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November 2016 Newsletter

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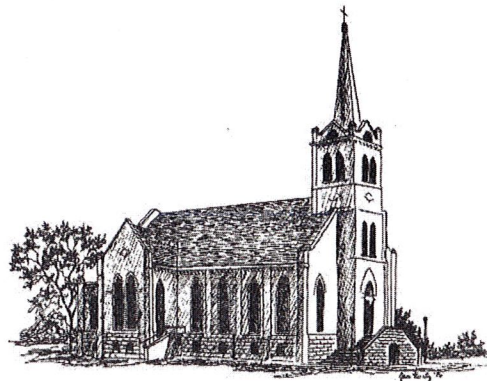
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Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

WORSHIP

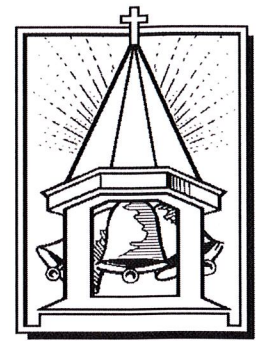
Sunday School for All Ages	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.



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

THE CHURCH BELL
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Happy Fall to All!

During the holiday season coming up, we have lots of opportunities to be thankful and to bless those around us – what a wonderful time of the year! At the same time, one can become stressed by all the extras, so that one may make some unwise decisions. So, let's stop and think about this for a minute, how to guard against excesses that can detract from our celebrations.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is quoted in Matthew 15 as saying, "...everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is eliminated. But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man." So, this is talking about what we eat and what we say, both areas that can be considered in the context of holiday tensions (not to mention spending).

Regarding the eating and drinking, we know that moderation is a cornerstone of our faith – self-control is "fruit" of the Holy Spirit, evidence of His presence with us. Let's prayerfully consider the example we set by our practices, and the responsibility to manage our own health and well-being. Important as this is, though, our words are a much weightier concern and show us what's in our hearts, according to the quote above from Matthew.

Proverbs 4:23 instructs, "Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life." Well, how do we do that? How can we cultivate a heart that, under any circumstances, will produce words that bless? Of course, Holy Scripture provides guidance on this.

A couple to start with:

I Thessalonians 5:18 says, "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:8-9 – "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things...and the God of peace will be with you."

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.



Church Sign Humor



STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2016													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			6
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Total Baptisms	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			6
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0			6
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Non-Members	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			2
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0			2
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			2
Counseling Sessions	3	4	7	3	2	3	6	5	3	2			38
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			1
Transfer In	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			5
Home Visits	7	6	6	8	6	7	5	5	6				56
Hospital Visits													
Members	4	0	0	0	6	0	9	2	0	0			21
Non-Members	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	3			9
Private Communion													
Members	5	6	6	7	7	7	6	6	5	7			62
Non-Members	34	32	37	34	32	34	31	32	33	3			302
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
Release of Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Restore to Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor	275-9895 (Cell)	243-0373	Parish Education - Kathy Dunn	277-9592
Council President - Marvin Sager		275-6029	Mission/Evangelism - Linda Ruschhaupt	275-2059
Vice President - Obert Sagebiel		275-5087	Property Team - Dickie Bettge	277-3096
Secretary - Mitchell Jank		575-6816	Finance Team - Glenn Ruschhaupt	275-2059
Treasurer - M'Liss Moore		275-8069	Parish Life Team - Terri Jank	575-6816
Financial Secretary - Tammy Blain		935-7751	Worship Team - Johnny Jank	575-6813



Notes from the Church Secretary

New office hours during the Summer 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!

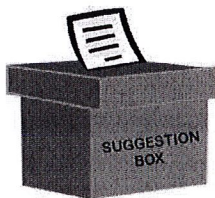
If any elderly person, or youth, needs a ride to Church or youth events, please notify the pastor so arrangements can be made to accommodate these needs.

Need a Ride?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the December 2016 Church Bell is Friday, November 18, 2016 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to 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!

ACOLYTES



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).

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 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 November:



Christmas Family 2016

Mission Statement

Our Christmas family is that of an 80 year old woman who is a widow. She has limited social security income. She has an eye condition that takes her to Richmond, TX several times a year to receive a shot in her eyes.

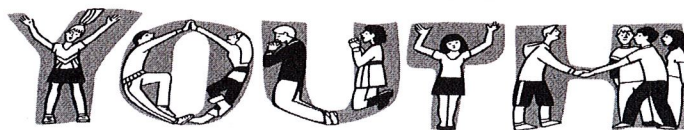
Due to losing her daughter a few years back she finds herself taking care of great grandchildren, because their mother (her granddaughter) has a hard time finding a job because she has been in prison. She strives to create a good home life and stable environment for these children.

In addition to the grandchildren she helps care for a sister with health problems by driving her to Dr. appointments in Victoria even though she is not in good health and has a hard time walking because of foot problems.

She has home repair issues that include foundation repair and the need to remove a tree which is threatening to fall on her house or garage. She has gotten an estimate of \$2,000.00 just to remove the tree.

Nominated by Marlene Dreier who states this woman would never ask for help for herself yet she is always eager to help others.

Youth Group News



St. John Youth Group

Daren & Dawn Otto

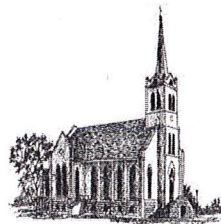
Youth Group met on October 12th for our monthly gathering. We would like to say thank you to Don & Heather Wendel for providing our dinner for the night. There were 19 attendees. Mrs. Roeske shared a lesson with our youth involving numerous verses relating to the power of our words. There was an exercise in practicing control over what we allow our tongues to say. Thank you to Heather for an important lesson for us all.

On November 6th the Youth Group will be visiting the Rocky Creek Maze in Moulton. We will have lunch in the Parish Hall after church and leave from there. Family and friends are welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun. I need to know who will be going so I can pre-order tickets.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to provide a meal for one of our gatherings. We truly appreciate all the help from our congregation.

Youth Group will meet next on Wednesday, November 9th, 6-8 pm. We invite all 6th – 12th graders to join us for food, fun & fellowship.

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.

✠ Blessings ✠

We are blessed to have been given new communion linens and a fair linen (altar cloth).

These gifts are in memory of Ruth Moore. Communion linens include large communion veil, pall, and four purificators.

The altar cross, originally given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wendel, has been refurbished/restored. This blessing was done in memory of J. Gus and Iris Jank and adorns our altar to the glory of God.



VOTE

Don't forget to vote here at St. John parish hall or in your precinct on November 8th!

Finance Team

There will be a Finance Team meeting on Monday, November 14th at 7:00 pm.

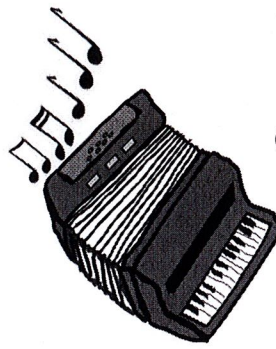


Happy Thanksgiving



St. John wishes everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving! Give thanks, be blessed!

Thanksgiving Eve Service is November 23rd at 7:00 pm.



Polka Sunday

Our Polka Sunday Service will be on November 27th. Hope to see you there!

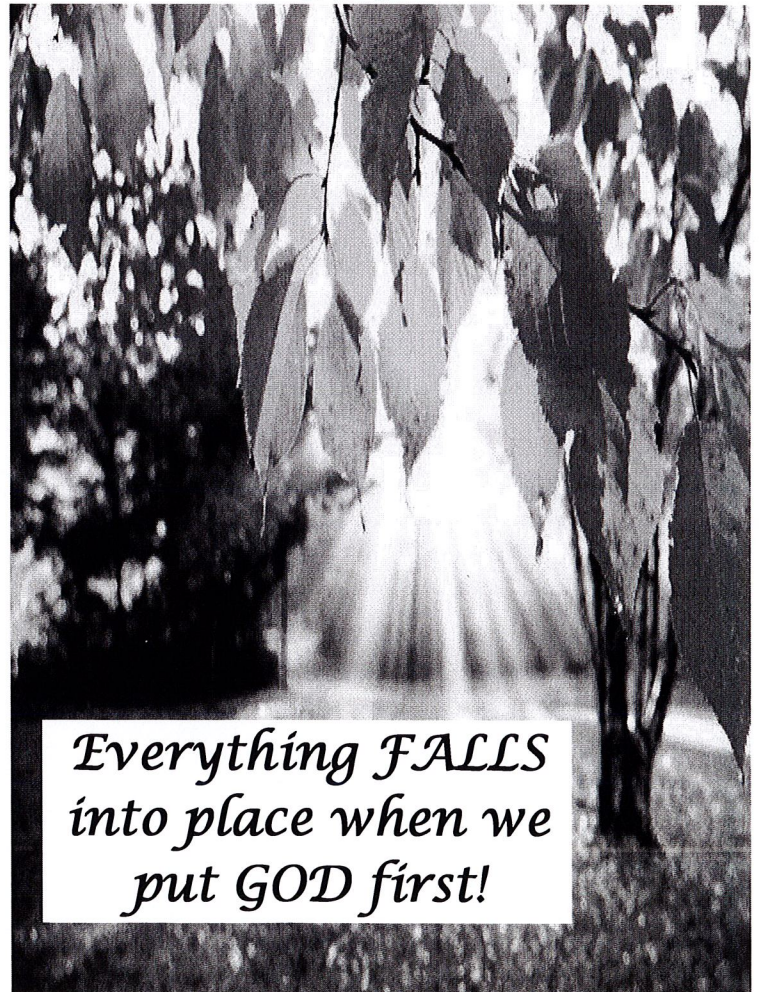
CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

Will you help us with this centerpiece of our Christmas Celebration of Jesus' birth?

Please call or text:
Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322 or
Wanda Hays 361-648-4033



~Happy Fall~



Everything FALLS into place when we put GOD first!

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 27, 2016

By Church Secretary, Mitchell Jank

Members present: President Marvin Sager, Pastor John Boor, Obert Sagebiel, Dickie Bettge, Kathy Dunn, Mitchell Jank, Terri Jank, Johnny Jank, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Linda Ruschhaupt and Tammy Blain.

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

DEVOTION: Led by Tammy Blain.

MINUTES: Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Dickie, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed. Motion to approve by Linda and seconded by Dickie. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- We officially have 11 in confirmation this year. They are a very good group and we are looking forward to a very productive year. This year we are covering Luther's Small Catechism.
- We have a Baptism scheduled for October 23rd. The child is Jake Seiler the son of Greg and Tiffany Seiler.
- I attended a regional Pastor's meeting on the 8th at Goliad. Just the local pastors attended.
- We have the mission district meeting in Seguin on October 8th from 10 – 2 that I will attend and we need one member to attend also.
- I would like to take a couple days to visit my daughter-in-law in Ohio. Wed. 10-5/7
- Baptism performed on September 25 was Crosson Rains, son of Cory and Lacey Rains.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Old Business

Need all teams' budget recommendations as soon as possible for the Finance team to prepare the budget.

Finance Team Report

Members present- Glenn Ruschhaupt, M'Liss Moore, Laurie Wendel, Archie Abrameit, and Marv Sager.

- No report

Mission/Evangelism Team report

Members: Pastor John, Marvin Sager, Obert Sagebiel, Cheryl Bramlette, Pam Haun, Candice Cowley and Linda Ruschhaupt-Team Leader.

Our mission for the month of October –

Samaritan's Purse.

- The reason for Samaritan's purse is because it is such a versatile mission and because our mission speaker will be from this organization. It has been suggested that we could 'ear mark' funds for the Louisiana flood victims.
- We will ask for nominations for the Christmas family to be turned in to the church office by October 15.
- We will have a planning meeting for the Ice Cream Social, Monday (9/26/16) to finalize plans.

Parish Life Committee Report

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

- Oct 2, Ice Cream Social. The Parish Life team will serve ice cream, toppings and cookies.
- Oct 23, Lloyd Copeland has agreed to prepare the barbeque brisket for Mission Feast again. Terri will give Sara information to publish in newsletter and bulletin prior to Mission Feast scheduled for October 23, 2016

Parish Education report

Submitted by Kathy Dunn

- Teachers:
We are fortunate to have Jackie Parsons, LeAnn Jander, Heather Roeske, along with Pastor John and Johnny Jank. Wanda Hays and I fill in when needed.

- Attendance for Confirmation Class, Adult class and the High School/Post Confirmation classes are doing pretty well, but the ages 3 yrs through 5th grade have been very slim....
I don't have the numbers but have heard that the men's bible study is doing well. That is great news!
The Women's group meets monthly with 4 or 5 in attendance.
The Youth group is continuing to do well! See newsletter
- Pastor is planning to do a class on David Jeremiah's Revelation.

The Property Team

Team Members: Richard Bettge-Chm, Pastor John, Marv Sager, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Will Roeske, Vance Egg, Clay Haun.

Maintenance Schedule.

September: Budget recommendations.

October: Check/clean filters to a/c in church, church office, Pastor's office, parish hall. Done

Check sump pump. Dickie

Annual inspection of heater. Dickie

Termite treatment. OK

Items Complete.

- Elevator Serviced.
- Volleyball lights installed.
- West property line fence installed.
- Fund set up for renovations.
- Insurance application/information sent in.
- Surface drainage project complete.

Old Business.

- Revision of cemetery rules. A committee consisting of Marv, Dickie, and cemetery committee will review the rules and make recommendations. They will also look into cemetery rules to post.
- Architect progress. RMA presented a fee proposal of charging by the hour not to exceed \$40,000 for the following work: South Stair, Elevator/Lift, Basement Pit, Concrete Flatwork, Covered Walkways,

Basement Finish Out, Narthex Restroom
Copy of contract has been provided for approval. The property team recommends accepting this contract. Dickie made the motion to accept this contract for further architect work, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed.

- We also discussed finishing the demo in the basement and making it safe for use. Pastor John said that he would utilize it for confirmation if possible. The team recommends removing the remaining studs and doing necessary work around the electrical boxes to make the basement safe. After the studs are removed, we recommend hanging several lights and installing an electrical plug. Dickie made a motion to continue the demo work in the basement, seconded by Kathy. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Electric fence around cemetery. Vance has extra solar system, and will install.
- Commode on right in women's restroom runs slow & weak flush. Glenn will service commodes.

Projects:

- Inventory of furniture and equipment & report to Church Council. Dickie
- Brush clearing at the creek. We will meet to determine what is needed and decide the best method to get accomplished.
- Road to creek. Gravel through the low area. Brian Nethery has offered to donate one load of gravel. Pastor will contact Brian.
- Door for lawn mower shed. Britton.
- Patch roof on parish hall. Britton.
- Equipment box at volley ball court. Vance

Worship Team report

Worship Team met on September 8, 2016. Members Pastor John Boor, Johnny P Jank, Virginia Jank, Marvin Sager, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Norrean Sager, and Bruce Weise were present.

Old Business

- **Rally Sunday** – Better coordination between Worship Team and Parish Ed Team is necessary, and be involved so we can plan the event and have the resources to make it a success (As it was this year) without so much done at the last minute. Team also suggested “Backpack Blessing” Sunday is before regular school starts.
- **Confirmation robes** – The Team is investigating several sources for confirmation robes. CM Almy has Choir Tunics starting at \$101.00. MISD gets caps and gowns from graduationsource.com. They have nice front zip up gowns for \$14.95. Additional ideas will be researched.
- **Council suggestion concerning service length** – Team discussed Council’s suggestion that we not cut the “Prayers of the Church” when trying to shorten the service. It was agreed that in the future we try to cut somewhere else when in the midst of an extended service.

New Business

- **Mission Feast** – Team discussed plans for Mission Feast and other than a guest speaker from Samaritans’ Purse to give the message that morning all is going to be the same except that we are having a meal after the service.
- **October 30th** - Reformation Sunday was discussed. Team decided to just have a regular service with some emphasis on Luther (we did pick hymns reflecting that).
- **November 6th** – “All Saints” scripture over standard 25th Sunday of Pentecost scripture was chosen and Pastor John will

read the names of deceased love ones that have gone to be with the Lord in the past year.

- **Polka Sunday** – This was scheduled for 20th November but due to a mix-up with scheduling by the band we are moving it to the following Sunday, the 27th of November, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- **Budget** – Team was reminded to begin thinking of any budget changes that might be necessary as that will be coming up soon.
- **Cross refinishing** – Team discussed time to refinish the altar cross and agreed if we are going to do it this year now is the time to get it done. It was boxed and shipped to C M Almay. They received it and have given an estimate of \$239.00 plus return shipping. They are proceeding and estimate return before the end of October.
- **Next month meeting date** - October 4, 7 p.m.

Council New Business

- NALC Congregational Policies and Practices guidance. Marvin and the other Executive Council members will meet to review these suggestions, decide on a plan and present to council.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with The Lord’s Prayer.



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St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

November 6

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden
Acolyte - Morgan Goebel & Jeri Ficklen

November 13

Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Reader - Jeffery Bennett
Acolyte - Caroline Roeske

November 20

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Marlene Dreier-Rangnow
Acolyte - Abbey Dreier & Jeri Ficklen

November 27

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack
Reader - Wanda Hays
Acolyte - Mackenzie Blain

November Communion Assistant

Glenn Ruschhaupt

November Altar Guild

Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

November Nursing Home Visitors

Mary Wagner

LOOKING AHEAD...

December 4

Greeters - Kernell & Elaine Moritz
Reader - Kernell Moritz
Acolyte - Marlee Blain

December Communion Assistant

Obert Sagebiel

December Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

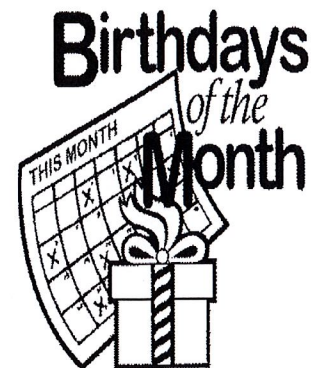
December Nursing Home Visitors

Linda Ruschhaupt

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:

- 1 - Helen Mae Egg
Kristine Schroeder
Waylon Gohmert
- 3 - Marlee Blain
- 6 - Elizabeth Beard
- 7 - Shirley Wendel
- 8 - Barbara Gentry
- 9 - Brighton Blain
- 10 - Lacey Rains
- 11 - Patrick Ohrt
- 12 - Abbey Dreier
Trenton Bodden
- 13 - Daren Otto
- 14 - Buck Rangnow
- 17 - Elaine Moritz
- 18 - Meliss Eckhardt
- 19 - Clifton Jacob
Donna Fuchs
Bruce Weise
- 20 - Tracy Fuchs
- 21 - Scott Motley
- 22 - Fred Mueller
- 25 - Carla Metting
JoLeah Stiles
- 28 - Beverly Bodden
Joel Egg
- 29 - Kally Garrett
Kevin Bodden



Anniversary Greetings to:

- 8 - Mickey & Elizabeth Beard
Michael & Diane Chavez
- 9 - Kernell & Elaine Moritz
- 18 - Don & Heather Wendel











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

November 2016

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meysersville, TX

Mission of the Month:
Christmas Family 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25th Sunday after Pentecost 6 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship *Rocky Creek Maze-Youth Group (See Newsletter article for more info.)  Daylight Saving Time Ends-Fall Back!  Holy Communion	7 6 PM Choir Practice	8 Election Day  All Saints' Day 	9 10 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 PM Quilters 6-8 PM Youth Group 7 PM Women's Bible Study	10	11 Veterans Day 	12
26th Sunday after Pentecost 13 8 AM Property Team Meeting 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship	14 6 PM Choir Practice 7PM Finance Team	15	16 10 AM Comm. Service Cuero Nursing&Rehab. 1:30 PM Quilters 6 PM Mission/ Evangelism Team 7 PM Men's Bible Study	17	18 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	19
Christ the King Sunday 20 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship  Holy Communion	21 6 PM Choir Practice	22 7 PM Council Meeting	23 9 AM Old Stone Church 1:30 PM Quilters  Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	24 Thanksgiving Day  Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
1st Sunday of Advent 27 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship-Polka Sunday	28 6 PM Choir Practice	29	30 1:30 PM Quilters			Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins 