christmas stockings, many of them, and if any of you want to cut out or even sew together these stockings, let Sandy Brunton know.

We will be making prayer shawls (crocheted or sewn) and also baby burp clothes, plus Christmas ornaments.

Serving our family, church, friends and community means different things to us all, but when we serve together, amazing things happen! We become closer to each other while doing something we love for the Lord and each other. We hope that these plans will allow each person to significantly participate in her own way.

"Crafting with Friends" will meet next on Saturday, May 15th, at 10am.

Enjoy this spring weather, be well and safe!

Sandy Brunton & Miriam Hees



## Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the person or persons responsible for taking care of and cleaning out the Amaryllis Flower Bed in the back of the church. It is greatly appreciated!

Donna & Larry Sammons

## Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Helen and Ronald Roithner upon the passing of Helen's father.

Our sincere sympathy also goes out to Emmalea Prescott upon the passing of her husband, John.



## Pflugerville

### Seniors Conference

The sixth annual "Pflugerville Seniors Conference" is set for May 10 - 14th. AGE of Central Texas is again partnering with Pflugerville Community Church to host this free Pflugerville **Seniors Conference** with daily virtual seminars from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This event will feature area experts discussing aging-related topics that include medication management, legacy giving, navigating the aging process, and more.

For free registration go to: [TinyURL.com/PVileConf2021](https://TinyURL.com/PVileConf2021), or call (512) 600-9275, or contact Pastor Todd for more information.



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## Resurrection Sunday

Thank you to all those who provided flowers for the Easter Cross, and thank you to those who helped decorate the Cross, for our joyous celebration of Resurrection Sunday, April 4th.

It was very beautiful, so many colors. Many in attendance expressed how beautiful it was!

Thank you to Louise Dunklin, Vickie Vitek, Becky Muehlbrad, Sandy Brunton, James Dunklin, Mike Gebert and Rodney Gebert for all their help. And thank you, all children and youth, that brought the cross in so joyfully and triumphantly!

*(See the back of the May calendar for pictures!)*

## LCMC Texas District Gathering July 30-31

This year's Texas District LCMC Annual Gathering is set for July 30-31 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 4102 North Ben Jordan St, Victoria, TX. There is a separate youth event held simultaneously, and a special pre-gathering for women Friday afternoon!

Cost is only \$30 for youth, and \$60 for adults (Early Bird rates).

To register visit: <https://app.sharefaith.com/App/Form/b03ce5bc-1f15-40b5-a4cf-574a165488ed>, or go to: [www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering/](http://www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering/) for more information.



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