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The Tidings

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JUNE 2011



Saturday Worship on the San Barnard River June 11th

Loren & Pauline Zabel's home
7565 CR 684D, Sweeny
(20 miles from the church)

Food, Fellowship & Worship

Come after 3 p.m.

Worship at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m.

Burgers will be provided. Sign-up sheet for the extras needed. Bring your own lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and your own drinks, lawn games, etc. There is a swimming pool, so bring your towels and suits, too! Parents will be expected to monitor their children's use of the pool.

Directions and map on page 6 of Tidings.

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Missionaries

- Pastor Dana Nelson/Thomas Osaski.....Serving in Peru
- Pastor Horacio Castillo.....Serving in Guatemala
- Stephen Deal.....Serving in Central America

The Hands of Christ
Worshiping Learning Serving
Together



Worship Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 AM

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RUMMAGE SALE

So bring your items to the front Sunday school room on or before June 18th.
Proceeds from this event goes to support our missionaries (see back sheet of Tidings)

Items that sell well:

- Furniture
- Tools
- Housewares
- Craft items / supplies
- Working small appliances
- Children's clothes
- Gently used toys

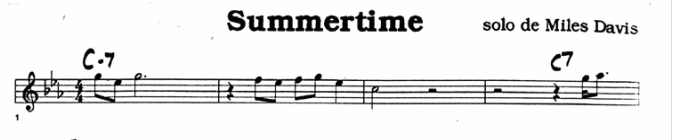
June 25th



We are looking for volunteers to help set-up the sale and also to clean-up after. Look for sign-up sheets in the Welcome Area in early June.

From the Pastor, to my partners, . . .

School's out! Summer's here! Those words have enchanted me ever since I knew what they meant. I love summertime. Growing up in San Antonio with no air conditioning in our home, I know how to tolerate hot weather. In fact, I thrive on hot, sun-shiny days.



I do not stand alone here. Poets and philosophers through the ages have marveled at the season's powerful attraction. Longfellow said it eloquently: "Then followed that beautiful season... Summer... Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood." Henry James said it more directly: "Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." Even existentialist philosopher Albert Camus celebrated the strength of the summer soul: "In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."

But all of us very easily forget that these "lazy, hazy crazy days" when "the livin' is easy" are part of God's glorious creation. So we listen to the Psalmist for the depth of true meaning. "Yours is the day, yours also the night; you established the luminaries and the sun. You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; you made summer and winter." (Psalm 74:16-17)

God gives us summer as a "Sabbath." Like our weekly Sabbath, summer allows us some wonderful time to do nothing, at least nothing considered "work." God created Sabbath time for us to celebrate the beauty of creation and to remember our rescue from the slavery of sin. Summer actually provides us a whole season to worship!

If in the other times of the year we worship our work, during the summer we work at our play. Take some "Sabbath time" this summer. God made Sabbath time for us, not *vice versa*. Relax and rest a while. Remember the wonderful deeds of our creator and savior, and the sustaining spirit that blows through every day of our lives. Play so that your recreation actually becomes a re-creation, a new life with renewed, God-given energy and vitality.

Our congregation has some very "cool" ways to spend your Sabbath time this summer. Check them out in this newsletter. Watch for more details throughout the summer. Consider "Simply Giving" your offerings. You can set up automatic payments so you won't have to worry throughout your "lazy, crazy days." (Ask Sandy Naill, 265-0444, how you can do this.)

God gives us summer! Worship and celebrate!



God's peace,

Paul שלום

Pastor Paul Giesler

Serving in Worship - June

	<u>June 4</u> <u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>June 5</u> <u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>June 11</u> <u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>June 12</u> <u>9:00 AM</u>
Acolytes	Johanna Geisler	Kourtney Gregory	Jeffrey Sims	Austin Hughes
Readers	Betty Massey	Linda McCrery	Louise Humes	Marvin Dettloff
Ushers	Floyd Ellington George Warren	Don Schwank Doris Schwank	Robert Drake David Naill	Mary Dettloff Doris Schwank
Greeters	Louise Drake	ushers	Margaret Janke	Don Schwank
Ppt. Tech	Patty Northam	Mary Dettloff	_____	Jean Warren
Musician	Sandy Naill	Sandy Naill	Sandy Naill	Rachel Wood
Money Counters		Betty Massey/Linda Arntsen		Nate Thomas/David McCrery

	<u>June 18</u> <u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>June 19</u> <u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>June 25</u> <u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>June 26</u> <u>9:00 AM</u>
Acolytes	Hope Furlow	Eli Mattek	Chance Furlow	Riley Mattek
Readers	Louise Humes	Linda McCrery	Betty Massey	Jean Warren
Ushers	Floyd Ellington George Warren	Don Schwank Doris Schwank	Louise Humes Patty Northam	Marvin Dettloff Don Schwank
Greeters	Agnes Harris	ushers	David Naill	ushers
Ppt. Tech	Patty Northam	Mary Morgan	Sandy Naill	Mary Dettloff
Musician	Sandy Naill	Sandy Naill	Mary Morgan	Mary Morgan
Money Counters		Jean Warren/Betty Massey		Nate Thomas/Shane Pirtle

Glocal Mission Gathering - Sept 23-24 - Zion Lutheran Church, San Antonio

God's work in mission always propels us to encounter the neighbor, particularly in the stranger. ELCA Glocal Mission Gatherings equip us for God's work in today's global and local realities as well as their "glocal" intersections. What is mission? Who is the neighbor? Let's consider these questions together as they relate to our migrating and immigrating world. Come, join some of the most relevant mission conversations of our time. The [Global Mission Gathering](#) gathers congregational leaders for a day and a half of worship, workshops and sharing around global and local mission.



**ELCA
VIDEO
Contest**

Any ELCA member or congregation is invited to submit a video for the 2011 video contest. The video is to reflect: "What does it mean to live Lutheran?" Your congregation could win a \$3,000 ministry grant, and individuals could win a \$1,500 cash prize. There are also prizes for the most popular congregation and individual video entry. A selection of the videos will be shown at 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly this August. Entries will be accepted May 17 to June 30. You can vote for your favorite videos beginning May 17 until July 15. Enter the contest and share your faith

JUNE

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			1 1:30 Bread for Life-CLC Library 6:30 PM Adult Choir 6:30 Confirmation	2 5-6:15 PM- Yoga Welcome Area 6:30 PM TIKI	3	4 5:00 PM Worship
5 9:00 AM Worship	6 7 PM-Boy Scouts	7 7:00 PM-Literary Troupe	8 1:30 Bread for Life-CLC Library	9 5-6:15 PM- Yoga Welcome Area	10	11 3:00 PM Gather at the Zabel's 5:00 PM Worship at The Zabel's
12 9:00 AM Worship	13 7 PM-Boy Scouts	14	15 1:30 Bread for Life-CLC Library	16 5-6:15 PM- Yoga Welcome Area 7 PM Church Council Meeting	17	18 5:00 PM Worship
19 9:00 AM Worship	20 7 PM-Boy Scouts	21	22 1:30 Bread for Life-CLC Library	23 5-6:15 PM- Yoga Welcome Area	24	25 RUMMAGE SALE 3:00 PM Let's Be Jammin' CLC 5:00 PM Worship
26 9:00 AM Worship Brunch after worship	27 7 PM-Boy Scouts	28	29 1:30 Bread for Life-CLC Library	30 5-6:15 PM- Yoga Welcome Area		

Worship & Music Notes

SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS JUNE 4/5!

Saturday 5:00pm begins our summer schedule, followed by worship on Sunday at 9:00am.

Our summer worship will include more contemporary songs, many that are familiar from our Living Waters group. As you've asked, we're focusing on sing-able and upbeat melodies.

We'll begin using Setting 8 on our first & third weekends, when we normally do a sung liturgical setting.

Liturgists: There are opportunities for to chant part of the Setting 8 service, so let Pastor Paul know when you're available.

Everybody: As always, nothing we plan is set in stone, so if there are hymns you'd like to hear, let your worship and music folks know—we can usually find an opportunity for your favorites to be included.

Special Music opportunities abound. Choir will be on hiatus, so we'd love to have folks share their gift of music. Please let Pastor Paul know when you're available.

We start June with the last (seventh) Sunday of Easter! Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name; that we live in unity as we continue his work in this world. Jesus promises he will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all they've been taught. That same Advocate is with us today.

June 11/12 we celebrate Pentecost with the images of wind and fire as the Spirit comes to us as the power of God that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites!

On Saturday, June 11th, we'll Gather at the River, at Loren and Pauline Zabel's home for fellowship, food (hamburgers), and worship. Tentative times are to gather around 3pm and worship around 5pm. Bring your own lawn chairs, towels, (if you intend to enjoy the pool), and coolers with your favorite beverages. (We appreciate the Zabel's opening their home to all and want to make sure we keep *their* preparations simple.)

June 18/19 we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity; God the Father, Jesus as Son and Savior, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, our advocate. We also recognize our earthly fathers, so a Happy Father's Day to all. Even if you aren't a father, you've had one!

June 25/26, we begin the church season of Time after Pentecost, the longest of the seasons of worship. The color is green, which represents growth, our growth in faith and knowledge. This year, the year of Matthew, gospel readings will come from Matthew 10 – 16 throughout the summer.



1	Gunner Vaughn	20	Mary Kay Hopkins
2	Sandy Naill		Tamara Tweedle
4	Mary Jo Callaway	22	Cadelyn Bennett
	Lauren Haskins	24	Don White
	Terry Partridge		Oney Yendrey
9	Leon Giese	26	Jeremy Rieschick
	Cameron Moriarty	27	David McCrery
12	Lisa Perry		Carol Moody
14	Kristina Tannenbaum		Jenna Skov
15	Alex West		Joy Stanley
17	Morgan Burrige	28	Bubba Heinsohn
	Hugh Hines		Morgan Vogt

Bread for Life Study

Wednesdays @ 1:3pm, in the church library

Gather around the Word, gather with a small group, gather your thoughts and let's grow in faith.

The upcoming Sunday's lectionary is found in a couple of places; usually on the table in the church parlor and also at the ELCA web site (search *Daily Discipleship*). We're in year A, and the dates should be listed. There's always lively discussion on this two-page study. One page is clearly Bible study, the second page is application of the Word in today's world.

Next

CLC Blood Drive-**JULY 16**



Mark Your Calendar!

Pastor Dana Nelson will be with us July 12-14!

She'll participate with Camp Hope, and we'll plan some congregational activities one of the evenings that she is here.



Become a "friend" with Christ Lutheran Church on FaceBook.

Finance Committee Report-You are receiving *Special Giving* envelopes in your Tidings this month. They are also available in the Gathering Area and in the pews. *Special Giving* is to ensure that the following financial needs are brought to your attention. The *Special Giving* envelopes are labeled with check boxes to designate your giving for the following areas:

- 1. Staff Bonus**
- 2. 60th Anniversary Festivities**
- 3. Pay the balance still owed for the Life in Christ Center carpet (currently \$800)**
- 4. Other**

At the annual meeting in January, the congregation voted for #1 and #2 as unfunded items. You may also use the regular envelopes and write in the special giving area you are donating to. —We would also like to remind everyone that summer is here, and for churches, this usually leads to reduced giving. We want to encourage our members to maintain their giving throughout the summer months. We are currently meeting our financial needs with only a few dollars to spare. A drop in giving will have a direct effect on our budget. To make your tithe simpler, you can take advantage of Simply Giving, a program through Thrivent. Brochures are in the Gathering Area. Sandy Naill will be happy to explain how simple the program is. **Thank You for your financial support of our church family.**

72 Hour Lutheran

Proverbs 24:27 Prepare your work outside, get everything ready for you in the field; and after that build your house.

What is a 72 hour Lutheran? It is a person who happens to be Lutheran and has 72 hours of supplies to take care of basic needs for 72 hours. This is the amount of time a majority of most governmental, state, and private entities need to respond to a disaster. Below you will see a modified list off the NOAA.GOV website. There is a full list at <http://tinyurl.com/fullhlist>. If you just want bare minimum to become a 72 hour Lutheran use the following:

Basic 72 Hour Lutheran List

Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding, and wind. Locate the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances, the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.

If necessary, determine an escape route from your home and designate places to meet. Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact so all your family members have a single point of contact.

Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.

Call the church and make sure that they have all your information.

Stock up on non-perishable emergency supplies and create a disaster supply kit:

Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days.

Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days

- non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
- foods for infants or the elderly
- snack foods
- non-electric can opener and cooking tools / fuel
- paper plates / plastic utensils

First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs

Special Items - for babies and the elderly

Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes

Flashlight / Batteries

Radio - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio

Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set

Cash, with some small bills (Credit Cards and ATMs may not be available)

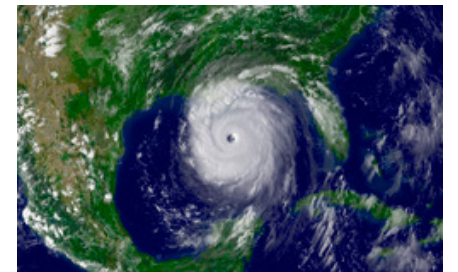
Extra Keys

Tools - keep a set with you during the storm

Vehicle fuel tanks filled

Pet care items

- proper identification / immunization records / medications
- ample supply of food and water



LLLT Books for Summer! (For those who want to read ahead!)



Lorin Furlow's- 130 White Oak, 7pm-9pm, Pot-Luck Tapas!

For June- *Water for Elephants*: A Novel by Sara Gruen

For July- *Heaven is for Real*: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven by Todd Burpo

For August- *The Gospel of Ruth*: Loving God Enough to Break the Rules by Carolyn Custis James

Guatemala Mission Trip Meeting.....

There will be a short meeting right after the 9:00 service this coming Sunday June 5. As you know I will be going to Guatemala on a scouting trip between June 11 and 18. At this meeting I plan to formally request funds for buying a solar panel. It will be around 60-80 watts for about \$300+. I already have/bought other items like inverter, water pump and some tools. As I mentioned 2 Sundays ago, I welcome small tools/items that could be used for making carpentry, arts & crafts items (routers, very small lathe, etc).

ELCA Disaster Response - Field Report from Jopin, Missouri

Posted May 26th, 2011 by Mike Nevergall, Associate Program Director

The annual conference of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD) is taking place this week in Kansas City, bringing together the leaders of nearly every faith-based, secular, and governmental disaster response organization. The conference is a wonderful chance to network with colleagues and learn about the emerging trends in the sector. This last Sunday evening, the deadliest tornado in recorded U.S. history devastated the city of Joplin, Missouri, just three hours south of where the conference would begin the following day.

Needless to say, the dynamic at the conference has been very different this year. Those representing early response organizations – groups like the American Red Cross and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief – re-routed staff to Joplin almost immediately, while those of us who remained at the conference were itching to join them.

Yesterday, I went to Joplin, along with my colleagues Kevin Massey and Maria Maldonado, at the invitation of Bishop Jerry Mansholt of the ELCA Central States Synod. We traveled with Pastor Bill Pape, who has been serving as interim pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin for the last few years. The tornado completely destroyed the church building at Peace Lutheran, but thankfully, all of the members are now accounted for. *Read the full story at blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse.*

Lutheran World Relief – eNews Making Waves, Breaking Boundaries

Zenaida Bassir is a 33-year-old farmer from the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. She is one of many women in this conflict-ridden region who struggled to make sure her family had clean drinking water.

“Since the water source is nearly a mile away from our village, we depended only on the nearby river for drinking and general use,” says Zenaida. “We used open, hand-dug wells along the river to get clean water.”

Zenaida and the rest of the 322 households in her village used the river water for multiple purposes. Though laundry chemicals and human waste contaminated the water and endangered the community’s health, they had little choice but to use it. It was the only drinking water available.

In addition to posing health problems, the limited water supply was also a source of conflict among community members. “It was always a problem, especially during heavy rains,” Zenaida explains. “We often fought over the open hand-dug wells. And when the wells got flooded, we were forced to get water directly from the river itself where water is dirty.”

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and partner organization Mahintana Foundation, Inc. (MFI) are working to put an end to this problem by bringing Zenaida and her community the clean water they need.

“Now that I don’t have to spend time fetching water, I can budget my time more wisely. It is no longer difficult for my children to take a bath and to wash their clothes. And my family has more time to help my husband in our corn and vegetable farm,” said Zenaida. “Even the school has a backyard garden now because of the water tank that was built there. Thank you very much to LWR for answering our plea.”



Zenaida now enjoys better access to clean water.

Please remember these people in your prayers.

Staci Ayers	David Halata	Becky Moorefield	Bill Stoerner
Taylor Bedrich	Linda James	Terry Partridge	Ginger Stoldt
Bill Bowden	Mary Johnson	Jim Pickens	Van Tetlow
Patricia Bradburn	Joseph Jones	Brinly Pirtle	Betty Thomas
Pastor Horacio Castillo	Dennis Jones	Gary Pyle	Bradley Thomas
Royce Church	Betty Keith	Sue Rieschick	Dora Updike
Kenneth Dean	Paul Lydic	R. B. Runnels	Clara Veatch
George Ellis	Doug Magnussen	Karen Schubring	Stanley Wall
Mary Ellis	Macel Magnussen	Kim Shelton	Viola Watson
Don Graham	Brock Massey Fam	Kathy Sims	Ruth Wetherell
Carroll Grigsby	Linda McCreery	Ken Smith	Pauline Zabel
	Steve Miller	Pat Soledade	

Lord's Work	Income	Net Expenses	Budget
April	\$16,885.50	\$15,434.30	\$17,123.42
Year to Date	\$62,509.69	\$60,600.01	\$68,493.69
Building Loan for April		April Avg Worship Attendance 86	
Received \$6,797.31		YTD Avg Worship Attendance 74	
Payment \$5,775.70 Balance \$540,564.12			

News from your Fellowship Committee



Saturday, June 11, Gather at the home of Loren and Pauline Zabel at 3 pm. Enjoy the pool, visit and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Worship will be at 5 pm followed by a meal. Hamburgers patties will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to provide the rest of the trimmings and sides. Bring your own drinks and lawn chairs.

Sunday, June 26, following the 9 am church service, brunch will be served. This is for everyone. If you attended the Saturday service, please return around 10 am and join us for a casual meal. Or come a little earlier and enjoy a cup of coffee with your friends.

Mark your calendars:

- July 9** 2nd annual Salad Smorgasbord after 5 pm service
- July 24** Brunch or lunch, after 9 am service, to be announced
- July 30** Camp Hope Celebration after 5 pm service: Sundaes on Saturday

It's a Three Ring Circus!

Camp Hope 2011 July 11-29

1) **Scholarships** are needed to make this camp successful so please consider contributing to this area. I would like to encourage 1/2 camper scholarships of \$35 each. Anyone can sponsor 1/2 or more campers.

2) **Staff training** will be July 7-9 at New Life Lutheran Church in Pearland. Our staff will have only one training this year.

3) **Registration forms** for campers are located in the gathering area and can now be filled out. They are also located on the church web site. Campers ages should be 5 years old (or slightly younger...) through finishing 6th grade.

Please call or e-mail if you have a desire to help this wonderful camp or have any questions.

Sandy Naill dsnail@comcast.net

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The new Taking Root website is live!

Taking Root: Hunger Causes, Hunger Hopes, the dynamic ELCA hunger education curriculum, now has an interactive website. Taking Root fosters deep thinking about hunger and poverty and what it means to be God's ambassadors in the world. Visit www.elca.org/hunger/takingroot.

Directions to Zabel's House

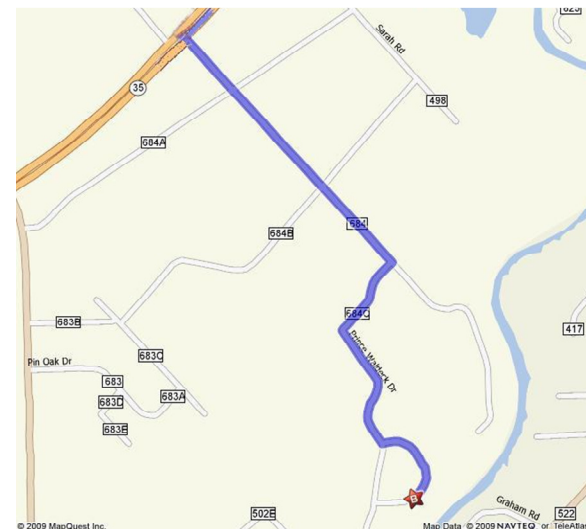
After driving to Brazoria, stay on Hwy 36 toward West Columbia.

In West Columbia turn left on 35 business (CVS Drug Store)

Turn left unto the new 35 bypass (flashing stop light)

Driving toward Bay City, turn left on CR 684 (Wells Nursery)

Turn right on CR 684C



Let's Be Jammin'!

Always wanted to learn to make jam? Miss the mornings in your grandma's kitchen with the sweet smell of boiling berries and the sparkling rows of Ball jars? Join us for some everyone-can-do-it lessons in making jam with Jean Warren. Before the Saturday worship, 3 p.m. June 25 in the Life in Christ Center kitchen. Email grwarren@sbcglobal.net for a list of supplies.



News! News! News!

Recently recognized as Texas Music Scholars:

John David Flowers

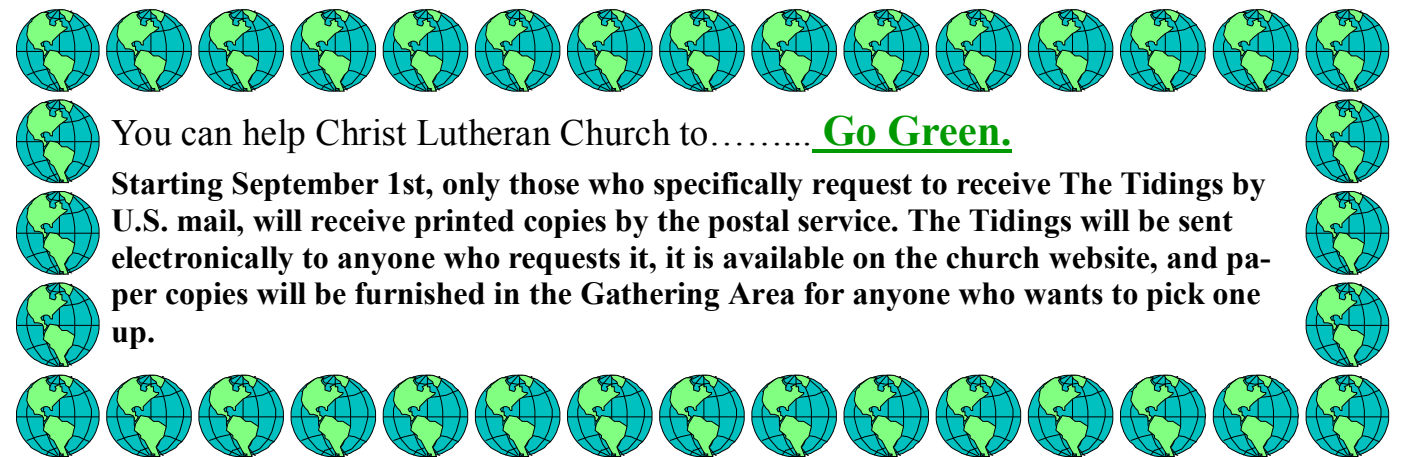
Jennifer Sims

Recipients have reached at least Region Band honors and have displayed high academic performance.

Congratulations to **Shane Pirtle** on his election May 14th as a commissioner for the Port of Freeport.

We extend our arms to the family and friends of Virginia Samohyl, age 95 of Wharton. She died May 19th in a Clute nursing home following an extended illness. Funeral services were held May 23rd at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wharton. Her family includes daughter **Ginger Prihode**, granddaughters **Michaele Gregory**, and **April Vaughn**, and great grandchildren **Brianna Walker**, **Courtney Gregory**, **Hannah Vaughn**, and **Gunner Vaughn**.

Cameron Moriarity to be baptized on Sunday, June 5th, at 9:00 a.m. worship service. His parents are **Dan** and **Megan Moriarity**.



You can help Christ Lutheran Church to..... **Go Green.**

Starting September 1st, only those who specifically request to receive The Tidings by U.S. mail, will receive printed copies by the postal service. The Tidings will be sent electronically to anyone who requests it, it is available on the church website, and paper copies will be furnished in the Gathering Area for anyone who wants to pick one up.