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8:30 A.M. ADULT/KID
SUNDAY SCHOOL

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY!



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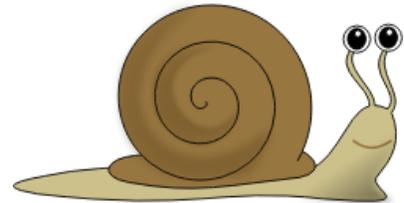
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I don't know about you, but I'm having trouble with snails in my yard. They are eating every pretty little flower I have planted so I did some research on getting rid of those slimy pests! Rather than place a recipe this month, I thought I would place a recipe for snail destruction. Here is the website if your interested in a more detailed report... <http://www.wikihow.com/Get-Rid-of-Garden-Snails>

1. Water in the morning since snails like to lay their eggs at night in moist soils.
2. Keep your garden free of metal cans, wooden boards and other shelters.
3. Save your eggshells– snails have trouble sliding over the sharp edges.
4. Plant species that are resistant to snails such as rosemary, geraniums, lavender, begonias, California poppies, fuchsias, lantana, ornamental grasses, impatiens, and sage.
5. Make copper collars for pots and tree trunks.

If you would like to share a recipe or other useful tips, email me at saintolaflutheran@gmail.com



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i my name is Chris Lujan. Recently God has called me to serve as a long-term missionary in the country of Ukraine. Ukraine is a country with a massive orphan problem, leading to many lives being completely destroyed. For most orphans in Ukraine, when you grow up you only have a few options: a life of crime for the boys, prostitution for the girls, or be caught and sold into slavery. However, God has heard the cry of the orphans and is moving and changing things. These are the people I will be teaching and introducing to their true Father, the One who will never abandon them, and the only One who can pull them out of their situation. I have been to the city I will be ministering in before, but I will be moving there permanently in June of this year. If you'd like to hear more, I will be in The Gap and Meridian on May 10th and 11th. Though I was raised in St. Olaf's Lutheran Church, I have been gone for some time now (army and such) and look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

In His service,
Chris Lujan



WE CELEBRATE OUR CONFIRMANDS ON MAY 24

THEN and NOW, 2 YEARS LATER



“Learning to be Lutheran”

Confirmation Schedule:

May 3

May 17

A special thank you to those who have donated to our youth camp fund! We appreciate you! ~ The Youth

Martha, Ruth and Mary

Martha Circle:

Will meet **May 28 at 6:30p.m.**

Ruth Circle:

Ruth circle met April 19th with seven members present. Business discussed: memory items for the Mother-Friend program on May 1 and LWR. We enjoyed our Bible study led by Abby on the resurrection of Jesus. Anna served delicious refreshments. Next month our circle meets May 14th at 1pm.

Mary

circle held on Apr. 8 @ 2pm @ Heckmann Hall. Eight members present, Hannalore Prisk, Charlene Tergerson, Elsie Phillips, Elaine Enger, Geraldine Jenson, Billye Dunnahoe, Karen Sharp & Barbara Lee. Three visitors present, Fern Wiggins, Neva Blakely, and Martha Gravitz. Bible study was led by Elsie on the study of Pentecost. A good discussion followed. May 1 is Mothers/Friends Banquet pot luck and theme is Memories from Home. We are asked to bring items that were special to our memories. Next meeting will be May 18, everyone is welcomed to participate.

Prayer List:

Doland Olson, Joe & Mary McGowen, Martha Holland, Bonnie Algren, Mary (Ray) Hastings, Haley Rae Tarver, Heather Leahy, Margret Turpin, Tom Gary, Gene Lee, Rodney Barner, Mary Ann Stokely, Brady Warrick, Betty Johnson, Darcy Cassidy, Kathy Johnston, Ronnie Ogle, Tracie & Barbara Auten, Cooper Brown, Elaine Moore, Wayne Mixon, Martha & Helena McCormick, Pearl Lewis, Larry Mickelson, Raymond Bailes, Josh Wilhelm, Dacey Patrick, Donna Ashmore, Ron Brooks, Dusty Wells, Maxine Maxwell, Blane Mehrens, Henry Cortez and **The Lutheran Church Sierra Leone, Persecuted Christians.**

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN: Matthew Medina, Justin Barnes, Kevin Moore, Michael Crackhome, Alex Saborsky Kirk Luedeke, Daniel Ramirez, and Lane Carlson

Newsflash: St. Olaf Lutheran Church is hosting the Bell Choir from First Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs on June 15 at 7:00! We have had this choir perform in our service a few years ago and now they are back! Please join us for this joyful concert of praise to our Lord God!

84 bars of bath soap, 5 quilts, 30 school bags, 8 health kits were taken by Owen Carlson to Dallas. A big "thanks" to Owen; to Emily for helping pack and to each of you who

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contributed in many ways to make this a success. We will leave the soap basket in the back of church to collect soap all year. The need for soap is great. Thanks again and Blessings. ~Shirley

Pastor Joan will be preaching a sermon series on the Acts texts during May. Come and hear the stories of believers who have received the power of the Holy Spirit and are witnesses of Jesus.

| Financial Report | Receipts | Disbursements | Net |
|--|-------------|---------------|------------|
| Budget through March 31, 2015 | \$28,537.50 | \$28,487.50 | \$50.00 |
| <i>Submitted by Gerald Nelson, Treasurer</i> | | | |
| Actual through March 31, 2015 | 21,181.14 | 28,237.05 | (7,055.91) |

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*we congratulate
and welcome the newest
members of St. Olaf!!*

*Karen
Carson &
Craig*



JESUS



The St. Olaf Charter Member Spotlight is on the W.T. Tergerson Family

The W. T. Tergerson family was a major participant in the welfare of St. Olaf Lutheran Church and the community of Cranfills Gap in the beginning and his descendants continue to be involved today.

William Tellef Tergerson was born in Brownsboro in 1859, the youngest of nine children born to Tellef and Asborg Tergerson. Tellef, Asborg and their five daughters immigrated to America in 1850. In Texas another daughter and two sons were born. They purchased 500 acres of land in Henderson County. Tellef died in 1871 and Asborg and children moved to Bosque County when William Tellef was 14 years old. His time was spent working on the 300 acre farm, which Asborg purchased in the Mustang Community, with little time to attend school. In 1885 he married Annie B. Lee and they lived on land he inherited. Terry, the older son received the north half, William received the south half with the daughters being monetarily compensated, as was similar to the custom in Norway. They raised six girls and lost a son, William Alexander at the age of 14 months. Alice married Martin Bertelsen, Gina married Ferdinand Hansen, Bettie married Gunder Larson, Selma married Otis Bronstad, Alma Bendina married Paul Bernhart Rohne. These are all names everyone recognizes as pillars of St. Olaf Church and this community.

W. T. Tergerson was one of the founders of First Security State Bank and served as director, president and chairman of the board of directors. He also helped found and was a director of the Cranfills Gap Townsite Company. He donated or sold for a nominal fee, land for the location of the Rock Church. Additional acreage was later donated by B. B. Swenson, whose property joined the church on the south. Early records of deeds are no longer available. When the Brick Church was built in Cranfills Gap in 1917, he donated the beautiful altar we have in the church today. Other family members can probably make many additions to the list of his accomplishments and contributions.

W.T. and Annie moved to Cranfills Gap in 1913, taking care of his mother, Asborg and also her parents. Annie died at the age of 92 in 1951 and W.T. died at the age of 94 in 1953. They are both buried at the Rock Church, along with his mother and her parents. It is families, such as this, who have been instrumental in the lasting and successful life of St. Olaf's Churches.

On another note.....

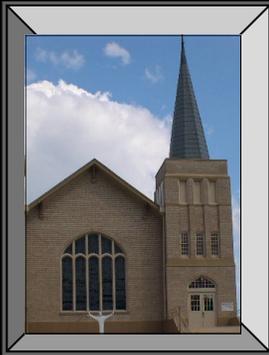


Come see Mikel' Duderstadt sing at the steak cook off in Hico, May 16th at 5pm. You'll be sorry you missed!!



May 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 WELCA Mothers & Friends Banquet~ 6:30pm | 2 |
| 3 SS-8:30, worship 9:30, confirmation 2pm | 4 Pr. At Princeton for Preaching Seminar | 5 | 6 | 7 Ministerial Alliance in Meridian~8am. Mosaic luncheon~ 12pm | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Brunch-8:30, worship, 9:30am: Chris Lujan guest speaker | 11 Mutual Ministry Team @ Faith, 6pm | 12 Council @ Faith, 6pm 7:30, VBS meeting at Baptist | 13 Care & Concern team at 6pm Mary circle~ 2pm | 14 Ruth circle~ 2pm Pr leads at LSM~10am | 15 | 16 Mission Endowment Fund Mig for Pr. ~Comm. Breakfast~ 8am |
| 17 SS~8:30, Worship 9:30, Confirmation~ 2pm, Baccalaureate for CGISD, 6:30pm @ St. Olaf | 18 | 19 | 20 Council Meeting 6pm | 21 PLMA Board meeting at Briarwood~ 10-12 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Confirmation Day/Pentecost Sunday service~9:30 with lunch to follow | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Martha circle @ 7pm | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Fifth Sunday singing at St. Olaf | BIRTHDAYS: Jeanne Bayless (1), John Hastings III (2), Betty Johnson & Elsie Phillips (4), Gage Edwards (5), Phyllis Reiser (9), Geneva Finstad (14), Miriam Wallace (16), Elaine Enger (22), Lani Edwards & Mikel' Duderstadt (23), Cassidy Calhoun (25), Sandi Carlson (28) | | | | | |



St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Worship, teach, nurture and share
Christ 's love.



Dear Friends in Christ,

The day is almost here! The day that our confirmands have worked toward for almost two years! This is a day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as they affirm their Baptism, May 24. This day is also Pentecost Sunday, a red day in the life of the church! (Please wear something red if you can.) We will have joint worship with Faith and St. Olaf worshipping together at St. Olaf at 9:30 that morning. Please come and support Lani Edwards, Teryn Senn, Zane Taylor and Kameron Wiese. They will be the worship assistants for the whole service as they begin this phase of Christian leadership. A Baked Potato Lunch will follow the service at 11:00. Everyone is welcome!

And if that weren't enough for the month, we are also having one of our own come back to Bosque County to speak on May 10! Yes, it is Mother's Day and we will honor all women that day, but we will have Chris Lujan as a special speaker in that morning's services. Chris was confirmed in St. Olaf in 2003. He has been serving in the military, and now he has been called to serve as a missionary in the country of Ukraine. The day begins with brunch in the basement at 8:30 with everyone invited. Chris will be there for some one-on-one conversation. Then he will speak in the regular services at both St. Olaf (9:30) and Faith (11:15). Come hear more of what God is calling Chris to do in Eastern Europe.

The triple crown of May is that St. Olaf is hosting the Cranfills Gap ISD Baccalaureate and Faith is hosting a senior reception! The seniors of Cranfills Gap, families and friends are all welcome to attend the Baccalaureate on May 17 at 6:30. While at Faith on May 31, there will be a reception to honor Ethan Sedberry as our senior. That reception is right after the 11:15 service. Everyone who knows Ethan is welcome to come.

May is the month of big endings and also new beginnings. Every ending is the start of something new in the lives of those involved. Pray for these students as they each enter a new phase of their life in Christ. And may your life in Christ be filled with every blessing,

Pastor Joan

