

The  
Word  
became flesh



## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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### CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2016

**Greeter This Week:** Alfred & Marlene Rangnow

**Greeter Next Week:** Candy Cowley

**Reader This Week:** Marlene Rangnow

**Reader Next Week:** Dwight Jander

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Acolytes Next Week:** Volunteer Needed

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

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Obert Sagebiel

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Brian Wendel



**Large Print Bulletins** are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

**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.

## SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN #45 LBW "OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL"**

**P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

**C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

**P** Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined

**C** **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

**P** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C** **In Him was life, and the life was the Light of all people.**

### OPENING PRAYER

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** **Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; though your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL LBW #58

"Lo, How a Rose Is Growing"

SECOND READING

Micah 5:2-5a

CAROL LBW #41

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

THIRD READING

Luke 1:26-35, 38

CAROL LBW #40	“What Child is This”
FOURTH READING	Luke 2:1-7
CAROL LBW #67	“Away In A Manger”
FIFTH READING	Luke 2:8-16
CAROL LBW #44	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
SIXTH READING	Luke 2:21-36
CAROL LBW #55	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
SEVENTH READING	Matthew 2:1-11
CAROL LBW #56	“The First Noel”
EIGHTH READING	Matthew 2:13-18
CAROL LBW #53	“Cold December Flies Away”
NINTH READING	John 1:1-14
CAROL WOV #646	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

## OFFERING

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER

<b>P</b>	Glory to God in the Highest.
<b>C</b>	<b>and peace to God’s people on earth.</b>
<b>P</b>	Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
<b>C</b>	<b>Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.</b>
<b>P</b>	Blessed are you, son of Mary. You share our humanity
<b>C</b>	<b>Have mercy on the sick, the dying and all who suffer this day.</b>
<b>P</b>	Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
<b>C</b>	<b>Reveal Yourself to us in Word and Sacrament that we</b>

**may bear your light to all the world.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now and forever.

**C** **AMEN**

SENDING HYMN LBW #60 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

**Today 12/25** *Christmas Day ~ Merry Christmas!*  
*~Happy Birthday Jesus!~*  
10:15 a.m.                      Worship

**Mon 12/26**    **Office Closed**

**Tue 12/27**    8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours  
7:00 p.m.                      Council Meeting

**Wed 12/28**    8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

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

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

**Sat. 12/31**    *New Year's Eve*

**Next Sun**    **First Sunday of Christmas**  
*New Year's Day ~ Happy New Year!*  
10:15 a.m.                      Worship

*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, December 18, 2016**

**Offering:** General \$1,748.00 MOM \$200.00, Youth \$20.00,  
Old Stone Church \$2,020.00 Church Reno. \$13,470.00,  
Sunday School \$40.00, Christmas Bags \$25.00  
**Total: \$17,523.00**

**Attendance:**    Worship-89      Sunday School- 11-Adults, 8-Children

Mission of the Month of December:

# Mission Project



CAMAL House

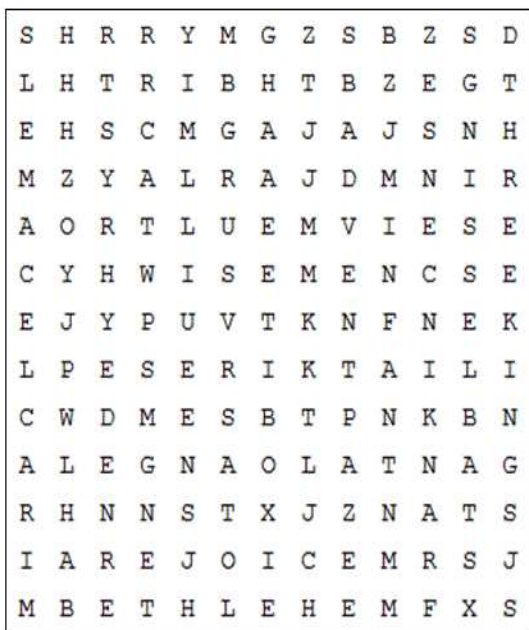
Mission Statement

St. John's Mission of the Month of December is CAMAL House which is the local food bank. December is a busy month at the CAMAL House. Volunteers run this food bank.





## Joy to the World



ADVENT  
ANGEL  
BETHLEHEM  
BIRTH  
BLESSINGS  
CAMELS  
FRANKINCENSE

INFANT  
JESUS  
JOSEPH  
MAGI  
MANGER  
MARY  
MIRACLE

MYRRH  
NATIVITY  
REJOICE  
STABLE  
STAR  
THREE KINGS  
WISE MEN







# POINSETTIAS

## *In Memory of*

*Delmar Diebel by His Family*

*Clarence & Hertha Weise To the Glory of God by Bruce A. Weise*

*Carl & Annie (Lude) Weise To the Glory of God by Bruce A. Weise*

*Emil & Helena (Foerster) Dittfurth To the Glory of God by Bruce A. Weise*

*Julie Haun Arndt by Lucas, Molly, & Camille Turner*

*Julie Haun Arndt by Wade & Sarah Cooper*

*Julie Haun Arndt by Christopher & Carly Waters*

*Brad Haun by Bette Jo & Clifford Haun*

*LeAnn Denise Wendel by Paul & Shirley Wendel*

*Chad M. Boyer by Ray, Linda, Amy, Bailey & Corey*

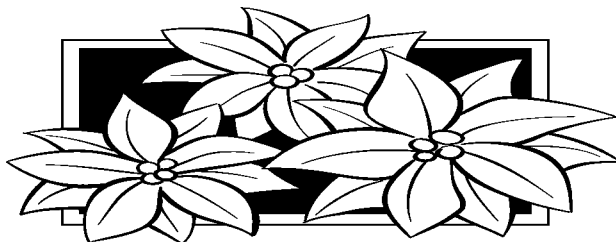
*Bobby R. Fagg by Beatrice Fagg, Kevin, Carrie & Family*

*William Gras by Kenneth & Betty Diebel*

*J. Gus & Iris Jank by Kevin & Beverly Bodden and Family*

*J.G. Bodden by Kevin & Beverly Bodden and Family*

*Edward & Lucille Ruschhaupt and Herbert & Martha Spinks  
by Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt*



# POINSETTIAS

## *In Memory of*

*Ruth & Charlie Moore by The Moore Family*

*Elvie & Walter Egg by The Robert Moore Family*

*Lizzie & Walter Mueller by The Robert Moore Family*

*Patty Ohrt by Dean Ohrt*

*J. Gus & Iris Jank by Johnny & Virginia Jank*

*Martin & Wilma Wolter by Johnny & Virginia Jank*

*Reuben Lee Gohmert by Joie & Jimmy, JoLeah & Brian, Julie*

*Tommy Gohmert by Sandy Gohmert & Family*

*Jerry Wendel by The Family*

*Reuben & Maud Wendel and Lewis Wendel by Family*

*Marla Hartman To the Glory of God by Her Family*

*Johnny & Jeffery Haun by Elizabeth Haun Beard*

*G.R. & Margene Wilke To the Glory of God by John & Margie Swannack*

*Harry & Dorothy Swannack To the Glory of God  
by John & Margie Swannack*

*Jeffery Swanack To the Glory of God by John & Margie Swannack*



*In Memory of*

*Mike Burditt To the Glory of God by John & Margie Swannack*

*Willie Robinson & Lucille Burditt To the Glory of God  
by John & Margie Swannack*

*Leonard & Kathyleen Jander by The Dwight Jander Family*

*Wanda Diebel Brown by Evelyn Diebel-Brown Children*

*Fred Diebel To the Glory of God by Evelyn Diebel*

*Michael Bartosh and Herbert & Martha Spinks To the Glory of God  
by Dianna Bartosh*

*Sonny Meyer To the Glory of God by Mike Meyer*

*Pa & Brandon Talkington To the Glory of God by Brighton Blain*

*In loving memory of Julie Arndt by Delvin & Family*





*In Honor of*

*My Family, Clifton & May Dell Jacob, Pat & Tristan Hays by Wanda Hays*

*Our Parents To the Glory of God by Laurie Pokluda, Kathy Dunn  
& Joel Egg*

*My Wife, Heather by Deacon Don*

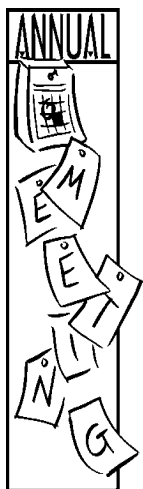
*Pastor John & Brenda Boor To the Glory of God by Bruce A. Weise*

*Virgie Gohmert by Joie & Jimmy, JoLeah & Brian, Julie*

*John C. Otto by Grandma & Papa John*



## Annual Congregation Meeting



Council has voted to hold the annual congregation meeting immediately following the service on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. In addition to the usual agenda items, will be consideration of two proposed amendments to our constitution. One is per the recommendation by the NALC's legal staff regarding inclusion of a statement of doctrine on marriage and sexuality in the congregation's governing documents. The second is related to the council seat provision for the leader of The Women of the Church Team. Copies of the proposed amendments, together with additional related detail, are available in the narthex.

## 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.



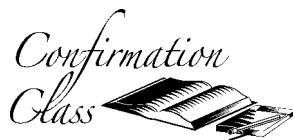
QUILTERS

## Quilters

Quilting will resume to every Wednesday in January.

## Confirmation

There will be no Confirmation classes on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume on January 8, 2017.



## Sunday School

There will be no Sunday school classes on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume on January 8, 2017.



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

*St. John wishes everyone a  
very Merry CHRISTmas &  
A Happy New Year!*



*Happy Birthday Jesus!*



# **Nativity of Our Lord**

*December 25, 2016*

## **Christmas Day (Year A)**



Christmas worship focuses on the Word who became flesh and lived among us. In him was light and life, and nothing came into being without him. In worship we encounter the very presence of the Lord, who pitched his tent and lived among us. As we gather around the written Word and the Holy Table, we are given the grace to go forward and bear Christ's light to all the world.