

The Messenger

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Parish Life

WE HAVE A NEW RECTOR!

It is with great joy that I proclaim—"We have a new Rector!"

This month your Vestry offered a Letter of Agreement to Rev. Curtis Norman of Stephenville, TX. He accepted our offer and agreed to become our next Rector.

Curt received his Bachelor of Arts, Radio, Television and Film from the University of North Texas and his Master of Divinity in Theology from Sewanee, The University of the South in 2001. He has served as an Assistant at Christ Church, Plano, Texas and St. Peter's Church Del Mar, California. He served as Rector at St. Luke's Church in Denison, Texas and most recently at St. Luke's Church Stephenville, Texas.

Curt is married to Margaret and they have 2 children, Karina, age 12 and Cade, age 10. Their first Sunday at St. John's will be **January 8, 2017**. Please make plans to attend church that day to welcome our new Rector and his family.

This successful search was possible due to the hard work of our Search Committee led by Marcia Hoffman and members Ellen Redfield, Jane Girdham, Lucas Curell, Dann Federico, Dave Humpert, Matt Gerhardt, Berney Jones, and Paul Schaub. Please make sure to thank them.

Please keep Rev Curt Norman and his family in your prayers as they prepare for this transition and travel to Saginaw. Thanks be to God!

Barbara Ilkka, Senior Warden

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holidays in the Heart of the City

Nov. 18 @ 6:00pm

Friday night, Old Town Saginaw will be alive with lights, food and music for the annual festival, Holiday's in the Heart of the City. St. John's? We're no exception! We'll be hosting the **Saginaw Area Concert Band** for a holiday concert in the church and also offer cookies, hot cocoa, and hospitality to several hundred of the festival goers who will step inside and warm up during the event. Come over and be a part of the fellowship and the fun! **We need volunteers to: Bake Cookies, usher, and help serve cocoa!** Contact Amy Simons if you are available or have any questions.



Christmas Outreach Boxes

Nov. 20 - Dec. 19

Although we are called to gather for worship, Christ also tells to go, share the good news and serve in his name... beyond the pews! So let's get started! The Giving Tree is up and ornaments with items to donate are ready for plucking! Again, this Christmas outreach will benefit our neighbors in Rosien Towers, a low-income housing unit located just a few blocks from St. John's. **Plan on bringing your donations between 11/20 and 12/11. We'll pack on 12/18 and deliver baskets on 12/19!**



Items need included: shampoo, body lotion, 4pk. soap, hand sanitizer, deodorant, toothpaste, tissue box, 4pk. toilet paper, 2pk. paper towel, laundry soap, dish soap, sponges, all-purpose spray cleaner

Living Nativity Outing

Dec. 4 @ 5:00pm

Take a trip to Bethlehem... via Immanuel Lutheran Church in Frankentrost! A walk through this living nativity has proved a powerful experience for many of our families year after year! This free event, about two hours from start to finish, begins with caroling and ends with hot cocoa. A carpool will leave from St. John's at 5:00 if you would like to carpool, please sign up in the Community Room.



Lessons & Carols

Dec. 18 @ 5:00pm

Steeped in community and tradition, this service promises to be one of the most lovely you'll attend all year. Scripture and music tell the story of our savior from prophesy to birth, special guest community readers, musicians, and our devoted choir help bring the Advent season into focus among the hustle of holiday



NEWS & RECOGNITION

Rummage Sale Fundraiser

Thank you to all who donated, sorted, sold and shopped during October's Rummage Sale Fundraiser, particularly Lou Smith who was our chief organizer! A total of \$875 was raised in support of our Lunch Bag Outreach Program!



10th Anniversary Choral Scholar Evensong

Thanks to all who celebrated the 10th anniversary of our choral scholar program with us. It was a wonderful treat to worship with members, friends, and alumni and our beautiful choir. A special thanks goes to Melanie Hollman, Tamara Pegley and Chris Garrison for hosting a first-class reception.



Stewardship 2017

Letters from Lucas Curell, our junior warden, should have reached your mailbox. Please prayerfully consider your part in our shared ministry of St. John's. Your contributions and service help us to bring people to know Christ, bolster our community, educate our youth, share our traditions, and keep our building in a condition we can be proud to pass to the next generation. Extra pledge cards are available in the Community Room. Please return your by **Sunday, December 4th.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Dec. 24 - Holy Eucharist | Family Service @ 6:30pm

Our family service falls earlier in the evening making it ideal for families with young children. Many members of our youth participate in the choir and at the altar. Guest musicians add to the festive atmosphere.

Dec. 24 - Choral Eucharist | 11:00pm

This festive Choral Eucharist is filled with the tradition and music that connects us to our savior in worship.

Dec. 25 - Holy Eucharist | 10:30am

Despite Christmas falling on a Sunday, there will only be one service at 10:30am. Celebrate the birth of our savior Christmas morning with scripture, hymns, and Holy Communion.

Birthdays

Nov 1 - Al Gissendanner
Nov 1 - Amy Silk
Nov 1 - Julia Burdis
Nov 4 - Tom Lippert
Nov 7 - Burris Smith
Nov 8 - Duncan Redfield
Nov 8 - Rachelle Fergin
Nov 9 - Berney Jones
Nov 13 - Kenneth Scott
Nov 17 - Jean Thomas
Nov 18 - Nicholas Rzeszutek
Nov 22 - Bill Vlassis
Nov 22 - Emerald Joiner
Nov 23 - Dave Humpert
Nov 23 - Joanne McLeod
Nov 23 - Kevin Simons
Nov 25 - Alice Baldwin
Nov 25 - Sallie Swanson

Dec 2 - Paul Ilkka
Dec 2 - Tanya Brown
Dec 3 - Brenda Sanders
Dec 4 - Linda Carroll

Dec 4 - Samantha Barshaw
Dec 5 - Herb Spence
Dec 8 - Ellen Redfield
Dec 8 - Jane Vondrasek
Dec 9 - Ben Donaghy
Dec 12 - Bryan Konieczka
Dec 16 - Dennis Thom
Dec 19 - Heather Rzeszutek
Dec 21 - Jerry Lockhart
Dec 24 - Tyler Rump
Dec 30 - Emma
Baukus-Konieczka

Anniversaries

Nov 9 - Ralph & Patricia Jackson
Nov 27 - Lucas & Rebecca Curell
Nov 28 - Lou & Jerry Smith

Dec 16 - Jimmy & Natalie Harrell
Dec 18 - Dick & Tina Mott
Dec 18 - Chris & Paul Schaub
Dec 27 - Jim & Tanya Brown
Dec 29 - Dave & Heather
Rzeszutek



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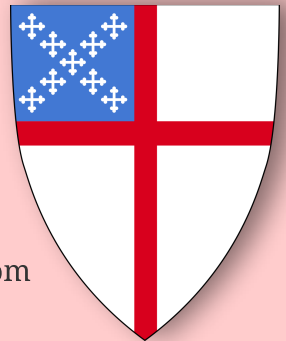
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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MUSIC FUND

Donations to the St. John's Christmas Flowers or Music Fund provide the flower arrangements, wreaths, poinsettias, and guest musicians that we enjoy during the Christmas season.

(Gifts of \$100 or more will be given special designation.)

DEADLINE: Sunday, December 18th

- I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the St. John's **Flower Fund**.
- I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the St. John's **Music Fund**.

Please make checks payable to St. John's Episcopal Church. Indicate on the check "Christmas Flowers" or "Music Fund."

Name:

This contribution is given in (check one):

- In grateful thanksgiving for...
- In loving memory of...



(The above will be noted in Christmas bulletins.)