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LOOKING UP

REACHING OUT

GATHERING IN

The Season of Lent is over. We have observed a meaningful Holy Week and concluded that with a wonderful celebration on Easter morning. Now we have moved into the lengthy Easter season which will last until the Day of Pentecost. I want once again to express my appreciation to everyone who took part in making each of the Holy Week services so meaningful.

While we normally follow our three-year cycle of readings each Sunday morning, during the Easter season we get to read from John's Gospel each week and we focus on Luke's writing on the Acts of the Apostles and the Book of the Revelation in place of the Old Testament reading and one of the Epistles. It's always good to hear from the word of John and we have that opportunity during the Easter season at this time each year.

We will close out the month of April with many of you attending the ordination of Nathan Webb to the diaconate. Nathan has just finished his seminary work by completing his studies in clinical ministry at the State Hospital in Terrell. While he was there this past year, he served at Good Shepherd Church in Terrell where he assisted and preached on a regular basis. He is now being ordained as a deacon which is his next step leading to his ordination to the priesthood this coming fall. At this writing, we are not sure about the timetable, however we anticipate that Deacon Webb and his wife, Kristiane will be coming to St. James in the near future where the deacon and I will begin to work together as he further prepares himself for the priesthood.

The Webb's will be visiting with us on the 8th so be sure to be here in order to get acquainted. The couple is expecting their first child sometime in August and we will share in their joy when the big day arrives.

Remember that God loves you and so do I,

JDM+

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

9 th	Eden Antonisse	19 th	Elex & Judy Evans
10 th	Jack Lambert	20 th	Terry Keller
15 th	Doyal & Rita Files	25 th	Jim & Bonnie Dill
17 th	Bruce & Dot Irwin	31 st	Tina Wage

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

- 1st Visit by Canon Christopher Brown...T.E.A.C.H. on the Daily Offices
- 2nd MAGS luncheon at the Methodist Church at noon.
- 4th Wednesday study group at 11:00 and Noon mass
- 5th Commission on Ministry at 9:00
- 6th Hungry Bunch to meet at the Triple N Ranch at **5:30** in Trinidad
- 8th Mother's Day''...T.E.A.C.H on the Church calendar and the liturgical year
- 11th Study group at 11:00...Vestry at 4:00...Evening Prayer. at 6:00
- 15th T.E.A.C.H. following coffee hour...The Creeds
- 18th Wednesday study group at 11:00 and Noon mass
- 22nd Visit by the Gideons...T.E.A.C.H...following coffee hour...The Bible
- 25th Wednesday study group at 11:00 and Noon mass
- 29th T.E.A.C.H. following coffee hour ...The Church....DOK afterwards

T.E.A.C.H.

We are continuing with our current study of the Practices and Beliefs of the Church. Upcoming sessions will include discussions on ordination, the daily offices, the Church calendar, Holy Week and Easter, and the burial office. Future lessons will cover the topics of the Creeds, the Bible, prayer, the Church and the structure and governance of the Church. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn more about your church or to review those things that may have been forgotten.

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP

Our Wednesday group starting up again and we are looking at J. John's book *The Life, a Portrait of Jesus*. We just completed our introductory session and will be looking into the religious background, the powers, politics, and the pressures that Jesus faced during his time here on earth. Then we will look at his birth and the beginnings of his early ministry. We will study his later ministry and his followers and friends. We will round out the month with a study of his miracles and his teachings. Come each Wednesday at 11:00 and be a part of our fellowship and study.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES

Date	DOK	Greeter	Altar	Acolyte	Prayer
1st	Gail	Terry & Susan	Carol & Kelley	Sandy	Marian
8 th	Marian	Ray & Marian	Sandy & Tina	Carol	Mike
15 th	Sunny	Deana & Gail	DeLois & Claire	Mike	Kelley
22 nd	Willene	Jeff & Kitty	Barbara & Sunny	Kelley	Tina
29 th	Tina	Bob & Annette	Susan & Kitty	Sandy	Paul

MINISTRIES, cont.

Date	Lessons	Coffee	Chalice	Organ
1 st	Annette	Barbara & Lorna	Tina & Kelley	Linda
8 th	Marian	Deana & Gail	Mike & Tina	Bonnie
15 th	Ray	Nancy & Carol	Tina & Paul	Linda
22 nd	Claire	Annette & Sunny	Kelley & Gail	Bonnie
29 th	Sunny	Carroll & Bonnie	Gail & Mike	Linda

Please remember that if you cannot serve on your scheduled date, **you need to make sure you have a replacement** and mark the change on the bulletin board schedule