

July Birthdays

John Swoboda	7/01	Mary Lemke	7/11
Nyle Ruth Leshikar	7/01	Diane Boyett	7/14
Kelly Carroll	7/01	Melissa Hamilton	7/17
Dennis Koopman	7/03	Joyce Thormahlen	7/19
Amarylis Tschirhart	7/04	Carter Heldt	7/19
Jack Fitzgerald	7/04	John Riesterer	7/20
Melanie Zavala	7/06	James O'Connor	7/20
Alexis Myers	7/07	Sandy Serold	7/20
Brittany Myers	7/07	Melvin Roessler	7/21
Vickie Spann	7/08	Ann Garza	7/23
Susan Friedrichs	7/08	Totty Schulte	7/25
Casey Heldt	7/08	Dennis Hermes	7/27
Aileen Lott	7/09	Jim Wolter	7/28
Doris Wuensche	7/09	Jeff Sproles	7/28
Beth Riedesel	7/09	Carrie Myers	7/28
Gwen Jones	7/10	Tracey Trojcek	7/29
Allison Schuelke	7/10	Aubrie Martin	7/29

HERITAGE DAY - It's time to start thinking about those awesome auctions items for Heritage Day.....**September 17th** will be here before we know it! The Live and Silent Auctions need your help. That beautiful antique or special quilt or sparkly jewelry or piece of art could be just the perfect item. And, of course guns and fishing trips never fail to be a success. Please think about how you can help and let us know....we're counting on you!

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Jennifer Hartman 361.550.1216
Melanie Janak 361.550.7578
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August Newsletter deadline is
Wednesday, July 12, 2017
Deadline is early, due to Margaret on vacation

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DEADLINE

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Friends,

Bishop Paul Spring, convener of the Commission on Theology and Doctrine of the North American Lutheran Church, wrote the following piece in the June edition of the NALC News. His words come under the heading of **Prayers for the Jewish people and people of the Islamic faith:**

“Bearing witness to Jews and Muslims at home and around the world is a most difficult and complex mission. But they and we need to hear and know that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, to the glory of God the Father. It is both our calling and our mission to bear witness to these two communities. The Spirit will lead and guide us if we hear the call, pray for the wisdom and insight and guidance that we need, and move ahead in confidence. The act of prayer on behalf of others opens each of our hearts to be instruments of God’s love for the world. May our prayers for the Jewish people and for the people of the Islamic faith create in us a witness of love that is bold and clear, pure and selfless, and that through such prayer God will draw all people to Himself.”

Let us join others in the North American Lutheran Church in daily prayer for the Jewish people and for the people of the Islamic faith.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim



OFFICE CLOSED - The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day



Thank you!

- Dear Church Family and Friends, A “HUGE” Thank You for all the well wishes each of you have shared with me because of my recent ankle surgery and the recovery from that surgery. The cards, texts and friendly faces at Church were very uplifting and very much appreciated. I am currently using a walker but hope to be free to walk on my own soon. Thank you again for all the support. God Bless you all, **Ronnie Heldt**
- Thank you so much for the sweet card, beautiful cup and new bible. It meant so much to me to receive such a warm congratulations from the members of my church family. This summer I am looking forward to spending time with family and serving my community as I begin the job search process. Thank you for your many years of encouragement and prayer! **Love Katie Alex**
- With grateful appreciation, we thank the FELC Heritage Day Committee for the \$500.00 donation given to them.
Victoria Christian School
- FELCW Quilters along with the Board of Congregational Life would like to thank everyone for their monetary donations and purchase of Bar-b-que Plates on Sunday June 11, 2017 in support of the fundraiser for our LWR Projects. The quilters thank the board of congregational life for their hard work and all their support for this fundraiser . With the \$ 2,758.73 profit from the fundraiser will be able to purchase fabric and kit supplies. Thank you again for your support and God bless you all. **FELCW Mission Action Chairperson , Donna Heinold and Bd. of Cong. Life.**
- Dear Friends, please accept my deepest gratitude for your gracious visits, cards, flowers, love and prayers given to me while I was hospitalized and recuperating here at home. God Bless You,
Love, Bev Pearson.

Worship Schedule

Deacons	Acolyte	Comm. Assistant	PowerPoint
Bruchmiller	Ushers	Larry Svetlik	McGill
Schulte	Brittany & Alexis Myers	Sharon Church	Muegge
Heinold	Brylie Koopman	Sue Boldt	Tewes
Sproles	Juan DeLaGarza	Bryan Serold	Lassmann
Maxey	Ushers	Rachel Sizemore	Spann
Hartman	Ushers	Randy Muegge	Butler
Bruchmiller	Brylie Koopman	Vickie Spann	Boldt
Schulte	Ryan & Ethan Hartman	Doris Wuensche	Serold
Sproles	Ushers	Don Schuelke	McGill
Heinold	Alice & Richard Brown	Alice Childress	Stacy

Tellers for July

3- Leshikar
10 - Muegge
17 - Malina
24 - Schulte
31 - Leshikar

July

7/1 - 7/14 - Kathleen Sproles
7/15 - 7/28 - Vickie Spann
7/29 - 8/11 - Marie & Bill Plemons



Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Greeters	Lay Readers	Assisting Minister
7/2 8:00a	Larry Bruchmiller Anthony Wilhelm	Natalie Boldt	James Reinhardt
7/2 10:30a	Joyce Thormahlen S. Heldt / C. Myers	Shirley Moehrig	Mary Gail Moody
7/9 8:00a	Mickey & Altha Maxey Lillian Lau	Kathy Svetlik	Ginger McGill
7/9 10:30a	Jennifer Hartman Bryan & Sandy Serold	Bryan Serold	Bonnie Pearson
7/16 8:00a	Ginger McGill Dalton & Janie Metting	Callie Mae Haug	Ginger McGill
7/16 10:30a	Sharon Church Totty & Geralene Schulte	Emily Koenig	Bud Pearson
7/23 8:00a	Edna McDonald Howard & Beverly Spies	Diane Boyett	James Reinhardt
7/23 10:30a	Joe & Donna Cliffe Randy & Sandy Muegge	Doris Wuensche	Mary Gail Moody
7/30 8:00a	Larry Bruchmiller Darrell & Scarlet Swoboda	Katherine Schuelke	Mary Gail Moody
7/30 10:30a	Mary Gleinser Greg Domstead	David Gisler	Bonnie Pearson

Our Love and Sympathy to the family of:

- Dorothy (husband: Louis) Koenig - sister in law of Melvin Koenig
- Eugene Koenig - brother of Melvin Koenig.
- Angel Lee Karnei
- Ronda Stiegler (cousin of Marc Foester)
- Angelina Malina (mother of Frank Malina)
- Terry Jackson

SPECIAL PRAYERS



Bubba Glover, Nadine Zeplin, Beverly Pearson, Flora Romero, J. D. Riesterer, Elizabeth Stern, Barbara Jean Reinhardt, Barbara Stall, Jerry Higdon, Debbie Ann, Leonard Jr., Irene Nelson, and Randy Trotter.

ELDER PROPERTY PURCHASE

June 15, 2017

UPDATE

On March 19, this year, we, the congregation of First English, elected to purchase the Elder Property on Main Street adjacent to our church office building. The purchase price is being financed by a bank loan. The purchase price is \$400,000.00 and we put \$170,000.00 down making the loan amount \$230,000.00. The closing date for the purchase was May 30, 2017. As of June 15, the congregation has contributed an additional \$38,460.00 to the Elder Property Fund.

This property purchase represents a truly positive growth opportunity for our Church. First English has a heritage of growth through commitment that we all enjoy today. The commitment of the members of our congregation in the past is providing the property and buildings that we enjoy today. Our commitment for growth will be the foundation for the opportunities of the future.

The contributions towards the purchase price of the Elder Property so far are substantial. We thank everyone that has contributed. We have already received over 16% of the required funds, and there is still plenty of opportunity to contribute. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity, and continue to support the Elder Property Fund. Thank you. Respectfully Submitted by the Board of Stewardship

When making a donation towards the Elder Property please make a separate check for this deposit. The Elder bank account is a separate bank number from our general account and the checks cannot be split. Thank you!

Readings for July

Date	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
7/2	Jer 28: 5-9	Psalms 89: 1-4, 15-18	Rom 6: 12-23	Matt 10: 40-42
7/9	Zech 9: 9-12	Psalms 145: 8-14	Rom 7: 15-25a	Matt 11: 16-19, 25-30
7/16	Isa 55: 10-13	Psalms 65: 9-13	Rom 8: 1-11	Matt 13: 1-9, 18-23
7/23	Isa 44: 6-8	Psalms 86: 11-17	Rom 8: 12-25	Matt 13: 24-30, 36-43
7/30	1 Kings 3: 5-12	Psalms 119: 129-136	Rom 8: 26-39	Matt 13: 31-33, 44-52

Sunday Services Attendance and Offerings

Date	8:00a Attend.	10:30a Attend.
5/28	63	100
6/4	86	87
6/11	65	95
6/18	96	110
6/25	62	110

FIRST COMMUNION - Alice and Richard Brown and Brylie Koopman, celebrated their First Holy Communion Sunday, May 28th. Brenham Tumlinson celebrated his First Holy Communion Sunday, June 25th.



CONGRATULATIONS

To Jack Fitzgerald and Jewel Durham on their marriage June 3rd. Their address is 301 Augusta Dr. Apt. 10107 Victoria, TX 77904.



NEW MEMBERS - Sunday, June 4th we welcomed Debbie Cheshire back into our church family. Debbie's address is 1102 Plantation, 77904 and her phone # is 361-576-3310

Sunday, June 11th we welcomed Renae Murray into our church family. Renae's address is 6006 Country Club Dr., 77904 and her phone # is 561-619-0202.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Sunday, July 16th at 4:00p till ? in the Activity Center. The Board of Cong. Life will provide Sandwiches with the fixings. It is not necessary to bring anything, but if you want, bring your favorite Ice Cream or dessert to share.