

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church  
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Meyersville, Texas 77974-4143  
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**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church  
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**CONTACT US**

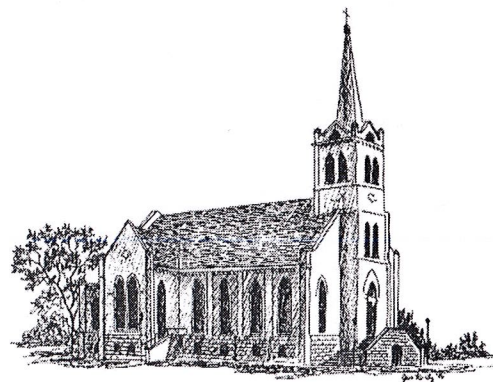
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Ministers - The People of St. John  
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor  
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

**WORSHIP**

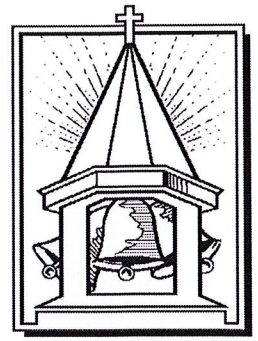
Sunday School for All Ages      9:00 a.m.  
Worship      10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion celebrated on the first and third Sunday of each month.



**THE CHURCH BELL**  
**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)**

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Greetings,

There are three special days in May. The first May 8th which is Mother's day. It is a day that we celebrate the mothers in our lives. It is an opportunity for us to show our appreciation for all they have done for us. Out of respect for the mothers our hymns on this Sunday will be picked by the mothers. So ladies, be thinking about what hymn you would like to hear on your special day.

The second is May 15th which is the day of Pentecost, and also confirmation Sunday. This year we will be confirming six of our youth who have completed the two year course. They are, Mackenzie Blain, Michele Motley, Seth Wendel, Mason Nagel, Brooke Wendel, and Alyssa Blain. It will be their first communion and therefore we will have Altar Communion instead of station communion that we usually have on the third Sunday. Please plan on being here on this Sunday to show our support for our newest confirmands.

The third special Sunday in May is May 29<sup>th</sup>. It is Memorial Day Weekend and we will be having a special service honoring our veterans.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday remembering the people who died while serving in our country's armed forces. Memorial Day originated as Decoration Day after the American Civil War in 1868. It was originally established as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century it was changed to Memorial Day and was established to be celebrated on the last Monday in May.

While Memorial Day is to recognize those who gave their lives in service of their country we at St. John will expand it to also recognize our living veterans who have served as well as those who are still in service of their country.

We should recognize and respect our veterans every day, but Memorial Day will be a special day. Our entire service will be dedicated to the recognition of our veterans. Please join us in recognizing them and showing our appreciation and respect for their service. I encourage you to invite people to join us on this special day.

God's blessings  
Pastor John

**If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (361/277-8653) or Pastor John Boor at the parsonage (361/275-9895) or on his cell (361/243-0373).** Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is seriously ill please call.



Ding-a-ling  
Corner



"You used to be a real estate agent. Can you find me a cloud with hardwood floors and more closet space?"



**STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2016**

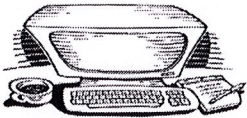
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	2	0	2	0									4
Adult	0	0	0	0									0
<b>Total Baptisms</b>	2	0	2	0									4
Confirmations	0	0	0	0									0
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0										0
Non-Members	0	0	1										1
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	1									1
Non-Members	0	0	0										0
Counseling Sessions	3	4	7										14
Transfer Out	0	0	0										0
Transfer In	0	5	0										5
Home Visits	7	6	6										19
Hospital Visits													
Members	4	0	0										4
Non-Members	1	0	0										1
Private Communion													
Members	5	6	6										17
Non-Members	34	32	37										103
<b>PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME</b>													
Release of Membership	0	0	0										0
Restore to Membership	0	0	0										0

# ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor 275-9895 (Cell) 243-0373  
Council President - Marvin Sager 275-6029  
Vice President - Obert Sagebiel 275-5087  
Secretary - Mitchell Jank 575-6816  
Treasurer - M'Liss Moore 275-8069  
Financial Secretary - Tammy Blain 935-7751

Parish Education - Kathy Dunn 277-9592  
Mission/Evangelism - Linda Ruschhaupt 275-2059  
Property Team - Dickie Bettge 277-3096  
Finance Team - Glenn Ruschhaupt 275-2059  
Parish Life Team - Terri Jank 575-6816  
Worship Team - Johnny Jank 575-6813



Notes from the Church Secretary

New office hours will be Tuesday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please see bulletins for any changes.

### ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES

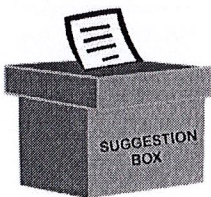
*Please* notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

If any elderly person, or youth, needs a ride to Church or youth events, please notify the pastor so arrangements can be made to accommodate these needs.



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the June 2016 Church Bell is Friday, May 20, 2016 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to [stjohnevlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnevlutheran@juno.com). Thanks!



### Do you have an idea?

Is there something at the church that you think needs fixing or changing? The Church Council and Committee Members would like to have your input. Please

feel free to use the 'suggestion box' in the Narthex to pass on your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Remember, this is your church and your opinion matters. We are eager to hear from you!

### ATTENTION ACOLYTES

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming months!

### PRAYER REQUESTS:



If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (275-5979).

*We keep the family of Bobby Fagg in our prayers. May God comfort this family at their time of loss.*



### Our Military and their families:

Nicholas Jacobs - deployed to Afghanistan  
Russell Copeland - Reserves  
John Otto - USMC, Cuba  
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, USS Philippines  
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy



### Please Pray For:

Lisa Kincart  
Adam Womble  
Nate Boehl  
Crayton Rains- Surgery scheduled for May 6th

**Homebound:** Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg and Bette Jo Haun

Prayer requests cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

## Mission of the Month of May:



### **Transfiguration Lutheran Church** **Mission Statement**

Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Garland, Texas was a "synodically authorized worshipping community" of the ELCA. Its pastor was Rev. Pedro Portillo. It was worshipping in an ELCA congregation's building and worship was between 100 – 140 people.

The congregation and Pastor Portillo became more and more concerned about the directions of the ELCA. They began exploring joining the NALC and began to take steps to do so. The ELCA bishop in north Texas responded by kicking them out of the ELCA. He said that Transfiguration was no longer an authorized community, Pastor Portillo was no longer a pastor, and they could no longer worship at the place they had been worshipping. (The bishop actually had people in the parking lot to be sure that they couldn't return.) Transfiguration was being supported by the ELCA for \$48,000 a year, and those funds were immediately canceled.

Transfiguration is now in the process of joining the NALC. They have decided to continue to worship and minister; in fact they are using this as an opportunity to expand their worship life. They have met in a variety of places. At the moment they are meeting in a funeral home in Irving, a home in Garland, and an old warehouse in Oak Cliff. It has been a tremendous amount of work to continue to worship, but the congregation has actually grown in all of this. They are continuing their work and are actually looking at becoming three congregations in order to do more outreach. They see a tremendous opportunity for growth and expanded ministry.

Pastor Portillo and the people of Transfiguration continue to celebrate and spread the Gospel. Finances are a serious issue this year, and all help is much appreciated. May God continue to lead us onward!

## Confirmation Sunday

May 15, 2016

Please join us on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> as six of our youth will be affirming their baptism through the rite of Confirmation. These youth have faithfully attended Pastor John's Confirmation Class where they have been studying God's Word in preparation for this moment.

The youth who will be confirmed this year are:



**Alyssa Blain**  
**Mackenzie Blain**  
**Michele Motley**  
**Mason Nagel**  
**Brooke Wendel**  
**Seth Wendel**

Please join with our youth and their families in celebration of this special moment in their faith journey.

### **St. John Youth Group**

Daren & Dawn Otto

Youth Group met on April 13<sup>th</sup> for our monthly gathering of food, fun and fellowship. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to St. John for the volleyball/basketball area that was created. This has provided great entertainment for all the kids.

The upcoming events for the group are:

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Flag posting for the Field of Honor.

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Warriors Weekend / End of year campout in Pt. O'Connor.

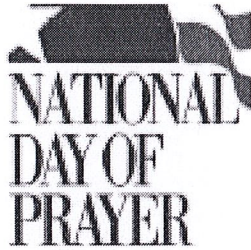
If you purchased a flag for the Warrior's Weekend Field of Honor and would like to post it yourself, the flags will be available for posting between 9 am–1 pm in Victoria on 5/7/16.

Camp reservations have been made for the summer. If you requested a spot for your child, please make sure you have registered him or her. This needs to be done ASAP in order to keep their spot.

**\*Youth Group will meet next on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**National Day of Prayer**

May 5<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Prayer. Please take a moment to pray for others and thank God for his love and prayers for us.



**Mother's Day**

May 8<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day! St. John would like to wish a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of the wonderful Mother's!

"A Mother's heart is a patchwork of love."  
-Unknown



**Congregation Meeting**

There will be a called Congregation Meeting immediately following Worship on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. At this meeting the congregation will be discussing and voting on the upcoming drainage project.



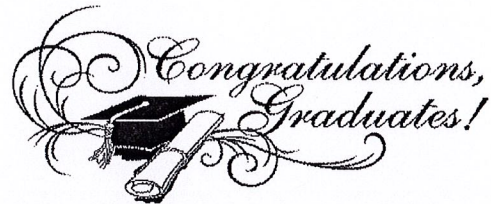
**Primary Election Run-Off**

Remember to vote in the primary election run-off on May 24<sup>th</sup> in your precinct. Voting will be held at St. John Parish Hall from 7:00am-7:00pm.



**Honor a Veteran**

We will be honoring all Veterans on May 29<sup>th</sup> during our Worship Service. Thank you to all Veterans past & present for your service! Memorial Day is May 30<sup>th</sup>.



St. John would like to congratulate all of the High School and College graduates for 2016! Wishing you many blessings in the new road ahead!

**BUSY BAGS IN CHURCH**



Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to use. These bags have quiet activities for children to enjoy during Worship. The tote bags have items that younger children might be more interested in while the zipper bags have items for slightly bigger kids. Grab a bag on your way in to church, but please "bee" sweet and return it after the service.

Keep up with St. John online



St. John Meyersville  
<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>  
Or visit our website at: [stjohnmeyersville.org](http://stjohnmeyersville.org)

# CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 22, 2016

By Church Secretary, Mitchell Jank

**Members present:** President Marvin Sager, Pastor John Boor, Dickie Bettge, Kathy Dunn, Mitchell Jank, Terri Jank, Obert Sagebiel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Linda Ruschhaupt, M'Liss Moore and Johnny Jank.

**CALL to ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Marvin Sager at 7:00 PM.

**DEVOTION:** Led by Terri Jank.

**MINUTES:** Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Reviewed. Motion to approve by Linda, seconded by M'Liss. Motion passed.

## PASTOR'S REPORT

- We baptized two children on Saturday 3-12. They were 4 and 10 years old. These are the children of Ashley Cram, the daughter of Donna Gohmert, wife of Bruce 'Moon' Gohmert.
- There will be a wedding this Thursday at 2 PM. I am marrying Ashley Cram and Richard Martin.
- I have received a new survey request from NALC and once again I need permission to share certain financial information in accordance with our constitution. The request total income, total expenditures for fiscal year 2015. Motion was made by Johnny and seconded by Kathy. Motion carried.
- Vacation scheduled for April 3-10, 2016.

## COUNCIL BUSINESS

### Old Business

- M'Liss Moore has accepted the request to coordinate funeral receptions at St. John's.

### Finance Team Report

- No Report.

## Mission/Evangelism Team report

Members: Pastor John, Marvin Sager, Cheryl Bramlette, Pam Haun, Candice Cowley, Lloyd and Karon Copeland and Linda Ruschhaupt, Team Leader.

Our mission for the month of April –

### Water Missions International

- I emphasize that this is not the national Wounded Warrior's Project but a local event with a full disclosure Financial Statement on the web for any and everyone to view.

## Parish Life Committee Report

Members: Cindy Egg, Candy Cowley, Beth Reinecke, Terri Jank-Team leader.

- 'Church Under the Trees/Grave Decoration Sunday' will be celebrated on April 10, 2016.

## Parish Education report

Submitted by Kathy Dunn

- Wanda Hays, Laurie Pokluda and Kathy Dunn organized and edited the Sunday School supplies brought up from the basement.
- Kathy is using the double classroom as an opening area, at least temporarily, but it is too small. We moved out most of the excess furniture which may need to be stored in the container (small desk and chair, and old rolling cart; large horizontal file cabinet still in the double room.) Heather and Kathy are trying to find a suitable room for the High School Class. Temporary space in one of the unused classrooms.
- TEACHERS and STUDENTS needed – Kathy will send out a survey including people's opinion of having Sunday School after church-- Church at 10 and Sunday School at 11am.
- Still no teacher for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Calling for substitutes early has not been successful either. I have contacted many people. I am going through the church directory....

- Letters were sent out on March 11<sup>th</sup> to all parents re: Palm Sunday and Easter Schedule.
- Palm Sunday – Wanda said this went well. Students processed into Church with palm branches.
- SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – WILL BE CLOSED --- We decided to call it “Recess” -----dates to follow the school schedule. CISD and MISD ends on May 27<sup>th</sup> ??and starts on August 22, 2016 ??.
- VBS WITH CROSSTRAILS CAMP COUNSELORS – Save the Date Magnets were sent out with letters: August 1-5.
- WATER SUNDAY – set for 4-24-16. Last year was fun and successful.
- One of the classrooms being used does not have a table. Need to be purchased. Dickie moved and Johnny seconded that a table be purchased by the Property Team. Motion passed.

### **The Property Team**

#### Maintenance Schedule:

March: Yellow-jacket Extermination. Clay  
Annual inspection of A/C. Dickie  
Dust fans (workday)

#### April:

Oil Fans in parish hall. OK.  
Fire Extinguisher  
inspection/maintenance (Shiner).  
Marv.  
Swallow check.  
Termite treatment. OK.

#### Items Complete.

- The church bell is oiled and attic checked for leaks and mold.
- Bathroom and kitchen supplies checked and restocked.
- Gohmert A/C notified to check air conditioners.
- Concrete benches are sealed in the cemetery.

#### Old Business:

- Basement demolition is complete.
- Church Renovations. The structural engineer performed a walk-through of our church and basement on March 17. He surveyed the floor of the basement and around the church and inspected the attic and bell tower. He will analyze his notes and will follow with a report on his findings.
- Insurance requirement policy. Marv will schedule a meeting with James Crain III to review our needs on insurance.
- Dean Ohrt had been advised of where the tree is to be planted and will plant the tree and install a pipeline to the tree.
- Surface drainage project progress. In bidding stage. Mr. Frankson will work up a contract after the bids are in and selection is made.
- Septic system plans. Dickie will check into combining the parish hall and church systems.
- Fence on west property line (churches part) needs replacing. Dickie will get a bid from Moorman Dozer Service (Robert Kainer).

#### New Business:

- Door for lawn mower barn. Britton will build new door.
- Suggestion from member: Make an entrance from the road near the bridge to access the picnic area. In its original assessment of access to the picnic area, the property team felt that this would increase the risk of non-church sponsored parties with people being able to access the area without being noticed. This would also increase the Church’s exposure to liability. Upon reconsideration of this matter, the property team felt that the council should have input and final action on this suggestion. After reviewing several options and the pros and cons of each, Johnny made a motion to leave the entrance to the creek ‘picnic area’ as it currently is, Linda seconded. Motion passed.



- Suggestion to reconsider implementing the use of a dumpster at the Church. A check with the trash service revealed that our monthly rate is \$38.33/ mo. now. The rate for a dumpster is \$75.00/ mo. plus a \$200 set-up fee. In order to keep the dumpster where it is, we would need an all- weather road. The committee decided to stay with our current plan.
- Vance will place an equipment box at the volleyball court.
- Parish hall probably needs a new roof as we see more shingles being blown off during recent storms.

Project List:

- Revision of cemetery rules. In progress.
- Signage to close cemetery at night. In progress
- Inventory of furniture and equipment & report to Church Council. Dickie
- Install holders in parking lot for crosses. Clay will build cross holders and install after Lent.
- Brush clearing at the creek. We will meet to determine what is needed and decide the best method to get accomplished.
- Shade cover for thermometer.
- Need to replace the copper mesh under the gutters (bat deterrent). Dickie checked with Kenny Schreiber with Dunn Services and he will bring lift and take care of the mesh.
- Road to creek. Gravel through the low area. Bryan Nethery has offered to donate one load of gravel. Pastor will contact Bryan.
- New fans to replace 2 bladed fans in Church and parish hall. Clay will replace the needed fan/fans in the Church. Will continue to search for a blade for the Hunter fan in the parish hall.
- Move water hydrant at volley ball court. This may be installed when Dean installs piping to the tree.
- Move old stage from Joel's barn into lawn mower barn.

Work Day:

- Power wash algae from church.
- Remove ball moss in newly planted trees.
- Brush removal along east property line fence.
- Trim trees.
- Dust parish hall fan blades.
- Remove dead tree at the AT&T easement area.

**Worship Team report**

The Worship Team met on February 11, 2016. Members Beverly Bodden, Johnny P Jank, Virginia Jank, Dawn Otto, Noreen Sager, Bruce Weise, Marv Sager, and Pastor John Boor. Carol Ann Sagebiel was unable to attend because voting was taking place the same day.

**Old Business –**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in April** service was discussed and since council decided to forgo communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of April (3<sup>rd</sup>) and since the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of March would have normally been our Service of the Word will be Easter Sunday, we decided to make 3<sup>rd</sup> April a Service of the Word.

**New Business –**

- **Holy Week** services were discussed. Maundy Thursday will be a standard Communion service. Good Friday we are planning a Tenebrae service. Sunrise the youth are planning a service focusing on the Stations of the Cross. Easter service will be communion by stations.
- **Water Sunday** will be April 24<sup>th</sup> with a brief temple talk focusing on the mission.
- **Worship in the Crossroads Ad** was reviewed some changes were suggested.
- **Memorial Day** service was discussed and we will be attempting to get Col. Petrash to speak at the service.

**Songs for Worship** 3<sup>rd</sup> April through 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were assigned.

**Meeting was adjourned and closed with The Lord's Prayer.**

## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

### May 1

Greeters - Daren & Dawn Otto  
Reader - Jeffery Bennett  
Acolyte - Will Green

### May 8

Greeters - Alfred & Marlene Rangnow  
Reader - Mackenzie Blain  
Acolyte - Mackenzie Blain

### May 15

Greeters - Cheryl Bramlette  
Reader - Marlene Dreier-Rangnow  
Acolyte - Cason Jander

### May 22

Greeters - Beverly Bodden  
Reader - Tammy Blain  
Acolyte - Caroline Roeske

### May 29

Greeters - Youth Group  
Reader - Trish Hood  
Acolyte - Seth Wendel

### May Communion Assistant

Margie Swannack

### May Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

### May Nursing Home Visitors

Cathie Bettge

### LOOKING AHEAD...

### June 5

Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager  
Reader - Beverly Bodden  
Acolyte - Marlee Blain

### June Communion Assistant

Brian Wendel

### June Altar Guild

Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

### June Nursing Home Visitors

Diane Chavez

Volunteers: If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. Please let the church office know if you have switched so the correct names can be in the bulletin.

## Happy Birthday to:

- 2 - Billie Egg
- 4 - Gracie Lynn Diebel  
Katrina Moritz  
Mary Moritz
- 5 - Bette Jo Haun  
Courtney Porter  
Maydell Jacob
- 6 - Travis Noack
- 8 - Brianna Rios
- 11 - Fay Froehlich
- 15 - Leah Bishop
- 17 - Wanda Rangnow
- 18 - Jason Wendel
- 19 - Brian Diebel
- 20 - Lindsey Diebel
- 21 - David Diebel
- 22 - Maevyn Wunsch  
Travis Eichhorn
- 24 - Sarah Cooper
- 25 - Kolby Jank
- 26 - Candy Cowley  
Dianna Bartosh  
Glenn Ruschhaupt
- 27 - Clay Haun  
Mason Nagel
- 29 - Caden Jander
- 31 - Gary Jacob  
Isaac "Scratch" Egg



## Anniversary Greetings to:

- 13 - Michael & Candy Cowley
- 17 - Trace & Leslie Wunsch
- 18 - Gary & Dee Moeller
- 22 - Dana & Eric Mann
- 24 - Obert & Carol Ann Sagebiel
- 30 - Melanie & Holden Light
- 31 - Johnny & Laurie Pokluda










*Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you.*

# May 2016

## St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

Missions of the Month:  
Transfiguration Lutheran  
Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 	2	3 7 PM Worship Team	4 1:30 PM Quilters	5 	6	7
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> 8 AM Property Team Meeting 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship <i>Mother's Day</i> 	9	10	11 10 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 PM Quilters 6 - 8 PM Youth Group 7 PM Women's Bible Study	12	13	14
<b>Day of Pentecost</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship <i>*Confirmation Sunday</i> Parish Life Meeting following Worship 	16	17	18 9 AM Old Stone Church 10 AM Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 PM Quilters 6 PM Mission/ Evangelism Team 7 PM Men's Bible Study	19 <i>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</i>	20 <i>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</i>	21
<b>First Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	23	24 *Primary Election Run-Off. Voting is from 7am-7pm. 7 PM Council Meeting	25 1:30 PM Quilters	26	27	28
<b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship- <i>Tribute to Veterans</i> 	30 	31				 <b>Office Hours:</b> *Please see the bulletins for office hours.