

The Light of St. John
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"I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE." (JOHN 14:6)



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Autumn has arrived! This technically happened on September 23, 2015, but the signs of the changing of the seasons have already begun. The evening air is a little cooler, it is getting dark a little earlier, and as we walk we hear under our feet the familiar crunch of brown leaves that have fallen.

I read the "*Peanuts*" cartoon strip recently. Charlie Brown and Lucy observed a tree — one of its leaves fell to the ground. Lucy asked Charlie if he knew the significance of that event. She explained (in her opinionated way) that it is better to be a tree, and not a leaf. I guess she meant that the tree continues to grow and live while the leaf drops off and is gone. Maybe you have another conclusion to her philosophical statement.

Yes, nature puts on a beautiful display of colorful leaves at this time of year with fall foliage, although in Texas the display is late and short lived. Autumn has always been my favorite time of the year. It's the beginning of football season. It's the beginning of cooler weather. It's the time to bring out the windbreakers and hot chocolate. For me personally, I have been waiting all year to go kayak fishing. After the historic flooding this summer, the boat ramps at Lake Somerville are now beginning to open, and I am waiting for a cool weekend to get out on the lake and experience nature.

Fall is also a busy time at church and in the community. Confirmation begins in October. The Deanville VFD fund raiser is October 11. Trunk-or-Treat is October 31. And November will bring the Hay Ride, Ladies' Service, annual congregational meeting, and the Advent Extravaganza, just to name a few.

The main thing for me is that autumn is the time for giving thanks, recognizing our abundance, and rejoicing in the good gifts of God. We are blessed in so many ways, and have much for which we should be thankful — an autumn abundance. God has truly blessed us as a growing, worshipping congregation.

Psalm 100 reminds us to "enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation."

As we enter autumn and experience all that God has in store for us this busy season, let us focus on our blessings and worship God whole-heartedly as we "enter his gates with thanksgiving."

Blessings,

Terry Moon

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At Church**

CELEBRATING 105 YEARS

St. John's Lutheran Church was formally organized on June 26, 1910. **God has richly blessed the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church of Deenville for the last 105 years. We pray that he will continue to shower his astounding, amazing grace on our congregation, giving us many more years of faithful and loving service to His people, in His Holy Name.**



Confirmants May 22, 1983

Pastor Fehler, Jennifer Love, Charlotte Blinka, Dene Brinkman, Lawrence Treybig, Eric Kennedy, John Smith, Michael Zwernemann, Kraig Kindt



1994 Conference Delegates: Mavis Suehs, Debby Schumacher, John Smith, Pastor Boyd Faust with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Faust



Serving In October

Kitchen: Donna Havemann

Altar:

Ushers: Johnnie & Lynn Love

Dwayne Beran & Michael Hayden



FLOWERS



4th

11th Shirley Kristof

18th Johnnie & Lynne Love (Anniversary)

25th Jeanette Peed & Vivian Schumacher



Please pray for the shut-in, the lonely, and those in need of healing; Baby Jake Cedidla, Don Groce,

JoAnn Schultz, Mavis Suehs, Steven Morton, Jill Seibert, Amy Maloney, Fontaine Wilhelm, MaeDel Cowan, Sharon Beseda, Lisa Kieke McGinney, Frank and Mary Roberts, Cynthia Kazmir, Roseann Mueller, Connie Medley, Douglas Brinkman, Carol Brinkman, Danielle Perry, Jeanie Engelmann, Karla Schultz, Vivian and Walter Schumacher, and the families of Liz Shupak, Deborah Krueger, Joseph Donald Brymar, Glenn Seibert, Paul Welch, and the families of recent acts of violence.



Thanks to Terry and his family for his dedication to St. John's Lutheran. We are blessed to have him as a Pastor.

Jeremiah 3:15 "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Thanks!

I would like to say "Thank You" to my family, friends, and church family for the telephone call, cards, flowers, house chores and the wonderful food. Most of all the uplifting prayers on my behalf before and after surgery, and the continued prayers on my recovery.

Thank you to my family and especially Marvin for their patience. Also, thanks to Terry Moon for his visit the day of surgery. God is Good.

God Bless All Of You!
With Much Love,
Loretta Laffere

Thanks!

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church and Katherine Korth: I cannot tell you how thankful I am for your generous donation of school supplies that was given to the Middle School. This will be incredibly helpful for some of the families here at the Middle School that cannot afford school supplies for their student and with budget cuts this year it will help with student needs in the classrooms as well.

It is organizations like your that helps make a difference in the lives of the children of Caldwell. Thank you again for your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Dear Member of St. John's Lutheran Church,

Thanks!

We want to Thank You for your prayers, phone calls, visits and cards that Don received after his accident. Also, thank you for the Prayer Shawl Committee for the Prayer Shawl that you made for him. All these acts of kindness are greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

Please keep us in your prayers as the continues to recover.

May God Bless Each of You!
Don & Sylvia Groce

In preparation of the Burleson County Fair, **“Shine Your Boots”** Sunday was held on September 13th during the Children’s Sermon. The children were shown that even though a boot may look nice and shiny on the outside, it may be filled with rocks, stickers, and other material that may not feel good on the inside. The children were reminded that not only should you shine on the outside but be clean and shine on the inside. This can be done by showing kindness when caring for the animals at the fair and by helping others who are showing animals. The children also got bandanas to remind them about shining for Jesus



4-H Prayer

"Help me, Oh Lord, to live so that the world may be a little better, because thou hast made me"

Thanks to everyone who supported the 2015 Burleson County Fair.

Congratulations to all the exhibitors!

Those from St. John’s who exhibited and sold were:

Nathan Balcar-Baked Goods (Grand Champion), Commercial Heifers, Turkeys

Travis Balcar: Commercial Heifers-Turkeys

Morgan Becka: Broilers

Alycen Faust: Commercial Heifers, Goats

Tillie Hicks: Broilers

Kadie Hartman: Swine

Jacob Moline: Swine

Kate Smith: Commercial Heifers-Swine

Cameron Suehs: Commercial Heifers-Turkeys

Brycen Suehs: Commercial Heifers-Turkeys



A special worship service is planned for Sunday, November 22, 2015, to celebrate all that God has done through the St. John's Lutheran in Deanville. Authors of this service, Counselors Rev. John Heckmann and Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner, wrote on the theme "Seek First the Kingdom of God." Watch for more information and learn more about how you can become involved in reaching others with the message of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

ADVENT EXTRAVAGANZA

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 14th, 6:00 PM, for the St. John's Advent Extravaganza. This event is designed as a Ladies Night Out. It is a chance to spend a delightful evening viewing beautiful theme-decorated tables, enjoy good food and fellowship and prepare your heart for the coming season.

We still need volunteers to serve as Table Hostesses.

If you would like to attend this event, and if you have not been invited by a table hostess, please contact any of the committee members. The event will have assigned seating and we want to ensure that we have a seat for everyone that would like to attend.

Contact one of the following to sign up as a hostess OR to secure a seat at the event:

Debby Schumacher, 535-4205

Joyce Krenek, 567-4222

Marsha Kocurek, 979-277-0421

Michelle Blackmon, 979-572-3860

Lynda Leo, 535-4819

St. John's Lutheran Church ~ Deanville

TRUNK OR TREAT



Family Fun!
Food!
Fellowship!

October 31, 2015 ~ 6PM

Follow us on Facebook for Details to Come!

Deanville Volunteer Fire Department
Deanville, Texas



Food * Friends * Fun

Annual Fundraiser

Sunday
OCTOBER 11, 2015



serving begins at 11:00 AM

FRIED CHICKEN MEAL

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Noodles, Dessert and Tea

BAR-B-QUE BY THE POUND

READY AT 7:00 AM

beef-pork-chicken-homemade sausage

RED RING SAUSAGE

While supplies last!

BEEF BRISKETS

Also available

COME EARLY, THEY GO FAST!

COUNTRY STORE

Homemade goodies galore!

SWEET SHOP

OPENS EARLY!

cakes-pies-kolaches

CHILDREN'S GAMES

Bring the whole family!



Auction

begins at

2:00 pm

BINGO

BEGINS AT

2:00 pm

RAFFLE

Tickets available now!

See any member!



Poinsettias

Yes, I would like to order poinsettia plants for the Christmas Season to enhance our celebration of Jesus birth at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Please order _____ plants for me. The cost per plant will be \$9.00.

If possible, please attach your check to the order form! Make check payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Thanks for making the Christmas season a special memory for all in attendance! Return to Barbara Smith or Debby Schumacher or mail to Debby Schumacher, 4979 CR 140, Caldwell, Texas 77836. Last date to order will be Sunday, November 15, 2015.

Put my flowers in Memory of OR Honor Of:

Given by/My (Our) name(s) is:



Our heartfelt
sympathy is
extended to the family of

Glenn Casper Seibert

August 23, 1939 - September 29, 2015



Our loving father and devoted husband Glenn Casper Seibert departed this world on September 29, 2015 surrounded by family, and blessed by peace.

Glenn was born August 23, 1939, in Deanville, Texas to Casper Louis Seibert and Annie Gussie Seibert. He was the oldest of four children. He attended Caldwell High School.

He was preceded in death by his parents; he is survived by his wife of 56 years, Josephine (Jo) Seibert of Austin; his son and daughter-in-law Jeff and Jill Seibert of Austin; his son and daughter-in-law John and Karyl Seibert of Austin; his grandchildren William Casper Seibert, Kirby Allison Seibert, and Jordan Elizabeth Seibert. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law Don and Joan Seibert of Lewiston, Maine; his sister and brother-in-law Linda and Sam Scarmardo of College Station, Texas; and his sister and brother-in-law Judy and Billy Kornegay of Caldwell, Texas. The family extends its gratitude to Ella Baylor who has lovingly assisted Glenn and Jo.

Visitation will be on held Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 3 pm to 5 pm. at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 North Lamar Blvd, with Rosary following. The funeral service will be held on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 10 am in the morning at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 4311 Small Drive, Austin, Texas 78731, with Father Greg Romanski and Father Ed Karasek officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the **American Cancer Society** .

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=GlennSeibert&lc=4884&pid=175970399&mid=6614818&locale=e>

All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day

November 1st marks the **Festival of All Saints** (or *All Saints' Day*); on that day we remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in the faith. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints. They are the sign of our hope and an image of the glory we shall inherit.

The word "saint" originates from the Latin word *sanctus*, which means "holy". Since God declares all who have been baptized and who believe the promise of the gospel to be holy, the communion of saints includes all believers on earth and those who died in faith and who are now living in heaven.

Most Lutheran churches use the first Sunday in November to remember all the saints in the Church of Christ Jesus, especially those members and friends of the local congregation who have been called to Heaven in the previous year.

The custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints' Day celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the mystical body of Christ.

In Europe, All Saints' Day is also called *All Hallows' Day* ('hallowed' means 'sanctified' or 'holy'). October 31st, the evening before All Saint's Day is named *All Hallows' Eve*, which was contracted to *Halloween*.

Many Christians believe that participating in Halloween is a form of involvement in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness. However, it is possible to celebrate this event with friends and family while keeping a perspective on its religious significance, in the same way a Christian can participate in gift-giving during Christmas while remembering that day as a celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus.

-- Adapted from [Liturgy for All Saints Day](#) by [Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel](#),

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**“For all the Saints who from their labors rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name O Jesus, be forever blest.**

October, 2015 Monthly Planner



**Sunday,
November 1st
Daylight
Savings Time Ends**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Keith Ahrens Bodie Blackmon	2 Bennie Jones	3
4 Communion Presentation of Bibles Sunday School meeting following worship	5	6	7 M/M Mark McCulloch	8 Josh Freeman	9 Ladies Group Birthday Party at Copperas Hollow 2:30 PM M/M Rudy Zwernemann	10
11 Deanville VFD Fundraiser Marsha Kocurek	12	13 M/M Josh Freeman	14	15	16	17 Class of 1953 Reunion in fellowship hall 11 AM – 3 PM
18 Communion Potluck follows worship Newsletter items due Debby Schumacher M/M Seth Becka	19 Owen Becka	20 Council meeting 7 PM Frank Roberts Ashlee Telschow	21 Sewing Group 1 PM Pam McCulloch Blake Kocurek M/M Dendy Brown	22 Gail Hardin M/M Johnnie Love	23 John Smith	24 Vivian Schumacher
25 Ronnie Pampell leads worship	26 R.J. Smith	27	28	29 J.D. Lambrecht	30	31 Trunk-or-Treat 6 PM Douglas Brinkman