



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LAMPASAS, TEXAS

OPEN TO ALL LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS SERVING OTHERS

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THE MESSENGER

July 1, 2015

EDITOR'S NOTE

We apologize for the fact that we did not have a Messenger in May and have missed June as well. But, we are back and ready to try again. We hope you won't give up on us and in fact we are still desperately seeking anyone who would like to contribute an article and/or photos. Though St. Mary's is small, we are active, and we would like to share with all of our members so brush up your skills and submit to our email at office@ourstmarys.org

Just a reminder: Vestry minutes are posted on the website at www.ourstmarys.org. These include the vestry's meeting with Bishop Doyle in April. Take a look.

PRIEST'S CORNER

Note from Rev. Susie

Every time there is a tragic event in the news, I, like other religious leaders, struggle to speak about the event and what it means for our congregation. I hope to respond in a way that enables us to grieve and grow and respond faithfully to our calling as God's body in the world. The deaths of 9 African American Christians, in worship and study together at church, who died in an irrational act of hatred, brings closer to us the threat that Christians often live under in other parts of the world. It also highlights painfully, how irrationally hostile some tortured individuals can be. Our brothers and sisters in Christ suffer at times in ways that we do not realize, both here in this country and in other parts of the world.

We tend to assume that we can worship in safety in the U.S. As we move toward the 4th of July, and the celebration of our independence of a nation, the freedom to worship God as we wish is a precious thing. Please pray for the church in the world. For those who must worship in secret, for those who are all too familiar with being martyrs, for those whom practicing their faith puts them in conflict with the law of the land.

Happy 4th of July, "one nation, under God, with liberty and Justice for all"

Faithfully,

Susie+

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gospel and Barbecue at Spring Ho

Our Choir is singing at Gospel night, July 8th, at 7 p.m. at the Eakin Outdoor Theater! This is an event not to miss, a wonderful opportunity to hear wonderful worshipful music, from the variety of traditions represented in the Lampasas community. Be sure to put this date on your calendar, and stay for the fireworks afterwards!

The St. Mary's Back Pew Boys are also competing in the Barbecue cook off. (J.R. McBryde and Brian Williams, in particular.). Come brave the heat and give them your support. St. Mary's has great taste! (Bunny can you supply the date and time?)

Shepherd Sunday in July

Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite appetizers, on Sunday July 5, starting between the services, at 9:00 a.m! We'll have a friendly competition, and vote for the one we like the best!

Godly Play begins at 9:15, with the lesson being taught by Libby Bluntzer, and Janna Hammett as the Door Person.

Hot Dogs and Ice Cream Sundaes will also be served after the 10:00 service, at 11:30, to celebrate the 4th of July weekend together!