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them



## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **First Sunday of Advent**

**Polka Worship Service-Music led by The Polka Spirit Band**

November 27, 2016

**Greeter This Week:** John & Margie Swannack

**Greeter Next Week:** Kernell & Elaine Moritz

**Reader This Week:** Wanda Hays

**Reader Next Week:** Kernell Moritz

**Acolytes This Week:** Mackenzie Blain

**Acolytes Next Week:** Marlee Blain

**Altar Guild This Month:** Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Glenn Ruschhaupt

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Obert Sagebiel

**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

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

HYMN: WOV #630 1st Verse "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

### Stand p.56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

### ***"Christ, Be Our Leader"***

*German Folk Tune*

1 Dear Lord, Lord of all wisdom.  
Dear Lord, Lord of our soul.  
Dear Lord, Lord of all mercy,  
fill our hearts make us whole.

*Chorus* Health, strength, restore,  
Christ be our leader today.

New life: Your way! Feed us with Your word, we pray.

2 Dear Lord, Lord of compassion.  
Dear Lord, Lord of all grace,  
Help us bear each one's burdens,  
and see you in ev'ry face. *Chorus*

3 Dear Lord, Lord of all nations.  
Send us out to be heard.  
Spreading words of salvation,  
and your life-giving word. *Chorus*

**HYMN OF PRAISE: “Come, Let Us Worship”**

*to the tune of Roll Out the Barrel*

1           Come, let us worship, worship our Savior and Lord.  
          Come, let us worship, worship the God we adore.  
          Lift up your voices, lift them in one accord.  
          Sing your praises to our Savior,  
          Jesus Christ, the Lord!

2           Come, let us worship, worship our Savior and Lord.  
          Come, let us worship, worship the God we adore.  
          Glory and honor, power and might ever be  
          to our mighty Lord creator, God of victory!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P**       The Lord be with you.

**C**       **And also with you.**

**P**       Let us pray:

**All: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords

into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:[8-10] 11-14

[<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.] <sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Stand GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia”**

*to the tune of Julida Polka*

- 1 Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Open the hearts of your faithful servants:  
Receive the message of eternal life.
- 2 Your word sustains us, your word fulfills us.  
Your word will free us, dear Lord, now feed us.  
Open the hearts of your faithful servants:  
Receive the message of eternal life.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.** (*sung*)

<sup>36</sup>{Jesus said,} “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.** (*sung*)

Sit SERMON

**HYMN:** “*Our Dear Lord and Savior Calls*”

*Tune: Barbara Polka*

1 Our dear Lord and Savior calls  
and summons us today.  
“Trust me and obey, follow in my way.  
Turn away from pride and envy, seek humility.  
In my kingdom all are welcome,  
I have chosen you to be  
faithful workers with devotion,  
partners in my ministry.”

Chorus God, God of tender mercies  
send wisdom from above,

so that we, as today's disciples  
may serve in truth and love. (Repeat)

2 Give us strength to spread your message  
when the road is long,  
and the fore we find, clouding heart and mind.  
When the darkness overshadows  
guide us with your light.  
Set our thoughts on heavn'ly glory  
and your promise, our reward,  
sharing the eternal banquet  
with our caring, gracious Lord. Chorus

Stand page 65: APOSTLES' CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

**OFFERTORY HYMN: “*Bless Lord, Our Offerings*”**  
*to the tune of At the Spring Waltz*

Bless, Lord, our offerings.  
Bless, Lord, the gifts we bring.  
Help us to give our lives for you,  
in sacrifice, in service true.  
Mindful of blessings you bestow,  
keep our hearts thankful here below.

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY PRAYER  
page 76: THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN: “Now Go in Jesus’ Name”**  
*to the tune of Lindenau Polka*

- 1        There are so many people who are searching every day;  
          The wand’ring and the lost, that do not know God’s way.  
          With empty hearts so hungry and in need forevermore  
          for the true life giving word of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

*Chorus*

Now go in Jesus’ name and spread His holy reign  
And let the mighty saving word be heard from shore to  
shore, O hear the Spirit’s call inviting one and all:  
“Come follow as the blessed servants of the Lord.

- 2        Join hand in hand together with believers young and old,  
          To open ev’ry mind to seek the heav’nly goal,

P        Go in peace, serve the Lord

C        **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

### **Today 11/27 First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15 a.m. Worship~Polka Sunday

*\*Church Christmas Decorating at 3:00 pm*

### **Mon 11/28 Office Closed**

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Tue 11/29** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 11/30** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Thurs 12/1** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Fri 12/2** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

### **Next Sun Second Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15 a.m. Worship

*\*Christmas Play Practice after church*

*\*Youth Group Christmas Party & Community*

*help after church*

*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, November 20, 2016:**

### **Offering:**

Total Offering: \$2,366.00

**Attendance:** Worship-91 Sunday School- 16-Adults, 11-Children

## **Mission of the Month of November:**



### **Christmas Families 2016**

#### **Mission Statement**

Our first 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.

Our second Christmas family is a single mother of three. She has two girls ages 8 and 10 and a son who is 3. She works as a waitress but has to pay all her bills out of that salary and in addition pay child care for the three year old since the father left the home. She didn't have shoes to work in but has since been given a pair of used shoes that fit well. The person who nominated them said they would be glad to even receive paper goods and laundry soap. Generally we give a check but if anyone would care to give something else in addition please contact Linda Ruschhaupt for more info (361) 275-4990.



# 1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## Thank You

Thank you to the Polka Spirit Band for providing the church music today! We greatly appreciate you traveling to St. John to share your wonderful music with us!





From the parents of Hunter Jacob:  
We would like to thank the entire St. John Lutheran Church members from the bottom of our hearts for your thoughts, prayers, cards & gifts that we were given to our sweet boy during this difficult time with his open heart surgery back in September. Words can't express how very grateful & thankful we are to have each & every one of you in our life's to help us with continued prayers for our precious & sweet Hunter! We greatly appreciate all of you for caring & praying for Hunter through his journey. Please continue to pray for Hunter as we continue down this difficult path, taking one day at a time. Again, we thank everyone so much, we love you all & God Bless always!!  
~Debbie & Gary

### **Christmas Decorating**

Church Christmas decorating will be today at 3:00 PM. Come join the fun!



### **Have Yourself A "Healthy" Little Christmas**

The Cuero Community Health Fair will be at:

First Presbyterian Church

302 McLeod St.

December 2, 2016

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Bingo~Door Prizes~Onsite Vendors

Lunch provided if RSVP is confirmed

**\*Please RSVP to Trish DeLeon @ (361)582-6753**

- Medicare changes to your plan A,B&D will be available if medication list is provided
- Flu & pneumonia shots available with Medicare/Insurance card
- Blood pressure & blood sugar checks
- Blood oxygen level checks



## Christmas Eve Program

St. John Lutheran Sunday School will be performing "Silent Night, Holy Night" on Saturday, Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. in the church. We need to know if your child will be able to participate in the presentation so that we can assign parts. We will have practice on Sunday:

**December 4th after church**

**December 11th after church**

**December 18th after church**

Please call (361-275-4322 or 361-648-4033) or let us know at Sunday School or church. It is very important that we know as soon as possible, so that we can start giving out parts. We will serve a light lunch for the practices after church. We are looking forward to another wonderful Christmas Eve Program, as we celebrate Jesus' birth!

Yours in Christ,

Wanda Hays, Jackie Parsons & Kathy Dunn

## Youth Group News

Next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> the Youth Group will have their Christmas party immediately after church. This will take place of the Youth Group gathering for December, we will not meet again until January. After the party we will scatter through the community to help with any chores our neighbors may need. Please call me if we can assist you in any way. Dawn Otto (361)550-9167



## Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone during Christmas time, please fill out the insert in the bulletin. The deadline to purchase poinsettias is Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.





## **Quilters**

The Quilters will only meet in December on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Quilting will resume to every Wednesday in January.

## **Congregation Meeting**

Council has voted to hold a called congregation meeting immediately following the service on Sunday, December 11th for approval of the proposed budget for 2017. Copies of the proposed budget as approved by council are available in the Narthex.



## **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 at 6:00 pm on Monday evenings from now until the week before Christmas-working together to craft a beautiful musical offering. All are welcome!

## **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.



## **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 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,  
Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada  
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:** 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.



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# **Advent 1**

*November 27, 2016*



## **First Sunday of Advent (Year A)**

The First Sunday of Advent draws us into the promise for peace given to Jerusalem and her citizens as a sign of the coming Messiah who will rescue and redeem Israel. Paul reminded believers that they were closer now, in Christ, than ever before to the promise of salvation. Until Jesus returns, we are challenged to be ready, for no one knows the time or the day when he will come again in glory.