

The Richland Word

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2022 Pfolk Pfest

Pfolk Pfest 2022 is on!! It will be held on Oct. 9th in the St. John Parish Hall plus our drive thru will be in full swing.

We will be serving a turkey meal with all the trimmings..

The meal will be served beginning at 5pm. You will require a ticket for the meal. They can be purchased at the door of the Parish Hall plus several members of the church will be selling them. This year, the cost will be \$15.00 each.

If you wish to help sell some tickets, contact Mary Martinka.

Volunteers are required to make our event a great one. Contact JoAnn Savage if you wish to help, there are many things you can assist with.

There will be a live auction on the stage in the Parish Hall. This is a fun event and a good fundraiser. Suggestions are antiques, baked goods, seasonal items and handmade items. If you have questions, contact Sandy Brunton.



Youth Mission Trip

This year, the youth are going to Oklahoma City. Those going are Andrew Schuchmann, Elaine Hamann, Ethan Hamann, Steger Quintana & McKenzie Patrone. The adults going are Madeline Queen and John Patrone. They are leaving July 31 to return Aug. 6th.

The youth will be serving a community center in a poor area around Oklahoma City.

This mission trip is coordinated by "Next Step Ministries." The youth will have a lot of stories to tell upon their return.

We send our good wishes along with the youth and may they all have a good time, full of a rewarding experience, peaceful and spiritual as well..

Thank you Madeline and John for going on this trip with the youth. It will be a trip to remember!



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Prayer Chain

Did you know that we here at St. John have a working Prayer Chain? It consists of several church members. It has been used many times and it works. We have seen proof!

If you wish to put someone on this chain, contact Sandy Brunton. All information is kept confidential

If you wish someone's name added to the "In Touch," (people to pray for) please let Sandy know..

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An update from the Search Committee

Text: First, we are thankful for the support and encouragement from the Congregation over the past couple months. During this transition period, it is important to remember and emphasize that our faith is in Jesus

Recall what God told the prophet Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me"

Second, the chair of the Search Committee (Andrew Hamann) will attend the LCMC Texas District meeting in Victoria on July 29 and 30. The goal of this meeting is to build relationships with other LCMC congregations.

Third, we are happy to announce that the Search Committee has posted the job description to the LCMC.net website. We hope that the description accurately describes our church and the kind of pastor we are searching for, and that our next pastor will feel called when he or she reads it.

We also wanted to share part of the job description in the newsletter. The following is an excerpt from a section called, "What do we need?":

Pflugerville is one of the fastest growing cities in the state and country. As the population grows and the land and community around us transition, we are committed to sustaining and celebrating our warm and harmonious culture, German-American heritage, rural campus, and beautiful landscape while boldly welcoming the thousands of new residents in the Pflugerville area.

Our next pastor will help us make this transition, as we grow from a multi-generational rural church into a church that evangelizes and serves a diverse community living on our doorstep. The engine of this growth will be the Gospel, and our next pastor will lead us, educate us, and inspire us into instruments of God's will in our community.

In particular, our next pastor will teach us about our Christian faith and traditions through all means, including sermons and small-group study, and thereby deepen our knowledge, faith, and obedience to Christ's call in our lives.

In turn, we will encourage our next pastor to set aside time and energy for his or her own education and growth, both by taking time during the week to read, study, pray, and write, and also through considerate use of vacation and sabbatical leave.

As always, we will keep the Congregation and the Council informed as we proceed with our work. We ask for your prayers, that we would work diligently and faithfully, and that God would help us find a new pastor.

Andrew, Helen, Margaret, Jenny, Rachel & Heithre

Women's Guild

The next Women's Guild meeting will be on August 14th following worship in the Sanctuary.

We will possibly have the tickets ready to begin selling them. The cost this year will be \$15.00 each. We will be serving a traditional turkey meal with all the trimmings, even sauerkraut.

If you are interested in selling tickets, contact Mary Martinka and if you are interested in helping out with the meal; possibly serving as there are many needed to serve., contact JoAnn Savage. Any assistance is appreciated.!

There will be a live auction at this event, so we are hoping many of you will donate items to auction off. Suggestions are: handmade and homemade items, seasonal items, baked goods and antiques.. It is always fun and interesting to see what everyone donates.

If you have any questions about the auction, contact Sandy Brunton.

The proceeds from the auction will go to the Glory of God and the Property Maintenance & Repair Committee.



Thank You

Thank you to Linda and James Hamann for cleaning the sign in front of the church. It was very dirty!

Thank you to Ronald Roithner and Mike Gebert for continuing to water our flowers; hoping to keep them alive and for painting different areas of the Parish Hall and the Sanctuary.

Please Note

In the event of a pastoral emergency, hospitalization, death in the family, or some other serious loss, please contact our Interim/Transitional Ministry Coordinator, John Mark Thane or President Bryan Rust.

We have local Lutheran pastors on call, willing to serve and standing by, ready to assist you, talk with you and pray with you.

Church Website

The Richland Word and the monthly calendar are uploaded to the website:

[https://www.stjohnrichland.org/assets/Richland Word 2022 07.pdf](https://www.stjohnrichland.org/assets/Richland_Word_2022_07.pdf)

Or

[https://www.stjohnrichland.org/assets/Calendar 2022 07.pdf](https://www.stjohnrichland.org/assets/Calendar_2022_07.pdf)



Hope at all Times

Suffering and sorrow are never welcome guests. They take us by surprise and squeeze our hearts, but I believe they are necessary to make the melody of our lives complete. It is possible to try to live your life in one color, protecting yourself from the full spectrum of human experience, but the sounds that emerge are a little hollow and one-dimensional.

We were made for the joy and laughter of the major keys and also for the pain and tears of the minor. Part of being fully alive to God is being willing to embrace all that he puts in our path. That includes the unexpected stones that scrape our souls, so that we can become more like him.

When I study the life of Christ, I sense a deep, rich symphony ascending to the heart of God-using every note and inflection. This is what we, too, were made for.

Sheila Walsh

Taken from "Meditations to Energize Your Spirit"





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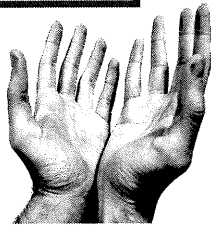
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St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church is associated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). For more information about LCMC, visit their website at www.lcmc.net



Senior Luncheon

St. John's monthly "Senior Luncheon" is open to all those who consider themselves a "senior," and meets a different restaurant in the surrounding communities.

St. John's next "Senior Luncheon" will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd at 11:30am at a new restaurant in Taylor— Plowmans Kitchen at 305 W. 9th St. It has been recommended by some of the women who attend the Senior Luncheons.

Please contact Mary Martinka with questions or if you would like a ride.

Newsletter Information

News is requested please for printing in the newsletter each month. Committees such as Christian Education, Property, Women's Guild send in some information as to what your committee is doing.

Youth activities are welcome! We want to read what the youth of our church are doing.

Send in your news to the church office at office@stjohnrichland.org



Altar Flowers

There is a chart in the back of the church on the bulletin board for signing up to donate flowers for the church altar.

You can put cut flowers in vases (we have vases here) or you can donate two potted plants and then take them home if you wish.

They can be donated in memory or in honor of someone special, just write that information on the chart please.

Contact Mary Martinka if you have any questions!

