

*To such belongs the
kingdom of God*

Luke 18:16



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Mission Feast Sunday

October 23, 2016

Greeter This Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Greeter Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Tammy Blain

Reader Next Week: Trish Hood

Acolytes This Week: Caroline Roeske

Acolytes Next Week: Mackenzie Blain

Altar Guild This Month: May Dell Jacob & Brenda Boor

Altar Guild Next Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Large Print Bulletins are available on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #389 "*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*"

page 57-58: KYRIE

page 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All: Forgive the faults of your people, O Lord, that our slavery to sin, into which we fell in our weakness, may be overcome by your liberating work; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit MESSAGE: *Dr. Dane Fowlkes with Samaritan's Purse*

HYMN: WOV #770 "*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*"

HOLY BAPTISM (LBW pg. 121)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY “Create in Me”
page 76: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
page 76: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: WOV #776 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 10/23 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15 a.m. Worship

**Samaritan's Purse Guest Speaker Dr. Dane Fowlkes-Mission Feast Sunday.*

Mon 10/24 Office Closed

Tues 10/25 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed 10/26 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 10/27 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 10/28 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15 a.m. Worship-Reformation Sunday

**Youth Group are Greeters*

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's



Sunday, October 16, 2016:

Offering:

Total Offering- \$2,200.40

Attendance: Worship- 104 Sunday School: 17-Adults 22-Children

Mission of the Month of October:



Samaritan's Purse

Mission Statement

President & CEO: William "Franklin" Graham III, son of Billy Graham

Founded: 1970, by Bob Pierce

Purpose: Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid with excellence to victims of war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty, and persecution in over 100 countries.

Crisis and Disaster Response —

U.S. Disaster Relief: Since 1998, over 83,000 volunteers have worked with our staff to help more than 28,000 families impacted by U.S. natural disasters—hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, and ice storms—by quickly providing emergency supplies, repairing, cleaning and rebuilding homes. Five disaster relief units, tractor-trailers stocked with tools and cleanup supplies, are ready to deploy when disasters strike.

International: Samaritan's Purse specializes in meeting critical needs for victims of war, disaster, and famine in the world's most troubled regions, often working through local churches and ministry partners. Recent efforts include providing aid such as medical care, shelter items, shoes, warm clothing, heaters, food and water for Typhoon victims in the Philippines and Syrian refugees in northern Iraq.

Feeding Programs — Samaritan's Purse has specialized programs to treat severely malnourished children and runs large-scale distributions to feed victims of disaster, famine and war.

Health and Medical —

World Medical Mission: Each year, the medical arm of Samaritan's Purse places hundreds of doctors, dentists, and other medical professionals in voluntary, short-term service with hospitals and clinics in the world's least-developed countries. World Medical Mission also provides hospitals overseas with critical medical equipment and supplies.

Emergency Medicine: Samaritan's Purse responds to disasters by providing medical aid and essential equipment, including a mobile field hospital. The organization is able to mobilize hundreds of volunteer doctors at a moment's notice.

Children's Heart Project: This project brings children to North America to receive life-saving surgery not available in their home countries. To date, Samaritan's Purse has arranged surgery for more than 1,000 children with heart defects.

Diseases: Samaritan's Purse fights malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other epidemic diseases through medical care, health services, hygiene projects, preventative education and compassionate care.

HOLY BAPTISM

Today we welcome as a member by Holy Baptism *Jake Aaron Seiler*, son of Gregory & Tiffany Seiler. Sponsors for his Baptism are Chad & Katherine Kucel and Clayton & Amanda Rickman.



CALLING ALL VOICES!!



If you can consider singing with the CHRISTMAS CHOIR that is now forming, please get with Brenda Boor for a free CD of the music. You can listen at your leisure, and maybe you will be inspired to add your voice to this choral worship. Practices will be Monday evenings from now until the week before Christmas-working together to craft a beautiful musical offering. All are welcome!

Bunco Night

It's time for Bunco!!! St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero invites you for food, fun & fellowship tomorrow evening, October 24th. Registration & refreshments at 6:00 P.M. Games begin at 7:00 P.M. **Please RSVP to:**



Marlene Fromme (361)275-3754,
Gladys Dieringer (361)275-5202 or the
church office (361)275-2845.

Boys & Girls Club News



There will be a musical extravaganza launching the first annual Boys and Girls Club campaign on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 5-7 PM. The event will be held at the Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center. The sponsorship and ticket purchase form is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Bunco Party!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Women of LCMC Invite you to join them for a Bunco Party! Sunday, November 6, 2016 registration is at 1:30 & at 2:00 bunco will start. The games will be held in Victoria at 4102 N. Ben Jordan in the church multipurpose room.

Please RSVP by October 28, 2016 to:

OSL church office (361)575-4305,
Mildred Johnston (361)575-4921 or
Susie Breeden (361)573-6637.

CHURCH RENOVATION FUND

On August 28, 2016, our congregation voted to establish a fund for installation of the elevator and other church renovations. Anyone wishing to give to the renovation project may do so by designating "Church Renovation" or "Elevator Fund" on their check or on the pew giving envelope.



Newsletter

Please turn in all newsletter articles to the church office for the November newsletter if you have not done so already. Thank you.

Please sign up to acolyte for the upcoming months. Thank you.

ACOLYTES



Mission Feast News



MISSION FEAST

Join us after church today for our Mission Feast. The church will provide brisket, beans and potato salad. We ask for each family to bring a side dish or dessert. We look forward to fun Christian fellowship with friends & family!

Mission Feast Guest Speaker:

Dane Fowlkes, Ph.D. with Samaritan's Purse

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dane Fowlkes spent his formative years in Port Arthur, Texas. Dane graduated from Thomas Jefferson Senior High School in Port Arthur, and went on to attend and graduate from East Texas Baptist University. He later completed a Master of Divinity degree in missions and evangelism from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Master of Theology degree from University of South Africa. He served as pastor of several churches throughout Texas before being appointed for missionary service in Kenya in 1993. Fowlkes worked with an unreached tribe in northern Kenya and helped train existing churches around Mount Kenya to establish new ones, later becoming dean of Kenya Baptist Theological College and leading a national program of theological education for pastors. After seven years in Kenya, he moved to Ahmedabad, India as a Strategy Coordinator for Gujarati Hindus.

After returning to the United States in 2000 from missionary service, Fowlkes completed the Doctor of Philosophy degree in missiology from the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa. In addition, he served East Texas Baptist University in a variety of leadership roles: Director of Alumni Relations, Chaplain of the University, Interim Vice President of Spiritual Life, Assistant Professor of Religion, Director of Major Gifts, and Associate Vice President for Development. As Professor, he was

twice named by students as Favorite Faculty Member. He has one published book to his credit with another nearing publication, and has presented papers and been featured speaker at numerous professional meetings and conferences both in the United States and Internationally. He is fluent in Swahili, and reads from his Swahili Bible to begin each day. Though now living in North America, he remains a student of culture and language, and approaches life and ministry from a definite cross-cultural perspective. As a result, Dane describes himself with three terms: cultural pilgrim, reclaimed wreckage, and Christian communicator. Dr. Fowlkes began his work with Samaritan's Purse in 2015 as Regional Director of Donor Ministries for Texas and Louisiana. He lives in Waco, Texas with his wife Jo, and Rhodesian Ridgeback Misha Kalahari. Dane and Jo are blessed with six daughters and eight grandchildren.



Thank You!

The members of St. John Church would like to thank Dr. Dane Fowlkes for being our guest speaker today. Samaritan's Purse is a great organization that helps so many people in need. May God continue to bless Dr. Fowlkes & this mission.

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 and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979)

Our Military and their families:

Nicholas Jacobs - U.S. Air Force, Deployed to Afghanistan

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves

John Otto - USMC, Norfolk, VA

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Germany

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force



Please Pray for: Lisa Kincart
Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick

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

Prayer request 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.

Pentecost 23

October 23, 2016

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 25 (Year C)



One of the greatest human sins that causes us spiritual trouble is pride. Pride makes us obstinate and haughty, and keeps us from following Christ. There are times when we are humbled so that we might learn to let Jesus be our guide. When we fail to put God first, sin creeps in and seeks to control us as it did Cain. Holding fast to God's Word creates a constant reminder to seek His will and not our own.