



LOVE NOTES

March April May 2021

GREETINGS TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

What a year we have endured—pandemic, hurricane, freezing temps, no electricity, no water, food shortage, etc. and yet we have survived! God doesn't give us more than we can handle and He is with us always. We are fortunate to have our church doors open again to worship together. We are in need of volunteers from our congregation:



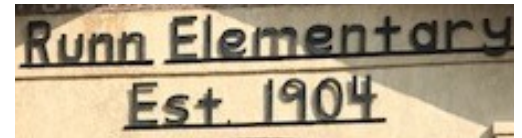
1. One to compose the history of our church—contact Jerry Shields for info.

2. One or more to phone our home bound members.



3. One to be in charge of the prayer chain—contact Julie Knutson for info.

4. One to accept the position of Social Ministry/Outreach on the church council, the focus of our mission work especially with Runn School. Committee members will assist with the projects as you are the coordinator. Contact Shirley Nelson.



Please contemplate these positions carefully and volunteer. **WE NEED YOU!** Our mission at Love of Christ is **LOVE**. Love thy neighbor as thyself. *Submitted by Shirley Nelson*

ARE YOU AFRAID?

Just think of the times you have heard someone say, I am afraid of the dark, high places, bridges, dogs, death, illness, the virus or hundreds of other fears.

The dictionary defines fear this way-- an unpleasant often strong emotion caused by anticipation or awareness of danger. b(1) : an instance of this emotion. (2) : a state marked by this emotion. 2 : anxious concern : solicitude. 3 : profound reverence and awe especially toward God.

The word fear is in the King James Version 528 times and in the NIV 266 times.

Famed World War II tank commander General George Patton said, "Courage is fear holding on a minute longer." If you give in to your fears, you are on the path to defeat. If instead you stand strong in spite of your fears, you are on the path to victory. And we must never forget that we are not in the battle alone. With the power of God on our side, we cannot be defeated.

You will never believe how many times "fear not" is in the Scriptures--three hundred and sixty five times. Do you also remember how many days there are in one year—you're right, 365. A coincidence? I have heard "with God there are no coincidences".

Since there is a scripture about fear for each day of the year, the next time fear sneaks up on you, just choose your favorite verse and "stand strong".

Psalm 3:6 NIV ⁶I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.



Fear not,

**FOR I AM WITH YOU;
BE NOT DISMAYED,**

for I am your God;

I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU,

I will help you,

**I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH
MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.**



ISAIAH 41:10

water to thrive

BUILD WELLS CHANGE LIVES

Right now, over 1,000 Water to Thrive wells are serving over 600,000 people. We are so thankful you've allowed us to continue funding water projects during this pandemic. Our work is not possible without you.

Construction Update:

A group of four spring protection projects in partnership with the Central Gibe Synod (CGS) were just recently completed! Two beneficiaries of this group of newly-completed wells are Tilinte and Geneti, a father-daughter duo! Read their inspiring stories below.



“Before this well was constructed, our wives and daughters fetched water from an unprotected pond we shared with domestic animals in the day and scavengers at night. Giardia and Typhoid were common in the village. Depending on the seriousness of disease, our people traveled

to Gedo (50 kms away) to the general hospital or to Ambo (120kms) to the referral hospital. The cost for transportation and medication is very high. Because of the seriousness of the water-related problem we submit an application letter to the district administration and water resource office, but we did not get any feedback or help. But now thanks to Water to Thrive and its donors, we are supplied by a clean water source from a protected spring.

Now we are very happy. You see here all smiling faces, and no wasting time walking to fetch water, because of your gift of water. We love you so much and we also pray for you and your families to stay safe from the current Corona disease. We stand by prayer with you, for the Lord God be merciful to you during this hard time.”- Tilinte

Mr. Tilinte is thirty-two years old and lives in Ethiopia. He is a farmer, father of five children, and the Secretary of the Laga Mosa community water committee.



“I had a serious stomach ache before using this new well. My father took me to the hospital several times. But now I am safe. I don't have to spend hours walking to collect water. I have time to study and attend school properly now.” - Geneti

Geneti is twelve years old and is studying hard in the 6th grade.





★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

March Anniversaries

06 Chuck & Kathy Sorenson
08 Arlene & Vincent Lange
21 Bev & Chuck Wolff
29 Cathy & Larry Johnson
31 Jo & Lauren Coyle

April Anniversaries

06 Jerry & Linda Aune
07 Carol & Jim Magruder
09 Carole & Dave Kangas
14 Barbara & Ed Puder
14 Garry & Shirley Rhoades
20 Katie & Marvin Leer
21 Jeff & Marcy Shoemaker

May Anniversaries

10 CB & Jerry Shields
23 Jerry & Mary Kachur

March Birthdays

07 Chuck Sorenson
10 Zoe Gray
11 Bob Bradshaw
11 Mike Shull
15 Marian Johnson
16 Norma Aspegren
18 Shirley Rhoades
20 Lauren Coyle
20 Lou Vitek
22 Rodger Olson
23 Dave Kangas
25 Linda Kirchhoff
26 Julie Knutson
28 Priscilla Christensen
29 Derald Christensen
29 Marilyn Garnett

April Birthdays

04 Barbara Puder
05 David Steiner
06 Richard Chandler
11 Julia Cruse
11 Gerald Lamson

14 Samantha Mize
16 Joe Moore
24 Don Rilley
26 Rod Karg
27 Erbey Gonzales
27 Larry Johnson
29 Alan Bonsen

May Birthdays

07 Linda Aune
08 Dick Nelson
09 Ross Rounds
10 Sharon Newcomer
13 Harold Buland
13 Jo Coyle
14 Bev Wolff
19 Marvin Leer
24 Jerry Kachur
28 Mary Kachur
29 Gail Pierce
30 Jerry Aune
30 Don Van Deest
31 Adeline Olson
31 Kathy Sornson

New Born Knitted Hat

**USE 4 PLY OR BABY YARN Size 8
Knitting Needles**

Cast on 52 stitches: work in K2P2 pattern until piece is 7 inches long.

Decrease rows: K2 together, P2 together across (until 26 stitches remaining).

K2 together across (until 13 stitches remaining)

Purl across one row.

Cut yarn, leaving an 18 inch tail. Draw yard through stitches and remove from needles.

**Pull tight and sew seam. THE END!
(You can turn up and make a tiny cuff, optional)**

***if you want a larger size, use a#10 needles. ** this goes fast and easy**

Leola (Mrs. Paul) Anderson

Anyone in need of a prayer shawl or prayer square contact Betty Bentson at 956 968-2394-H or 701 371-6631-c or call the church office 956 447-1337.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the people who make the shawls and prayer squares!

Knapp Hospital likes to send their new mothers home with knit hats and/or baby blankets. Leola Anderson has kindly provided baby hat knitting directions to the left. Carolyn Buswell is willing to hold a knitting class here in our Fellowship Hall if anyone is interested in one-on-one instructions. Please contact Julie at the office and we can set up a time and day for a socially distanced, mask wearing knitting class!

Easter is a promise that God gave to you, a promise of eternal life, a season of renewal. As the scent of roses fills the air, and blue jays sweetly sing, remember that God is with you and guiding you this spring. For he sowed that he will always be there, to wrap you in his arms when you need his care. He has faith in you, and his heart shall ever be true, no matter what you say or do. Even should you stumble or fall, God will lend you a hand to help you stand tall.



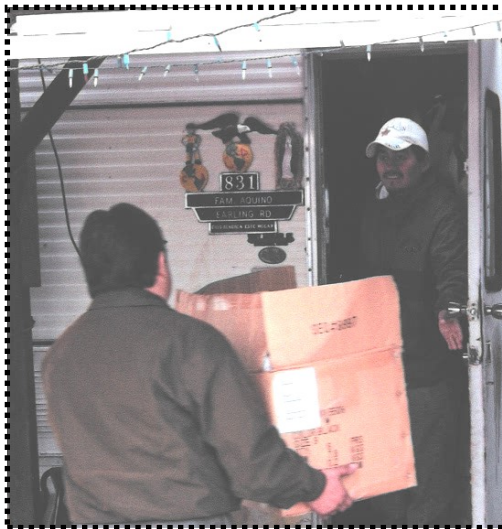
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Sorting Clothes

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'
Matthew 25: 34- 40

After few months in New York, I am now back in Texas. I just thought I left the ice and snow behind, But the forecast is telling me a



different story. The next few days are supposed to be the coldest Texas has experienced in several years. In

fact, I may experience a little snow and ice right here in Georgetown. Oh, my! Now I love cold weather, but I was hoping for warmer weather for a while so I could do some work in the yard. Now it will have to wait. So I guess, I will be working in the

house, starting with those things I have left undone because I have not been able



face them for over a year. God has a way of nudging me to do those things I don't want to do. This time the task at hand is sorting, packing and giving away good clothing that someone else may desperately need. Anyone who has had to do this knows it is not a fun thing to do. Many loving memories flood my brain and my heart with each shirt I fold and place in a box. Yet, I know he would not want his clothes to rot in a closet or in a trunk because of my selfishness but would be pleased to see them worn by someone who has no clothes, no coat, no shoes. So silently, I pack each article of clothing with love so that someone else may be clothed and warm this winter.

PRAYER: This is so difficult as my heart aches and breaks with each piece of clothing I put in a box today, Dear Lord. Give me strength to do what is needed so someone else may stay warm in the cold days ahead. And give me courage to do what is necessary so that others may enjoy wearing "new" clothes. Amen.

Pastor Barbara Beale serves as synod liaison and chaplain to the Southwestern Texas Synodical Women's Organization. She offers these devotions twice monthly.



Please feel free to share with your community

How to Delete Your Old Online Accounts (and Why You Should)

You've probably signed up for a lot of online services that you no longer use. Most of those accounts probably still exist, and they likely contain a mix of your personal data, identity details, and credit card numbers. Don't leave juicy targets lying around for attackers.

Why You Should Close Those Old Accounts

We live in an age when data breaches are common.

What happens if a service is breached and leaks all the personal data you've uploaded to it? What happens if a developer goes rogue and abuses saved credit card numbers, spams you, or sells their service to a company that will?

If you reuse passwords, a password leak at one site means that attackers can get access to your accounts at other sites. Even assuming that you don't reuse passwords, the personal data associated with your old, unused account could still give attackers answers to your security questions on other websites.

To protect your privacy, it's a smart idea to remove your private data from services you no longer use. You can do this by closing those outdated accounts rather than leaving them dormant.

How to Find Your Old Accounts

Step one is finding those old accounts. Here are several tips that can help you find them:

Look in Your Password Manager: If you use a password manager to keep track of all your login details, your password manager will effectively be a database of all the accounts you have open. Even if you use your browser's built-in password manager, it may remember many of your accounts. Look through the list of saved logins for accounts you no longer use.

· **Search Your Email:** If you search your email for "welcome," "verify," "your account," "free trial," and similar phrases found in the "Welcome" emails that many services send, you might discover quite a few old accounts you've forgotten about.

Check Facebook, Google, or Twitter:

Many services let you "sign in" with Facebook, Google, and Twitter accounts to create an account. If you've used this feature, check your list of apps connected to your account. Bear in mind that you can't just "disconnect" the connection to clear your data. This won't make the other service actually delete your account.

Visit Have I Been Pwned?: This service shows you which leaks your email address has been a part of. It might remind you of some old accounts—and it'll show you which publicly available leaks have already contained your data.

How to Delete Your Old Accounts

Now you've got one or more accounts you want to delete. Actually deleting the account (s) should be the easy part—but unfortunately, it often isn't.

Here are some tips for finding out how to actually delete an account:

Search for the name of the website or service and "delete account" using a web search engine like Google or DuckDuckGo.

Check JustDelete.me, which offers a convenient database with instructions for deleting a wide variety of online accounts.

- Visit the website's support website and look for information on deleting accounts. You may also want to check the website's privacy policy for specific details about when the company deletes data and how you can request deletion.
- Contact the website's support and ask to delete the account.

In some cases, you might try to sign in to an account and notice that the service automatically deleted your old account for inactivity—or the service may no longer exist.

Unfortunately, some services provide no way to delete your old accounts.

What If You Can't Delete an Account?

If you can't delete an account, there are things you can do to protect your private

How to Delete Your Old Online Accounts (and Why You Should) continued

data. Sign in to the account and follow these tips:

- Remove any saved financial and payment information, such as saved credit card numbers that make it easy for anyone with access to the account to make purchases.
- Delete any private data you have stored in the app. For example, if you have an old account in a note-taking app, to-do app, or calendar service, you'll want to delete those old notes, tasks, and calendar events. (Remember to export and download anything you want to keep before deleting it.)
- Clear saved personal identification details like your name, birthday, shipping address, and other details in the account's settings.

If you remove all the personal data you can from the account, attackers won't be able to get much data in a breach.

Try Anonymizing Accounts You Can't Delete

After an account is empty of all your other personal information, consider "anonymizing" the account by changing the email address and other personal information to something random and meaningless.

For example, perhaps you have an account with the name "Sarah" and the email address sarah@example.com. You could change the name to "Jake" along with a meaningless email address—perhaps something drawn from an anonymous email service like [Mailinator](#).

Now, instead of an empty account tied to your name and email address, there's just an empty account tied to a fake name and email address.

Just think of what would happen if the website's user database leaked: Attackers would just get a fake name, a fake email address, a fake birthday, and so on. That's all useless information.

Assuming you've erased all your other per-

sonal details, this can be almost as good as deleting the account. Sometimes, it's all you can do.

Think Twice Before Signing up In the Future

We'll be honest: Once you start really trying to delete those accounts, it's surprising how many are difficult or impossible to delete. If you've been online for a few decades, it's very possible you have hundreds of old accounts that you never use these days.

Consider being more selective about what accounts you create in the future. In the future, before you sign up for an account, you might want to consider whether it's actually worth the trouble. Do you really want to give that service your data?

Even if you just sign up for half as many accounts going forward, that will reduce your privacy "attack surface"—there are fewer sources through which your personal information could be compromised.

Written by Chris Hoffman

Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing.

The first one to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it is heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts, and the ball makes it to the green.

Jesus gets up to swing, cranks it out, and it is headed for the water hazard. Jesus closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on the green two feet from the hole.

The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going to drop directly into the water. A fish jumps from the water hazard swallowing the ball, as an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the eagle, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one. Jesus looks at Moses and says, "I really think I'm leaving Dad at home next time!"



In the last year as the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together in hope for the time when we “will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes” (Revelation 7:16-17). This very yearning is at the heart of who we are as church together. Yet our longing has never led to inertia or despair, despite the discouraging forecasts. We are an Easter people, ever journeying toward the cross but trusting in faith that God’s story does not end on that hill. This Lent, you’re invited to join together with fellow supporters to pledge to work to end hunger during ELCA World Hunger’s 40 Days of Giving. Your support is critical to help people around the world who face hunger and poverty. We invite you to study, pray, reflect and give with us during ELCA World Hunger’s 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

Visit ELCA.org/40Days to get started today

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that fight hunger and poverty in more than 60 countries around the world, including the United States.

Will you help with your gift today?

YES! I would like to support ELCA World Hunger (WHG0038)

I have enclosed my gift of \$100

I have enclosed my gift of \$250

Other \$ _____

MAIL: Make your check payable to “ELCA World Hunger” and write “40 Days of Giving” on your check’s memo line.

Place your gift in your congregation’s offering plate or mail it to:

ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

ONLINE: ELCA.org/40Days

PHONE: 800-638-3522

Aurora House Wish List



Foods Grocery Store Gift Card *Fresh Fruits/Seasonal Fruits *Fresh Vegetables Frozen Juices Butter/ Margarine

Lawn Maintenance 30W motor oil (5)
2 Cycle Weed Eater Oil Weed Eater
String: 80 or 90 gauge Lawn Mower Gift Cards for gas for Lawn Mower Home Improvement Gift Cards

Office Supplies And Equipment: Colored Copier Paper 8½ X 11 *Copier Paper 8½ X 11
Pocket Folders Small sticky notes Plastic File Boxes *Manila Folders Dividers Highlighters Binders with plastic cover in front

Household Plastic Cups Foam Cups 8 oz. Antibacterial hand Soap Hand Sanitizer Laundry Detergent (HE Only) Foil Paper Parchment Paper Plastic Coffee filters *Garbage bags- 13-gal/ 30 gallons *Freezer bags gallon sizes *Ziplocs 1 gallon & 1 quart *Paper Towels *Toilet Tissue Air Freshener (sprays) – all aromas Light Bulbs Kleenex Windex Disinfectant wipes Adult size wipes Latex Free Nitrile gloves Medium *Clorox Floor Cleaners (Faboloso/Pine Sol) Powder Cleaner (Ajax)

*Milk *Eggs Instant Tea (sweet & unsweetened) Tea bags Coffee mate *Coffee: regular & decaf Soft Drinks: all flavors Lemonade Mix Bread Lunch meat Artificial Sweetener Sugar Substitutes Sugar *Oatmeal Potatoes *Rice *Pinto Beans *Lentils Olive Oil Vegetable Oil Cooking Spray Red Wine Vinegar Rice Vinegar Bread Crumbs Garlic Powder Garlic Salt Crackers Flour Cake Mix Frostings Mayonnaise Pancake Mix Pancake Syrup Honey Peanut Butter Jam/Jelly

Kitchen Napkins *Latex Free and Powder Free Gloves small Dish Soap

Meats Fish Beef Poultry Prepared Casseroles

Due to Health Regulations, we cannot accept the following: any opened items such as: packages of meat, medications, opened/expired bottles, boxes, canned food, cereal, rice, etc. ***We use a lot**

Aurora House Foundation is asking for donations.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, a matching gift of up to \$150,000 will be donated to Aurora House to help us continue to provide compassionate care for those in our community who need it most. They will match up to \$150,000 donation from individual donors. We are challenging our friends, family, and supporters, to help us do something amazing and reach our goal! We cherish every donation* and work hard to ensure every dollar is put to work providing compassionate care to our residents. But we need your help!

It all begins TODAY! (Matching ends December 2021) Every dollar you donate will be matched dollar-for-dollar, doubling your donation and doing twice as much good! If you donate \$10 your donation instantly becomes \$20! If you donate \$500 your donation will become \$1,000!!

Become a Compassionate Care GEM today and sign up for monthly donations!

Website: www.aurorahouse.org/aurora-house-monthly-pledge-drive/

Mail to: Aurora House P.O. Box 976 Weslaco Texas, 78599

Call: 956-973-9690

Did you know? The CARES Act allows for up to \$300 per taxpayer (\$600 for a married couple) in an above-the-line deduction for charitable gifts made in 2020 and claimed on taxes in 2021 and each year thereafter (this is not limited to only 2020). This means that you can lower your income tax bill by giving to Aurora House even if you take the standard deduction on your taxes. Please talk with your accountant to learn more.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



**Council
Meeting
March
11th**

2:00 PM

**Fellowship
Hall**



Here is Dottie Martins new Address:

**Cedarhurst of Yorkville
4040 Cannonball Trail #18
Yorkville, IL 60560**

Love of Christ Lutheran Church

914 W Third Street

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Corner of Border & Third Street

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Social Ministries & Outreach – Open Position