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POLITICS AND RELIGION

I don't know about you, but I am saturated with information concerning the candidates that are running for office! Without being partisan, I can tell you that my father was a rancher and believed in a political system that protected the majority of Americans who worked hard. That was pounded into his childrens' heads around the dinner table frequently.

I believe times have changed somewhat but I still cling to those bits of advice from my father that ring in my ears every election year. Essentially what he was saying is that you should **vote from your heart** and when he said that he also meant you need to consider your Christian beliefs. I am perplexed at times to determine which direction I should go because there is just too much information to digest. I respect our Pastor so much as he talks lightly about campaign rhetoric and yet never divulges his own personal partisanship. He always adds guidance for us that can help us make decisions from our hearts. I SALUTE YOU, PASTOR ST. CLAIR!

ODDS AND ENDS

I haven't given you an update on my husband, Ed Palmer, for some time and since I am the type of person who does not talk about his health unless I am asked, I will give you the latest.....He is facing two surgeries - one for a thoracic aneurysm that was discovered about a month ago on a routine chest x-ray (surgery scheduled on October 18th) and the second surgery for an implant procedure that will put spasm relief medication directly into the affected areas rather than the entire body. We are very blessed to be considered for this very costly procedure because medically the physicians feel it will benefit him a great deal. We thank the Lord for this opportunity and ask for your prevailing prayers during these times. We love our church family!

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2012

Sunday Worship (Traditional) at 9AM and (Joy & Grace) at 11AM. Sunday School at 10:10AM and Adult conversation at 10:15AM

Blessing of the Animals	Oct 7, 3pm
Outreach Meeting	Oct 7, 12:15pm
Education Meeting	Oct 9, 7pm
Church Council Meeting	Oct 14, 12:15pm
Worship Meeting	Oct 21, 12:15pm
Property Meeting	Oct 23, 7pm

Set Up for Craft Fair	Oct 26, 1pm
Craft Fair	Oct 27, 9am-3pm

Trunk or Treat	Oct 28, 4pm
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Blessing Corner for October: Child Crisis Center

So as we go to the polls this year, let me just urge you to vote from your heart. Avoid saying, "Which candidate can help ME the most?" Rather, consider which candidate can help you and the country we love!

JUST GET OUT AND VOTE!

Joyce Palmer, The Editor

Church Family Features The Ronnie Lee Family

Ronnie and Jessica are both “Army brats” or in clear terms, born into families of career Army people. Ronnie grew up primarily in Ohio. Jessica, on the other hand, was born at Ft Hood, Texas and at age 9, her family moved to Germany. She spent her “growing-up years” in a small German community. She met her first husband with whom she had two girls, now ages 8 and 9. After their divorce, she joined the Army and her Mom cared for her girls during her initial training. Her Mom became ill and Jessica was released from active duty to care for her and her children.

It was then in Germany that she met Ronnie who was serving as an MP in Heidelberg. After a relatively short courtship, they decided to make a life together and Jessica and her two daughters moved to Florida and stayed with Ron’s parents until Ron was reassigned to Ft Bliss. Jessica was now 8 months pregnant but that did not deter her from traveling by bus with her two little girls to Ft Bliss where Ronnie had an apartment waiting for them. Their third daughter, Samantha was born at William Beaumont AMC on May 10, 2010. It was then, that The Lees



were invited to come to New Hope with their new friends, the Pryors. They fell in love with their new church home and their church family. Through church family, doors were opened to them with the opportunity of a new home in East El Paso.

On June 21st, 2011, their miracle baby, Juliana, was born at 30 weeks. Powerful prayer and visits from church friends and the Pastor brought baby Juliana home after she had spent 5 weeks in the ICU. Now all 4 children have been baptized and the family continues to serve and love their church home! Welcome from all of us and may all of you grow in God’s Grace and Love!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Malaria Campaign

Between our congregation and our Vacation Bible School kids, we have raised \$583 plus an additional \$194 from the El Paso Chapter of Thrivent Financial For Lutherans “care in communities” account for a total gift of \$777 toward the ELCA Malaria Campaign! These funds will be used to provide mosquito nets which will prevent the spread of malaria. Thanks to New Hope’s Thrivent members for organizing the partnership and to all in the congregation who generously contributed in a special offering!

ADULT RETREAT

Below is a photo of some of the attendees at the Adult Retreat conducted by Pastor Jeff St. Clair on Saturday, September 25th.

A total of 35 people listened to Pastor’s guidance on the topic of “Faith” and actively joined in dialogue and personal accounts of their experience with faith. It was a great time for fellowship and food which is always a highlight! Special thanks to Genon DeVaney and Karen Miller for all the work they put into this production!

