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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Cindy Terrell

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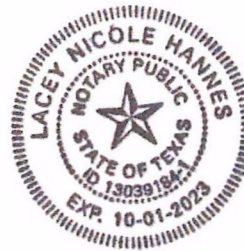
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of December, 2020,  
to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Lacey N. Hannes  
Print or Type Name of Notary Public

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# The Bread of Christmas

by Pastor Steve Ellison

From Genesis to Micah, Bethlehem appears often on the pages of the Old Testament. We first learn of Bethlehem in Genesis

47 where we are told of the burial of Rachel, Jacob's beloved wife. The book of Ruth tells us that Bethlehem is the setting for perhaps the most beautiful love story ever

told. That story begins with a touch of irony. The name Bethlehem means "House of Bread". In the very first paragraph, we are told that a certain man left the "House

of Bread" in search of bread.

This love story results in the birth of David who will grow up in Bethlehem. Later as David was fleeing from the unjust wrath of King Saul, he had such a craving for a drink from the well at Bethlehem that three of his most valiant warriors risked their lives just to bring David water from the Bethlehem well. The most significant Old Testament mention of Bethlehem is found in Micah 5:2 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity." (NASU) Who can predict the place of his own birth? Only the Christ, that is who. Matthew 2 and Luke 2 both verify that Christ was indeed born in Bethlehem. Matthew 2:6 confirms that Micah 5:2 correctly predicted the birthplace of the Messiah.

After Jesus miraculously fed the five thousand, the people began to question Him which presented Him an opportunity to reveal great spiritual truth. John 6:30-35 states, So they said to Him, "What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? 31 "Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.'" 32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. 33 "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. (NASU)

So, the very first Christmas gift was the Bread of Life being born in the House

of Bread. God has such a wonderful sense of the dramatic. His use of irony helps us to understand marvelous spiritual truths. The Bread of Life was born in the House of Bread and laid in a feeding trough. As you read and hear the story of Christ's birth during this Christmas season, please dedicate some time to reflecting on what it means for Christ to be the Bread coming down out of heaven to be the Bread of Life for all who believe. You must see Him through eyes of faith now. When you die or He returns, you will see Him as He is. That will be seeing Him in reality. There will be no room for faith then. Oh, you will believe but not through faith. Faith is for here and now. A Christmas gift has been offered to you. If you are to receive this Bread of Life which will satisfy all your hungers, you must receive Him by faith in this life. Won't you trust Him now? Merry Christmas, feasting on the Bread of Life!

THE SILOS ON 77 PRESENTS

## NEW YEARS EVE 2021 party




**EMOTIONS**

**7:30PM - 12:30AM**

1031 CR 223, Giddings, Texas 779-589-4949  
www.the-silos.com  
RV's welcomed. No Hookups. Kitchen Open.

DOORS OPEN @ 6:30PM  
RESERVED TABLE SEATING  
AND GENERAL ADMISSION  
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## The Truth

by Rev. David Fischer

Here are two things which I believe.

(1) Everyone wants someone to love them, really love them, as they are and without conditions.

(2) Only one religion offers that: Christianity. Christianity declares that God loved us, so much, that He sent a person to prove it. Jesus Christ was that person. Here is the proof.

Mark 10:21 says that a rich, young ruler came to Jesus seeking help. He told

Jesus all of the things that he had been trying in order to feel closer to God and better about himself. When he finished talking, the Bible says, about Jesus, "he looked at the young man and loved him". Note. Jesus had never seen this person before. He knew nothing about him except what he had just shared. And yet, he loved him.

Put that in your heart. Jesus loves you, long before you can tell Him all of the bad things about you, all of the reasons that you are unlovable. He loves you anyway. Upfront and free.

Other religions may give you rules and instructions, pathways to being a better person and thus more acceptable to God. Christianity begins the conversation at the point of our deepest needs. Unconditional love and acceptance. Note again. Jesus did not promise the man that he would never again face difficulties. Jesus did not tell him that life would be fair or that he would get everything he wanted. And that is why I am glad to say to one and all, and get all of the things out

of the way that kept the man from closeness to God and others. Sadly, we often do the same. Not trusting love, we seek something else hoping that will feel the void inside. It never works.

I have been married, this time, for almost fifteen years and I have tried, foolishly, to get her to do the things I wanted her to do when I wanted her to do them. It never worked. When I finally gave up and just loved her, suddenly everything was mine and I had the love that I wanted. Not because I demanded it, but because I first loved.

That was what Jesus was saying. Start with love. The rest will take care of itself. But, start somewhere else and you will always be empty, missing what you really want. So, let's try it. Start with this simple affirmation. Jesus loves you. He just loves you. As you are. Here. Now. There is nothing you must do to be acceptable. You already are. The love you want is already yours.

And that is why I am a Christian. And that is why I try to be more loving. It is the only thing that really works. And that is why I am glad to say to one and all, "Merry Christmas!"

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### Notice for Publication

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO AMEND A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER UTILITY SERVICE IN LEE AND WILLIAMSON COUNTIES, TEXAS

Manville Water Supply Corporation has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11144 for the provision of retail Water utility service in Lee and Williamson Counties.

The requested area overlaps the district boundaries of the Brazos River Authority and Lower Colorado River Authority. If Brazos River Authority and Lower Colorado River Authority does not request a public hearing, the Commission shall determine that the district is consenting to the Manville Water Supply Corporation's request to provide retail Water utility service in the requested area.

The requested area is located approximately 4.5 miles northeast of downtown Elgin, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by CR 491; on the east by County Road 304; on the south by FM 696; and on the west by intersection of N. County Line and CR 463. The total requested area includes approximately 9.322 acres and 54 current customers.

A copy of the map showing the requested area is available at: 13805 South SH 95 Coupland, TX 78615

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is (50 days from the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later, unless otherwise provided by the presiding officer). You must send a letter requesting intervention to the commission which is received by that date. The letter must include the person's name, address, email address and fax number if applicable.

If a valid public hearing is requested, the Commission will forward the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for a final decision. An evidentiary hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

A landowner with a tract of land at least 25 acres or more, that is partially or wholly located within the requested area, may file a written request with the Commission to be excluded from the requested area ("opt out") within (30) days from the date that notice was provided by the Utility. All opt out requests must include a large-scale map, a metes and bounds description of the landowner's tract of land, landowner's name, address, email address and fax number, if applicable.

Persons who wish to request this option should file the required documents with the:

Public Utility Commission of Texas  
Central Records  
1701 N. Congress P.O. Box 13326  
Austin, TX 78711-3326

In addition, the landowner must also send a copy of the opt out request to the Utility. Staff may request additional information regarding your request.

Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-888-782-8477.

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## Church Briefs

can be submitted to the

Leader via email.

Send them to

editor@lexingtonleader.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Fedor & St. James Lutheran Church, Lexington (LCMS)  
Welcome You! (trinity-stjames.org)



John the Baptist was called by God to prepare the Lord's way. He confessed of Jesus, as we are to also: "See, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) John bore witness that Jesus is the Son of God. (See John 1:34) His message was: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is here." (Matthew 3:2) Yes, repent! Turn from your sins in contrition and sorrow to your Savior, Jesus, in gladness and joy! Believe in Jesus; God the Father gives you the Kingdom in Him!

Come worship the Lord with us

1) Drive-in (9:33 PM) in-sanctuary worship service at Holy Trinity, 8:30 AM

2) In-sanctuary service at St. James, 10:30 AM

3) Online at: trinity-stjames.org/at\_home\_worship