

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church  
1764 Meyersville Road  
Meyersville, Texas 77974-4143  
Pr. John Boor  
Phone #361-277-8653

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## *February 2017 Newsletter*

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

A North American Lutheran Church  
1764 Meyersville Road  
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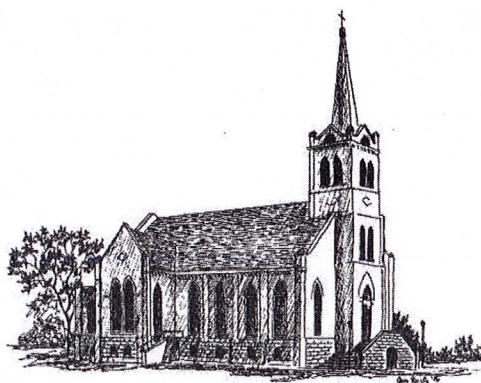
#### **CONTACT US**

Church Office: 361-277-8653  
Office Hours: Tues - Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
stjohnlutheran@juno.com  
Parsonage: 361-275-9895  
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jboor1@juno.com

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

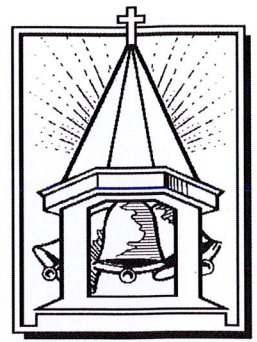
#### **WORSHIP**

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 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**  
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Greetings,

In the New American Standard Bible, 2 Timothy chapter 3 is subtitled 'Difficult Times Will Come'. The first section pretty well details much of what we see in the world today, and then the second section tells us how to stand against the tide of wickedness described. A key component of this program to keep one's light burning in the midst of increasing darkness is, as in Timothy's case, that he *"...from childhood (has) known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."*

I think this brilliantly highlights the truth that exposing our children to the Word of God is very important for their future. They may not grasp all that is being taught or desire this teaching, but they are not responsible for that decision, their parents/guardians are. Timothy's mother and grandmother are both mentioned by name in 2 Tim. 1:5. So, with what opportunity we have, let's be about the Master's business, investing resources in the spiritual training of our children.

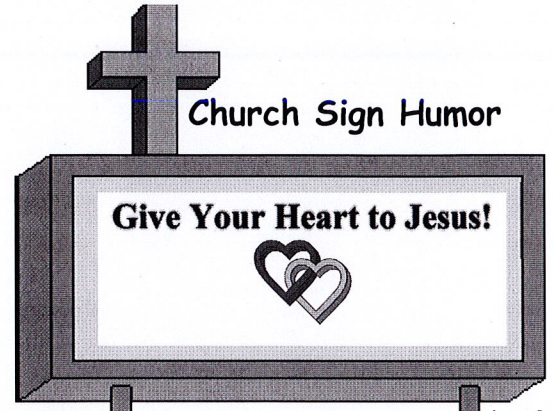
You probably know that this consists primarily in regular church attendance, Sunday school and youth group participation and family prayer/Bible reading. God knows we are all pretty busy – and so He is honored with whatever sacrifice it takes for us to draw near to Him, being a 'rewarder of those who seek Him'. Chapter 3 ends with this declaration: *"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man (or woman) of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."* What a loving gift to give our children, that they can be 'equipped for every good work'!

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



| 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   | 1   | 1   | 8     |
| Adult   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     |
| <b>Total Baptisms</b>   | 2   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 8     |
| Confirmations   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6     |
| Weddings  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Members   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     |
| Non-Members   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2     |
| Funerals  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Members   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2     |
| Non-Members   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 2     |
| Counseling Sessions   | 3   | 4   | 7   | 3   | 2   | 3   | 6   | 5   | 3   | 2   | 3   | 2   | 43    |
| Transfer Out  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     |
| Transfer In   | 0   | 5   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 0   | 8     |
| Home Visits   | 7   | 6   | 6   | 8   | 6   | 7   | 5   | 5   | 6   | 5   | 5   | 6   | 72    |
| Hospital Visits   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Members   | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6   | 0   | 9   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2   | 24    |
| Non-Members   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 0   | 0   | 9     |
| Private Communion   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Members   | 5   | 6   | 6   | 7   | 7   | 7   | 6   | 6   | 5   | 7   | 5   | 6   | 73    |
| Non-Members   | 34  | 32  | 37  | 34  | 32  | 34  | 31  | 32  | 33  | 3   | 28  | 25  | 355   |
| <b>PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME</b> |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Release of Membership   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     |
| Restore to Membership   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 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  
 Council President - Marvin Sager            275-6029  
 Vice President - Obert Sagebiel            275-5087  
 Secretary - Virginia Jank            575-6813  
 Treasurer - M'Liss Moore            275-8069  
 Financial Secretary - Vacant

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

Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please see bulletins for any changes.

#### **ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES**

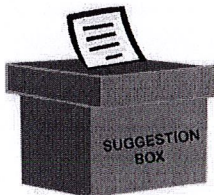
*Please* notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

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 March 2017 Church Bell is Friday, February 17, 2017 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!

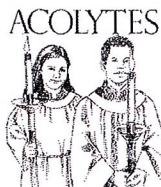


#### **Do you have an idea?**

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).

#### **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, Bahrain  
 Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army,  
 Kentucky  
 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  
 Helen Meyer  
 Mike Meyer  
 Arlen Mueller

**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 February:



Warrior's Weekend - Victoria, Texas

[www.warriorweekend.org](http://www.warriorweekend.org)

### Mission Statement

Founded in 2007, Warrior's Weekend is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Corporation dedicated to the support of veterans of The United States of America with an emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. This is accomplished through holding an annual fishing event for wounded military personnel in May in Port O'Connor, Texas as well as donations to veterans and veteran based causes. 500 Veterans from around the United States are selected to participate. Military bases around the country select those who come for the weekend.

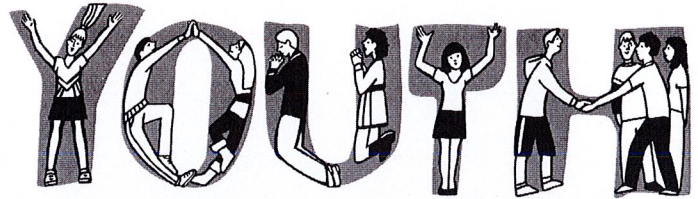
There are about 300 wounded vets who are flown in from these military bases.

One need is for funds before the event is so they have enough monies to purchase airline tickets. The average cost of an airline ticket is \$400.00 each and is paid for in March.

This year's event will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>. This marks the eleventh year it has been held.

The youth of St. John's is selling flag sponsorship for the Field of Dreams display to honor veterans.

For more ways you can get involved talked to Margie Swannack or Dawn Otto.



## Youth Group News

### St. John Youth Group

Daren & Dawn Otto

Youth Group met on January 11<sup>th</sup> for our monthly gathering. We played games, discussed school & Church. We had a lesson and discussion on how people tend to look at the "outward appearance" of others, but God looks at the heart and we should all try to practice this.

The Youth Group has begun selling the flag sponsorships for the 2017 Field of Honor. Our group is helping to honor a veteran, encourage a soldier, and strengthen our community! This is the only fundraiser the group has each year.

Our next meeting will be February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. We welcome and appreciate any meal contributions for our gatherings.

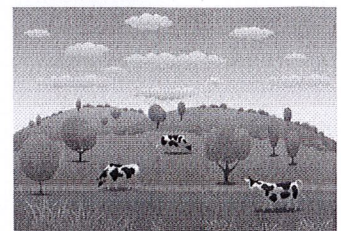


### Thank You

A special Thank You to the family who put up & the family who removed our beautiful Christmas tree.

### Leasing Pasture Land

It's time to take bids for leasing our pasture land for grazing. There are copies of the bid package & lease



agreement in the Narthex for anyone interested. Prospective bidders should complete the bid package portion. Please call Dickie Bettge @ (361)935-3815 if you have any questions.

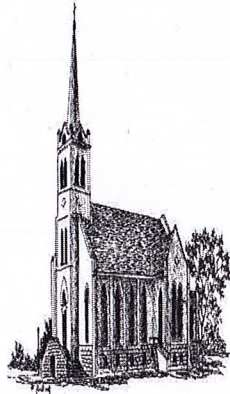


**Church Picture Directory**

There was discussion at the church council meeting about the possibility of a picture directory of our congregation. Please share your thoughts and opinions with any council member. If you are interested in serving on a committee to put the directory together, please contact Terri Jank at (361)550-9827.

**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.



**Save The Date!**

The Boys and Girls Club of DeWitt County invite you to *The Gospel Brunch* on February 19, 2017 featuring the Texas A&M Voices Of Praise Choir. This event will be held at The Venue in Cuero, 125 East Church Street. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ticket prices for this event & more details to follow! Hope to see you there!

*\*For questions, please call (361)524-0005.*



**St. John Wishes you a  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!**



**St. Valentine's Day Word Search**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| F | N | K | T | T | T | G | K | I | E |
| G | O | T | K | N | R | T | M | N | L |
| L | L | R | R | I | M | U | I | G | D |
| Y | O | U | R | A | L | T | S | F | H |
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| H | C | T | F | R | O | M | A | L | L |

Trust  
in  
God  
with  
All  
Your  
Heart

True  
Love  
Comes  
from  
Above

Saint Valentine, Pray for Us.

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# CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 27, 2016

By Church Secretary, Mitchell Jank

**Members present:** President Marvin Sager, Pastor John Boor, Mitchell Jank, Terri Jank, Johnny Jank, Glenn Ruschhaupt and Linda Ruschhaupt.

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

**DEVOTION:** Led by Pastor John.

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

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

## PASTOR'S REPORT

- The confirmation classes are going well. It is nice to have our own space in the basement. It works out well and we don't disrupt the adult classes as much.
- I have had good attendance at the classes and at this time I don't have anyone in danger of missing too many classes.

## COUNCIL BUSINESS

### Old Business

- Nominating Committee update – Brian Wendel has agreed to serve as Assistant Cemetery Custodian.

### Finance Team Report

- 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 December –

### **Oromo Evangelical Church in Houston, TX.**

- They were born in 2007 out of a Bible study and prayer group. As they grew in numbers it was decided they needed a church home. In 2008 an organized

service began at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church in Houston but after the 2009 statement on sexuality by the ELCA they left and have joined the NALC. Oromos are an ethnic group found in Ethiopia and Northern Kenya and parts of Somalia. They represent the largest cultural group in Africa. Their native language is Oromo. Most of these worshipers have fled their country of origin because of persecution for their beliefs by former communist rulers and now by their present government. They conduct their church services in their native tongue. They are seeking funds to relocate their place of worship to a neighborhood where more of their members reside.

### Parish Life Committee Report

- No activities to report on.

### Parish Education

- No report.

### The Property Team

- The Property did not meet in December. No report.

### Worship Team report

- The Worship team did not meet in December. No report.

### Council New Business

- Team reports are needed for the Congregational Annual report.

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



Keep up with St. John online

St. John Meyersville

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

Or visit our website at: [stjohnmeyersville.org](http://stjohnmeyersville.org)

## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

### February 5

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

### February 12

- Greeters** - Daren & Dawn Otto  
**Reader** - Jeffery Bennett  
**Acolyte** - Caroline Roeske

### February 19

- Greeters** - Alfred & Marlene Rangnow  
**Reader** - Marlene Rangnow  
**Acolyte** - Volunteer Needed

### February 26

- Greeters** - Cheryl Bramlette  
**Reader** - Johnna Kethan  
**Acolyte** - Volunteer Needed

### February Communion Assistant

Obert Sagebiel

### February Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

### February Nursing Home Visitors

Laurie Pokluda

## LOOKING AHEAD...

### March 5

- Greeters** - Beverly Bodden  
**Reader** - Dickie Bettge  
**Acolyte** - Volunteer Needed

### March Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

### March Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Otto

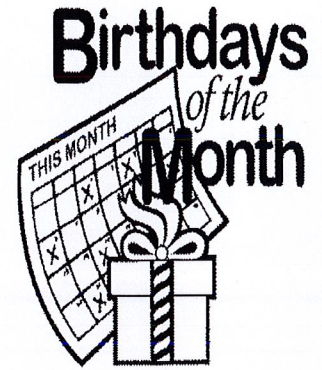
### March Nursing Home Visitors

Candy Cowley

**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 - Amanda Denson  
Dorothy Fay Diebel  
Kendra Mayfield  
Virginia Jank
- 2 - Rebecca Dreier  
Sharon Palmer
- 3 - Wade Nagel
- 4 - Ernest Metting  
Jayce Egg
- 6 - Margaret Krause
- 9 - Ronnie Bennett
- 11 - Marjorie Dreier
- 13 - Dalton Ray Eckhardt
- 14 - Bobby Blain  
Robert Egg
- 15 - Jenny Sanders
- 16 - Norrean Sager
- 18 - Alexis Haun  
Robert Moeller
- 19 - Megan Ohrt
- 20 - Katheryne Freeman
- 21 - Kimberly Rangnow
- 22 - Dean Ohrt  
Laurie Wendel
- 23 - Lacey Paul
- 26 - Ty Johnson
- 27 - Allan Parsons  
Shelley Dreier
- 28 - Maverick Eckhardt  
Austin Chavez



## Anniversary Greetings to:

- 1 - Gordon & Jenny Gohmert
- 14 - Lindsey & Pam Ficklen





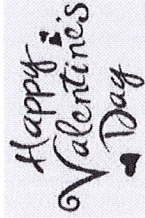


*Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you.*



# February 2017

## St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

Mission of the Month:  
Warrior's Weekend

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|   |   |   | 1<br>1:30 PM Quilters   | 2<br> | 3   | 4   |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 5<br>9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation<br>10:15 AM Worship                                | 6   | 7<br>7 PM Worship Team  | 8<br>10 AM Comm. Service<br>Yorktown Manor<br>1:30 PM Quilters<br>6-8 PM Youth Group<br>7 PM Women's Bible Study                    | 9  | 10  | 11  |
|  <b>Super Bowl</b>                               |   |   |   |  |   |   |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 12<br>8 AM Property Team Meeting<br>9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation<br>10:15 AM Worship | 13<br>7 PM Finance Team   | 14<br> | 15<br>10 AM Comm. Service<br>Cuero Nursing&Rehab.<br>1:30 PM Quilters<br>6 PM Mission/<br>Evangelism Team<br>7 PM Men's Bible Study | 16<br><br><b>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</b>             | 17<br><br><b>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</b> | 18  |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 19<br>9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation<br>10:15 AM Worship                               | 20<br> | 21<br>7 PM Council Meeting  | 22<br>1:30 PM Quilters  | 23   | 24  | 25  |
| <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 26<br>9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation<br>10:15 AM Worship-SOTW                                   | 27  | 28  |   |  |   | Office Hours:<br><b>*Please see the Bulletins</b><br> |

# Bible Verses to Remember in February

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we love  
because  
he first  
loved us.

1 John 4:19



let us love  
one  
another,  
because  
love is of  
God.

1 John 4:7



If we love  
one  
another,  
God remains  
in us.

1 John 4:12



Trust in  
the Lord  
with all  
your  
heart.

Proverbs 3:5



Love the Lord,  
your God, with  
all your heart,  
and with all your  
soul, and with  
all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5



So faith, hope,  
love remain,  
these three,  
but the greatest  
of these is  
love.

1 Cor 13:13

