

# St. John Lutheran Church

Beaumont, Texas



# MAY



*A message from the Pastor . . .*

Greetings in Christ,

It has been a different Easter season, has it not? Even still, let us remember Christ is still our resurrected Lord and our salvation is secure in Him. I am sure we were all hoping that this hiatus from public gatherings would have ended by now. I know that we are all looking forward to gathering together again soon.

If I had to guess, I do not foresee that we will simply go back to normal right away. When we do reopen, things may look different as St. John looks to serve you and your families. I and the elders will be making those decisions in order to best serve you, the flock, with the Word and Sacrament. We will endeavor to follow any guidelines that the government puts forward, but we will congregate together, I hope soon.

In the mean time, I would encourage you to do your best to stay in contact with one another. I would encourage you to look for ways to serve your neighbor in this time and season. Many people are suffering because of the virus and the loss of work that is also plaguing us. Let us always look for ways to serve even if it is simply through prayer.

Keep our governor, Greg Abbot in your prayers. I cannot even imagine the weight that is on his shoulders. Also, I would like us to remember the people of New York as is is arguably the hardest hit by this pandemic. Let us also remember their leaders, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo. Keep praying, brothers and sisters, for we are called to pray continuously as servants of the Risen Christ.

In His Service,

Pastor Williamson



**Join us for the following online events:**

**(If you need assistance with any of the following, please contact your elder or the church office and we will be glad to assist you.)**

Our **Sunday morning online services** are on our website @ <https://www.stjohnbeaumont.com/>

**Join us on Facebook** @ <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnbeaumont/>. Pastor Williamson & Ernie have been posting some uplifting messages to help us during these trying times.

**Friday Chapel Online each Friday morning at 9:30 AM** - We invite kids of all ages to participate in our Friday Chapel & join Pastor Williamson on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/St-John-Lutheran-Kids-Beaumont-TX>.

**The Luther League (9th - 12th graders) began having Zoom meetings/Bible study every Thursday night at 6:30.** These meetings have been a bright spot in their lives. If you are interested in joining them , please **contact Danielle Wamhoff** at 713-933-4474.

**Zoom Adult Bible Study each Sunday at 3:00 PM** led by Ernie Erickson which lasts about 30-45 minutes. If you are interested, **please contact Ernie** at 409-201-9044 or email him at [dee032155@gmail.com](mailto:dee032155@gmail.com), so he can add you to the meeting notice list.



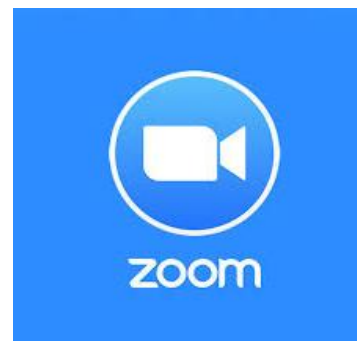
Let's Meet,

Yep, it's different. It's strange. It's a change, and don't we all love that "C" word. Well, I guess it's possible to teach old dogs new tricks. So, what's new? Zoom, Zoom, Zoom! Not new for some, but the platform used by many, for business meeting communications, church studies, and family visits. St John Lutheran Church is playing catch up and getting onboard with Zoom. By now, many of you are asking, what is it? Through the internet, the Zoom application can be as simple as, load it, log in, and let's talk Jesus. You may use your laptop or I-phone to participate. OK, lets talk laymen terms. We started an online bible study for all to attend. You'll need to download the Zoom app to your electronic device and wait for the meeting ID and password to be sent to you from the meeting originator. Currently, bible studies are being conducted on Sunday afternoons, beginning at 3 pm, for about 30-45 minutes. How successful it will be remains to be seen, however, we can refer to Acts 5:39 which reads, "But if it's of God, you will not be able to stop it, lest you find yourselves fighting against God." The church will continue its ministry even during these quarantine times. **Give me a call or text me so I can add you to the meeting notice list.** Come join us weekly and let's zoom together.

Ernie Erickson

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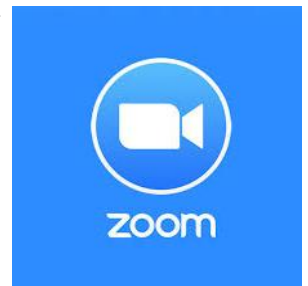




Greetings from the Luther League! We are asking for prayers for our young people while they're living their new normal with distance learning. Prayers for their parents too. We have been getting together with **Zoom meetings every Thursday night at 6:30** since the last week of March. Those have been some bright spots in our weekly lives. We spent some time studying the word of God having to do with uncertainty and

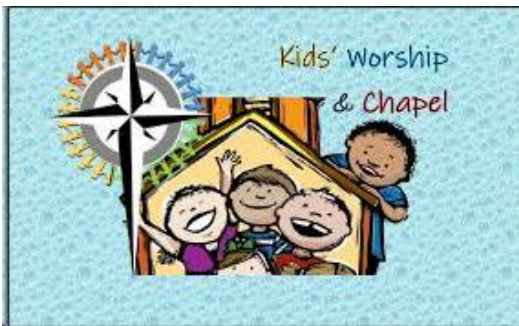
choosing faith over fear and anxiety. We have since moved on to studying the book of Jonah and learning to preach God's judgement message to those whom God sends us. **If you know any youth that need a bible study let us know so that we can add them on to the Zoom.**

We are praying that during this time you are doing well and growing in your personal relationship with God and we are very much looking forward to being together in person soon. To God be the glory!



Danielle Wamhoff  
713-933-4474

Kristin Schiesler  
409-659-7562



We have begun a new online ministry. We invite kids of all ages to participate in our Friday Chapel. This Chapel is a short worship service that Pastor has been conducting for any kids that desire to participate online. We sing songs, hear God's word and pray. If you know a little one who is looking for something to do on Friday morning, invite them to tune in to Facebook @

<https://www.facebook.com/St-John-Lutheran-Kids-Beaumont-TX>) Fridays at 9:30AM.



**The Easter lilies that beautified our altar Easter Sunday & Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> were given by Weldon Kaspar in memory of loved ones and by Billy & Chris Heiner in memory of loved ones.**

LifeShare Blood Center is IN NEED OF BLOOD DONORS. From recent personal experience, their donation process is extremely safe and professional.

Donations can also be made at the blood center on Laurel in Beaumont. See schedule below:

Thanks!

Chris Heiner



## Donate at the following blood drives...

- Monday, April 20** Walmart-Silsbee 11am-5pm  
Walmart-Vidor 11am-5pm  
Walmart-Port Arthur 12pm-5pm
- Tuesday, April 21** Walmart-Jasper 11am-5pm  
Shady Acres Health & Rehab-Newton 11am-4pm  
Lumberton Fire & EMS 1pm-6pm (inside)
- Wednesday, April 22** Brookshire Bros Sour Lake 11am-5pm  
Walmart-Woodville 12pm-5pm  
Ritter Lumber-Nederland 1pm-5pm
- Thursday, April 23** Bruce's Market Basket-Groves 12pm-5pm  
Walmart-Orange 12pm-5pm  
Walmart- Twin City 1pm-5pm
- Friday, April 24** Classic SETX 9am-2pm  
Bridge City Animal Hospital 9am-12pm  
AT&T 2pm-6pm 805 I 10 S. Beaumont 2pm-6pm
- Saturday, April 25** Madison's 11am-4pm  
Kirbyville Volunteer Fire Dept. 10am-5pm

**LifeShare Blood Center:**

M/W: 8:30am-5pm  
T/Th: 8:30am-6pm  
F: 8:30am-3pm  
Sat: 7AM-1PM



LifeShare.org • Text DONATE to 999-777 to receive texts from LifeShare Blood Center

LOUISIANA DONOR CENTERS: ALEXANDRIA 2051 North Mall Drive 318.445.7409 - BATON ROUGE 5745 ESSEN LANE 225.383.7728  
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If you are someone you know is in need of any type of home health care, please contact **Nicole Thomason, CSM TXHH Provider Services @ 838-0045**. Nicole & her husband Shannon Martin have been visiting here at St. John for some time now.

## PRAYER FAMILIES

<b>May 3</b>	Henry & Kerensa Robinson; Wilson Prejean, David & John Henry	David & Brenda Romero
<b>May 10</b>	Matt Root; Christian, Landon & Cambrie	Mike & Margaret Root
<b>May 17</b>	Bobby Sackett	Elaine Sackett
<b>May 24</b>	Ryan & Candice Simonson	Beris Singleton
<b>May 31</b>	Clint & LaVerne Smith	Klark & Michele Spencer; Garrison & Grayden



**ACTION TEAM**

Billy Heiner was approved for a Thrivent Action Team grant to **support local food banks during the pandemic**. The Thrivent rep suggested asking other church members to leave donations at the church to further support this activity. **If you are interested in supporting this activity, please leave your donations at the church or contact Billy at 409-673-2206 or bcheiner53@gmail.com.**

### The easy way to give your OFFERING is ONLINE:

There is a direct link on our website at [stjohnbeaumont.com](http://stjohnbeaumont.com), at the top left hand corner of the page under the "Give" tab. *If you DO NOT have a computer, you can get someone to set it up for you.*



You may also make electronic donations, via a FREE smartphone app available at Android's Play Store or Apple's App Store. A simple sign-up is required and is very easy to use!

### NEW CHURCH LOGO

Would you like to help design the new church logo?  
If so, contact the church office.



## You have been in our prayers for the month of April:

### MEMBERS

Joan Abelman	Sharon Almquist	Nita Becker	Layne Bonin
Jacob Chesson	Connie Dickinson	Ed Donofrio	Peggy Ewest
Estella Hancock	Helen Kaspar	Pat Riley	Elaine Sackett
Beris Singleton			

### NON-MEMBERS

James "Freddie" Allen	Stephanie Allen	Steve Bonin	Trina Bridges
Margaret Creekmore	Milton Dahlke	Rodney Hebert	Skye Kaspar Hempel
Paige Jones	Johnnie Lee Kaspar	Lexi Martin	Shirley Ross
Kathy Scoggin	Marla Simmons	Francis Thompson	Terry Thompson
J. D. Warren	Audrey Wood	Caleb ?	Rosie ?

**A prayer for** Christians around the world who are being persecuted.

**A prayer for** our President and decision makers.

**A prayer for** all medical personnel & first responders as they work during Covid 19.

**A prayer for** everyone as we are dealing with Covid 19. For those affected by the illness and death at this time.

**A prayer of thanksgiving** for Cliff Callender's good EKG report.

**A prayer of thanksgiving** for Janelle Schoeneberg that her latest test show that she is still cancer free.



**A prayer of sympathy** for Darwynn Ewest at the death of his sister, Scharol Ewest that lived in Minnesota.

**A prayer of sympathy** for the family of John Calvert Buchanan.

**A prayer of sympathy** for Joan Abelman at the death of her son, Mark.



### **Prayers for our members in the Armed Force**

Steve & Stacy Bonin; Grant & Max  
Austen & Savannah (Day) Campbell  
Cody & Cherylynn Ewest  
Joel Ewest  
Karl & Michelle Knippa; Alec  
Kevin Knippa  
Landon Root



