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April 2017 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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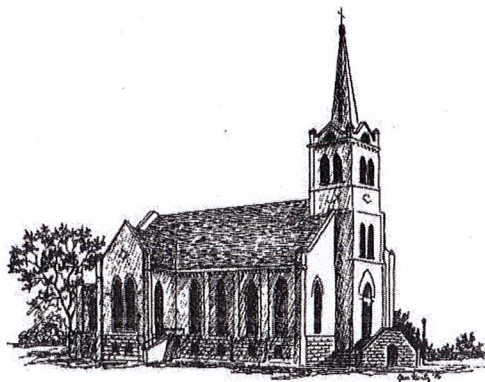
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Ministers - The People of St. John
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

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

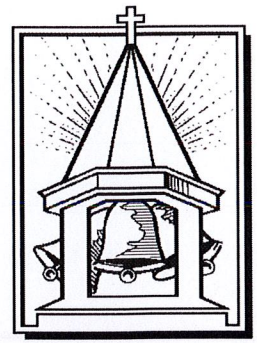
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Greetings,

As I travel around, these days I hear a lot of people who are discouraged. Many are stressed over the election and the dawning realization that the culture wars are creating turmoil throughout the country.

But inside my house, we have joy in the midst of the turmoil. It doesn't make sense, except for Christ.

I have been thinking this week about the place of joy in our lives. I believe joy is a choice. We can choose to ENJOY our lives or we can choose to be unhappy about everything in our lives.

In John 15:11 Jesus says, *"I have told you this, so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."* And in Galatians 5:22 Paul says, *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."*

I have taught recently about filling the voids in our lives with the Holy Spirit. If we fill our voids with the Holy Spirit, and look upon everything in the light of the Holy Spirit, we can't help but see hope. Our faith in the Lord gives us hope beyond this world.

Joy is essential in our lives, and it seems to be in short supply these days. Couldn't we all use an infusion of happiness? I personally know people who can find joy in whatever happens, and I am convinced that is how they CHOOSE to look at life. They practice, and they get better at it!

I have also found that it is funny how, when we watch for and seek to share joy (it's contagious!), it comes back to us. I pray that we will all look to our Lord Jesus Christ for His hopeful, positive view of everything that happens in our lives. Then we can be examples and bear witness to His power to transform a person's outlook.

Meanwhile, let's choose joy every day and spread it to those who need more in their lives.

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

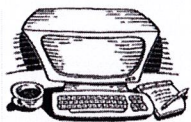
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	0	0											0
Adult	0	0											0
Total Baptisms	0	0											0
Confirmations	0	0											0
Weddings													
Members	0	0											0
Non-Members	0	0											0
Funerals													
Members	0	0											0
Non-Members	0	0											0
Counseling Sessions	3	4											7
Transfer Out	0	0											0
Transfer In	0	0											0
Home Visits	5	6											11
Hospital Visits													
Members	11	0											11
Non-Members	12	4											16
Private Communion													
Members	6	7											13
Non-Members	28	24											52
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	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 - Matt Nelson 550-2602

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!

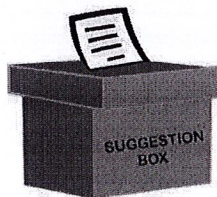
If any elderly person, or youth, needs a ride to Church or youth events, please notify the pastor so arrangements can be made to accommodate these needs.

Need a Ride?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the May 2017 Church Bell is Friday, April 21, 2017 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, 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
 Mike Meyer

Nursing Homes: Arlen Mueller - Yorktown Nursing & Rehab

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 April:



**This month's
Mission
Project**

Mission Statement

Water Missions International

Water Missions International is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization providing sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas.

Safe water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, our corporate partners and many others, Water Missions International has brought relief and hope to more than 2.5 million people across the globe.

Our faith and belief in the sanctity of life compel us to develop and implement the best technologies and community development programs so God will be honored and glorified through our work.

Mission

Our mission is to be a best in class Christian engineering ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions.

Vision

Water Missions International will be a Christian engineering ministry that is recognized as a global leader in transformational safe water solutions by 2017.

We will celebrate Water Sunday April 23, 2017 at St. John's.

Graduates

Please send graduating 8th graders, high school seniors & college graduates names to the church office. Either by email: stjohnvlutheran@juno.com, call during office hours (361)277-8653 or leave names in the secretary's box outside of the office door. Thank you.



Calling All Graduates!

Church Under The Trees

We will be having church under the trees April 30th. A pot luck lunch will follow. Please bring a main dish & a side dish or a dessert to share. Thank you!



Youth Group News

St. John Youth Group

Daren & Dawn Otto

Youth Group will meet on **Wednesday, April 12 from 6-8 pm**. We will be planning our Sunrise Service for Easter morning. We will meet again on **Saturday, April 15 at 10am** to practice and decorate for Easter. I ask that all Youth Group please make arrangements to attend both events so that I will know who to plan on for Easter morning. Those participating in the service will need to be at the **Old Stone Church on Easter Sunday morning at 7:00 am**.

Youth Group will also host breakfast following the Sunrise Service. All are invited to share a wonderful Easter morning pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall. Any parents that would like to help, please call 361-550-9167.

Also, please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 6**. It is posting day at the Field of Honor in Victoria. Youth Group will be posting flags, as in the past. I will let you know a time when the date gets closer.

Please all Youth Group make note of these dates.

Thank You



Words cannot express our sincere gratitude to all who supported Team Hunter in the bracelet fundraiser. We were overwhelmed by the support and response from the congregation. Your generous gifts will aid with the costs of food, travel and lodging expenses. We have never seen such loving, kind and generous people. Your prayers have kept Hunter going and help sustain his little heart. We cannot thank you enough. God bless each of you and please keep him in your prayers.

Pat, Wanda and Tristan Hays, Clifton and May Dell Jacob

Thank You

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frances Hartmann and her family would like to thank everyone who attended, sent cards and wishes, thoughts and prayers for her 100th birthday celebration on March 11, 2017. It made her day very enjoyable. Thank you very much.

Thank you,
Kurt Hartmann, Jr.
2018 Oak Mountain St.
San Antonio, TX 78232
210-496-6331
kehart@sbcglobal.net





Church Picture Directory
ATTENTION! Pictures for the Pictorial Directory are being postponed until the fall due to lack of participation.

SAVE THE DATE – Sat., April 29, 2017
8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
Spring Workday

We are planning a spring workday and encourage everyone to participate. There are a lot of odd jobs around the Church, pariah hall, parsonage, and grounds that are hard to contract out, but need to be done. Please consider giving one Saturday morning of your time to help us care for God's House. The following are jobs that need to be done:

- **Brush removal along east property line fence.**
- **Trim trees.**
- **Pressure wash & paint pump house.**
- **Pressure wash church building.**
- **Fix drainage problem on west side of church.**
- **Basement Clean-up.**
- **Banister at parish hall needs painting.**

If you cannot be there on the Saturday of workday, but would like to undertake a project on your own, please see one of the property team members. With more daylight in the evenings, it may be better for some to work in the evenings. Please contact a property team member if you see other areas around the church, parish hall, parsonage, and grounds that need our attention. Property team members are as follows: Dickie Bettge, chm, Marv Sager, Pastor John, Clay Haun, Vance Egg, Glenn Ruschhaupt, and Will Roeske.



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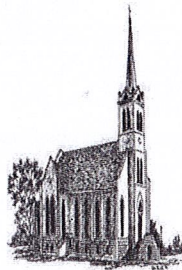


Sunday School

Need a ride to Sunday school? Sometimes parents need that extra hour of sleep. Let us pick up your kids! Call or text Kathy Dunn at 361-275-4322 or Wanda Hays at 361-648-4033.

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.



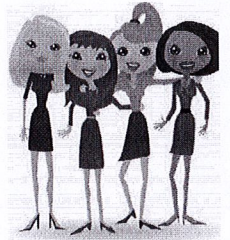
REFORMATION
Sunday

SAVE THE DATE !

2017 IS THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION AND HERE AT ST JOHN EV LUTHERAN CHURCH WE INTEND TO CELEBRATE IN A BIG WAY ON **OCTOBER 29TH** WITH A REFORMATION SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A POT LUCK MEAL. SAVE THE DATE AND KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE CELEBRATION!

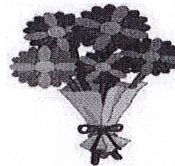
Reformation + Refocus + Renewal

Women's Gathering
 South Texas Mission District
 North American Lutheran Church
 April 8, 2017
 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Registration/continental breakfast
 3:00 p.m. Coffee/dessert bar, dismissal
 Donna Pyle, Artesian Ministries LLC
 Speaker and Bible Study Leader
 Music * Reformation Moments * Deutch Marktplatz
 Be Informed Be Inspired
 Welcome Lutheran Church
 13636 FM 109, Brenham, TX 77833
 Registration: \$20.00 accepted thru March 18, 2017
 \$25.00 after March 18th
 (Includes lunch/refreshments)
 For additional information contact:
 Geraldine Johnson
 Geraldine@reagan.com or (979)203-3131
 Or see more info. on the Narthex bulletin board
 (*please make a copy if you wish to fill out a registration form)



Grave Decoration Service

The Kilgore Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting and grave decoration service at 3 p.m. on April 23 at the Kilgore Cemetery, located at 214 Kilgore Road, Goliad. The grave decoration service will be held and the annual meeting will follow. All persons who have an interest in the cemetery and the former St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Kilgore are invited to attend. Prior to the Sunday service, families are encouraged to clean and decorate family grave sites.



Thank you very much,
 Kathy Albrecht, secretary
 Kilgore Cemetery Association

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 28, 2017

By Church Secretary, Virginia Jank

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Marvin Sager, Pastor John Boor, Obert Sagebiel, Dickie Bettge, Kathy Dunn, Terri Jank, Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt, M'Liss Moore, Johnny & Virginia Jank, Matt Nelson

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Marv Sager with a short devotion on True Religion out of Turning Point publication. It included Tim Tebow and his work in the Philipppians.

MINUTES: Reviewed. Motion to accept by Kathy, 2nd by Glen, and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed. Motion to accept by Johnny, 2nd by Dickie, and approved.

The council affirmed Matt Nelson as Financial Secretary.

Motion was made by Obert, 2nd by M'Liss, and approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

I had 23 hospital visits in January. Eleven were for members and 12 for non-members. Three were to Houston.

I want to thank council again for sending me to the Pastor's Conference in Orlando. It was the best conference with the NALC that I have attended.

We had a full day lecture on "Luther on Vocation" which was given by Jim Nestigen. Jim Nestigen is recognized as one of the leading experts on Luther in the U.S. He discussed what Luther had to say and how it is defined today. He said it is being redefined by our modern day culture.

SOLA told us they have been given a grant by Thrivent to provide materials for the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the reformation. This material will be available after Easter.

A task force has a preliminary paper on Church Order and Worship. We were given a copy and it was discussed by the ministerial.

The convocation was discussed and we learned that On Tuesday there will be a meeting for Youth Ministry. Also at noon on Tuesday there will be a Missions meeting. The theme will be renewing Congregational Life through the Word.

The Theology Seminar theme will be on Christology, The Work of Christ.

The theme of the Convocation on Thursday and Friday will be Holding Fast Being Reformed.

It was a very busy few days and I look forward to attending next year when it will be in San Antonio.

God's blessings, Pastor John

Discussion:

The convocation will be in Nashville in August.

Recognition for dedication above and beyond in our church body was discussed. What precedence should be set, which anniversary of years served should be recognized, and possible special recognition with refreshments after church, including all who have served (past and present).

Financial Team Report:

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

Opening Prayer - Given by Glenn Ruschhaupt

REVIEW OF LATEST FINANCIAL REPORTS - Reports were reviewed and various details discussed. M'Liss provided a brief update on memorials status.

OLD BUSINESS - Possible candidates for St John Financial Secretary were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS - Possible addition of two sub-accounts for Miscellaneous Income to delineate Pasture Lease and Building Rental income transfers to the Building Fund were discussed. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR April 10th AT 7:00 PM.....

Discussion: Thanks to Matt again for accepting the Financial Secretary position. Two new sub-accounts have been added to the financial report to make recording easier and reports more precise and clearer.

Mission Team Report:

We met Wed. Feb. 15

Members present: Linda Ruschhaupt, Cheryl Bramlette, Obert Sagebiel, Pam Haun and Marv Sager

Cheryl gave a report on the Bishop coming for Sept. 10 which is our 2017 designated Mission feast date.

Obert gave a report on following up on new folks who visit our church and sign in on our guest book.

We talked about the mission of the month and went over the financials and plan of work that Col. Mike sent.

Attached is the info on our Mission of Month for March: House of Dreams

Next month we will not meet because of Lent. April's mission will be Water Missions.

The House of Dreams is a Scholarship Program for homeless women and their children.

The heart of the program is to embrace and strengthen their potential equipping them for a better future. Each resident will be provided with a room and living space for them (and their children if they have children), food, on-site day care and on-site guidance 24/7. They will participate in an Intern Program learning marketable skills that will allow them to become self-sufficient. The home will be a Christ-centered home of second chances, promoting self-sufficiency, emphasizing teamwork in a compassionate, caring, positive and encouraging environment. Women will be able to sustain themselves based on improved skills and technical skills taught at House of Dreams. They will learn honor and a healthy self-respect to maximize personal growth and save children from a life of dependency, crime, poverty and hopelessness

The home will be able to house 13 to 15 women, and have two paid staff members.

House of Dreams is a 501C3 organized under the leadership of Faith Family Church in Victoria.

Col. Mike Petrash is the Administrator (not paid)

Parish Life Team Report:

The Parish Life Team has been working with Life Touch to put together a pictorial for St. John's. We have tentatively scheduled Picture Dates for April 12th and 13th. There will be no charge to the church, and each member will receive a free 8 X 10 and Pictorial Directory. The church will also receive 20 extra pictorials for future new members. Everyone will have the option to order other photos for a fee. Volunteers will be needed on April 12th and 13th at sign in table, etc. The hours pictures will be taken are from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

There had been some thought to have a soup supper before Church on Ash Wednesday. It was decided to possibly move

the supper to another Wednesday during Lent, as this is the week of Stock Show. We will be having a meeting Sunday March 5th after Church.

Discussion: Dates for picture taking were left even though it is Holy Week, and the hours were changed for Thursday to 6:00 instead of 8:00. The soup supper was tentatively set for March 29.

Parish Ed Team Report:

Team Members: Kathy Dunn, Wanda Hays, Sunday School teachers (LeAnn Jander, Johnny Jank, Heather Roeske, Jackie Parsons), Pastor John Boor, Marv Sager, Laurie Pokluda The Junior Department (ages 3 to 11 yrs.) had 11 students yesterday and one teacher/leader. It was so great to have so many youth, and even though we were a little noisy, several adults commented that they enjoyed hearing happy sounds coming from the classrooms.

Pastor John's letter in the newsletter about Sunday School attendance was well penned. We put a note about providing transportation to Sunday School in the bulletin, but haven't had any takers so far.

Curriculum: Wanda and I met again last Sunday and decided to continue with the Bible Story Outline from LeAnn Jander and we found a similar curriculum that is free, provided by Sunday School Center.com. We would like to have council's and pastor's approval.

The following is their belief statement:

We believe in one God who exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God. We believe Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead. We believe that by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, we can have eternal life and a personal relationship with God. Using Sunday School Center Materials in Your Ministry Sunday School Center is designed to provide free Sunday School lessons and similar materials to those who may wish to use them. With that said, we encourage you to review any and all materials with your pastor for approval, prior to using them in ministry with others.

Sunday School Center does not enter into debates over doctrine, beliefs, or traditions. We respect the differences of opinion which believers in Christ may occasionally have, but we prefer to emphasize the basic beliefs we share in common as Christ followers. For any questions regarding our Belief Statement or the use of Sunday School Center materials with your ministry, please consult with your pastor. Thank you!! God bless you!

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Technical help is still needed with the internet service in the double room and programming the Smart TV for internet services.

The Junior Department would like to have a separate area for their opening. When the basement is remodeled we hope to use part of this space.

VBS with Cross Trails Ministry Camp Counselors: I called to see which weeks are still available:

July 2-7 July 30- Aug 4 and Aug 6 – 11
I talked to Dorothy who answered the phone, and expressed our concerns about last year's Day Camp. She referred me to Jessica Pina, who is in charge of the Day Camp program, same as last year. She will call me Wednesday afternoon and I can talk to her about the concerns. I have not heard back from Yorktown Lutheran, so I called Linda Hurta Monday and left a message.

Discussion: Council members encouraged to check out Sunday School Center.com on possible material. Yorktown is not doing Day Camp this year. Members preferred doing VBS at St John Meyersville and Kathy will check with other ministries to help lead the study. Johnny is trying to get information together to work on the TV for use by the Sunday School.

Property Team Report:

Attendees: Dickie, Marv, Vance, Glenn, Will.

Maintenance Schedule.

March: Yellow-jacket Extermination.

 Annual inspection of A/C.

 Spring cleaning of basement to discard un-usable items and tidy up rooms.

 Check A/C units.

Items Complete.

- Oil Bell & Check Attic. Everything looks good.

Old Business.

- Architect progress. Marv and I met with Patrick and Mr. Atkinson concerning plastering of the basement. He said that the plaster that is on the walls is a gypsum plaster which by nature is softer and tends to flake like is currently happening. He recommends a concrete based plaster which will be harder and much more durable. The harder plaster is less desirable from the standpoint of acoustics. He would attach lathes into the clay tiles and put the plaster (about .75" thick) on the lathes. The sand based plaster will have a white color. He said that the church cracks could be fixed by routing the cracks and placing new plaster. He should be able to match the paint on the walls. Scaffolding would be necessary which will run up the cost. Patrick provided a cost estimate for suspended ceiling in the basement as follows:

2'x4' tiles \$5,200

2'x2' tiles \$7,700

Plaster with sand finish: \$18,900.

The team recommended getting a cost estimate to come up with a bid ready package from Patrick.

New Business:

- One pasture lease bid was received for \$25/ac/year from Daren Otto. This bid was accepted.
- Meeting with Cemetery Custodians to revise cemetery rules and possibly propose signage. Meeting will be with Dickie, Marv, Obert Sagebeil, Robert Moore, & Brian Wendel.
- Revisions to building use policy to incorporate constitutional amendments concerning marriage. Marv & Dickie will come up with revision for property team and council's approval.

Projects:

- Inventory of furniture and equipment & report to Church Council. Dickie
- Patch roof on parish hall. Britton.
- Equipment box at volley ball court. Vance

Work Day Projects:

- Paint pump house.
- Fix drainage problem on west side of church.
- Basement Clean-up
- Trim Trees.

Summary of Renovation Fund

ST. JOHN RENOVATION FUND		
DATE	RENOVATION FUND	CUMLATIVE IN FUND
09/04/16	\$101,455	\$101,455.00
09/11/16	\$12,152	\$113,607.00
09/18/16	\$293	\$113,900.00
09/25/16	\$2,295	\$116,195.00
10/03/16	\$1,200	\$117,395.00
19/9/16	\$355	\$117,750.00
10/16/16	\$283.50	\$118,033.50
10/23/16	\$675	\$118,708.50
10/30/16	\$835	\$119,543.50
11/06/16	\$1,303	\$120,846.50
11/13/16	\$660	\$121,506.50
11/20/16	\$393	\$121,899.50
11/27/16	\$280	\$122,179.50
12/04/16	\$379	\$122,558.50
12/11/16	\$113	\$122,671.50
12/18/16	\$13,470	\$136,141.50
12/24/16	\$300	\$136,441.50
12/25/16	\$1,415	\$137,856.50
12/31/16	\$2,505	\$140,361.50
12/31/16	\$1,500	\$141,861.50
01/05/17	\$1,240	\$143,101.50
01/08/17	\$400	\$143,501.50
01/15/17	\$1,704	\$145,205.50
01/22/17	\$1,190	\$146,395.50
01/29/17	\$410	\$146,805.50
02/05/17	\$2,036	\$148,841.50

Items for council approval: None

Worship Team report:

Worship Team members, Beverly Bodden, Pastor John Boor, Johnny P Jank, Virginia Jank, Dawn Otto, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Marv Sager, Norrean Sager, and Bruce Weise met Tuesday 7th February, 2017.

Old Business discussed included:

Confirmation robes – The Team has been renewing the needs of St John in regards to replacing the current robes which had been primarily used for Confirmation. One of the sources we had been considering was CM Almy, a well-known church supply company. Bruce has used them as a resource and recently received a flyer regarding their robes being on sale. The Team reviewed some of the offerings by CM Almy and found one that would meet our needs for \$93.00, which with the discount would run approximately \$80.00. The other source we looked at was “Graduationsource.com”. This is where MISD purchases

their gowns for 8th grade graduation ceremony. They had a Matte White gown for \$22.95 each. Team discussed both the options and decided the graduation source gowns may not be the same quality as the Almy gowns, but we are not using these gowns each Sunday, we probably will only use these once a year. At the lower price we could purchase 4 for every one of the more expensive gowns. We may have as many as nine young adults being confirmed on 21st of May. The Team considered that date will get here before you know it so we decided we should make a decision. Dawn moved to purchase 10 of the Matte White gowns from graduationsource.com at a price of \$20.95. There is a price break at 10 pieces so the 10th gown only cost us an additional \$2.95. Bev seconded the motion. After some discussion about whether the expenditure was budgeted, it was agreed that this expenditure would fall under the \$2,500.00 budgeted for Worship Supplies. The motion then passed unanimously. Pastor John would measure the Confirmands to get the sizes to order. This was completed by Carol Ann and Virginia in Pastor John’s absence.

LBW book repairs- The book repairs are complete but Virginia is still working on the bookmarks.

Lent – We will change to 2nd setting in LBW for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays during the Lenten season.

Reformation Sunday Celebration – We discussed ideas for the Reformation Sunday. Bruce mentioned a video on the life of Martin Luther that we might plan showing on consecutive Sundays. We talked about continuing to add ideas to focus on Martin Luther and the Reformation.

New Business discussed included:

A Confirmation Service that Pastor John had experience with at a previous church was reviewed and discussed. The Team all agreed that the service really involved the Confirmands and their parents. Pastor John said he will modify it to use for this year’s May 21st confirmation.

Clay Crockett and 204 Ministries were featured in a local magazine article that Dawn brought to the Team’s attention. Crockett is offering to supply live contemporary music for churches that, either don’t have a regular contemporary praise band or just need a supply band to take the place of their regular music. We have contemporary services planned for 23rd of April and for 30th of June. Beverly agreed to contact Clay Crockett and see if he would be available for either date. We will try to contact Broken Vessels, the band that played for us last year, to play for the other date.

There being no additional business for the Team we closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next month’s meeting will be the 7th March 2017 @ 7:00PM.

Other Council New Business:

Graduation Recognition Sunday will be May 14, 2017.

Memorial Day Services will be May 28 with Veteran Recognition with an Honor Guard presentation and Col. Petrash and Nick Lowery participating. There is some interest in doing the Living Last Supper again at St. John Meyersville. Material is being compiled for this possibility. The Tomb will again be a part of the Easter story as in years past. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.



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VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

April 2

- Greeters** - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Kernell Moritz
Acolyte - Carlie Parsons

April 9

- Greeters** - Kernell & Elaine Moritz
Reader - Jeffery Bennett
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

April 16

- Greeters** - John & Margie Swannack
Reader - Marlene Rangnow
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

April 23

- Greeters** - Daren & Dawn Otto
Reader - Rylan Dreier
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

April 30

- Greeters** - Youth Group
Reader - Mackenzie Blain
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

April Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

April Altar Guild

Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

April Nursing Home Visitors

Carol Ann Sagebiel

LOOKING AHEAD...

May 7

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

May Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

May Altar Guild

May Dell Jacob & Brenda Boor

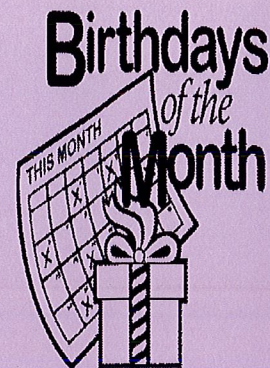
May Nursing Home Visitors

Nicole Leist

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:

- 4 - Hannah Brown
Jackie Parsons
Trish Hood
6 - Letha Blain
Sara Blain
7 - Britton Blain
Pastor John
12 - Trace Wunsch
13 - Brooke Ann Wendel
J. Burns Cowley
Ray Boyer
15 - Helen Sievers
19 - Karon Copeland
20 - Cindy Kainer
Leroy Reinecke
21 - Jacob Dreier
M'Liss Moore
Merton Ideus
22 - Pam Ficklen
23 - Leslie Wunsch
Michael Scott Johnson
Trandon Leist
26 - Emily Haun
30 - Stacey Nelson



Anniversary Greetings to:

- 6 - Pastor John & Brenda Boor
10 - Lucas & Molly Turner
12 - Christopher & Carly Waters
24 - Tim & Dawn Euton
30 - Keaton & Marsha Wendel











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

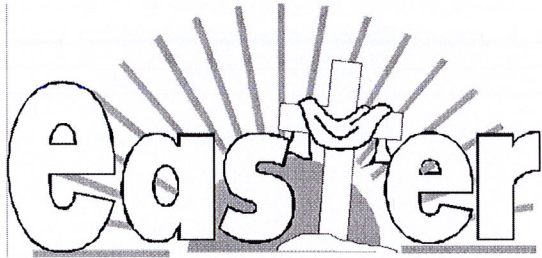
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Mission of the Month:
Water Missions
International

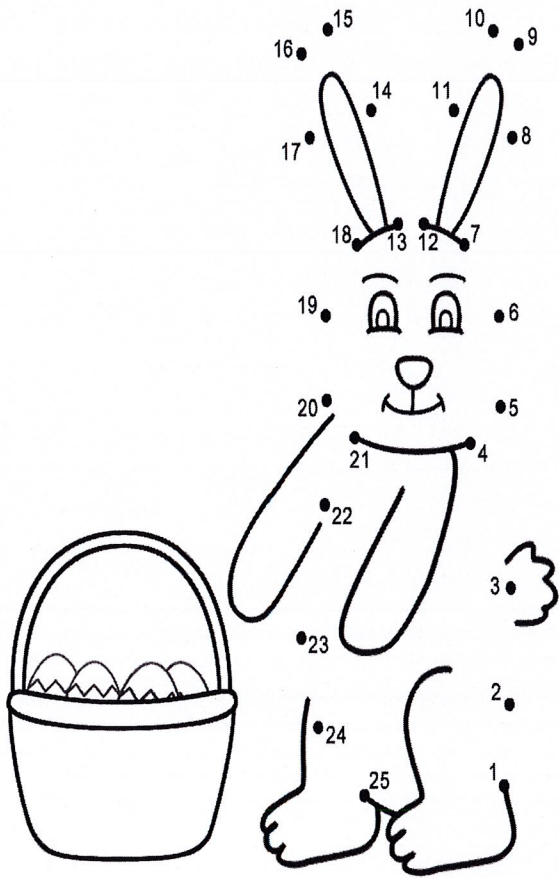
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5th Sunday in Lent 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship 	3 7 PM Worship Team	4 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Lenten Service LENLEN 	5 10 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 PM Quilters 6-8 PM Youth Group 7 PM Women's Bible Study	6	7	8
Palm Sunday 8 AM Property Team Meeting 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship 	10 7 PM Finance Team	11	12	13  MABINDY <i>Thursday</i> 7 PM Service	14  GOOD FRIDAY 7 PM Service	15
Easter Sunday 7:30 AM Sunrise Service Pancake Breakfast 9:15 AM Resurrection Egg Hunt 10:15 AM Worship 	17	18 7 PM Altar Guild Meeting	19 10 AM Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 PM Quilters 6 PM Mission Team 7 PM Men's Bible Study	20	21 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	22
2nd Sunday of Easter 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship-Contemporary *Water Sunday	24	25 7 PM Council Meeting	26 1:30 PM Quilters	27	28 **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	29
3rd Sunday of Easter 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship *Church under the trees; pot luck lunch to follow 						Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins 

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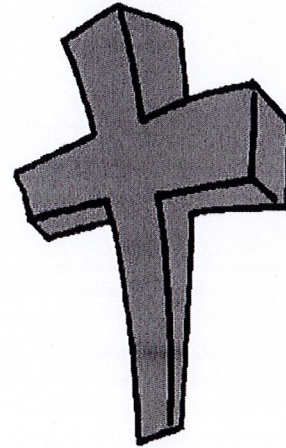


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