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March 2017 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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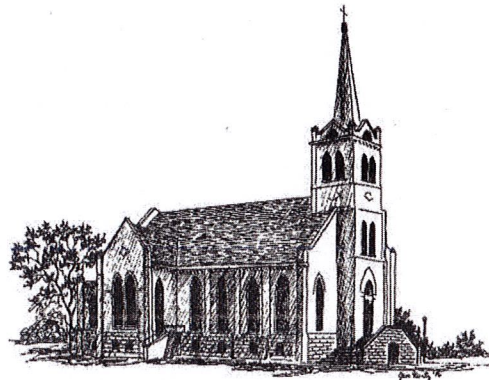
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Organist - Bruce A. Weise

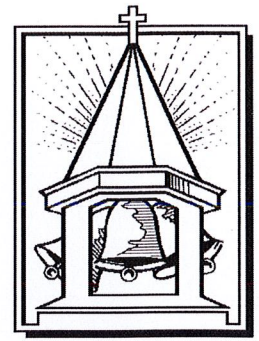
WORSHIP

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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March comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb. That used to be the prevailing theory, but in recent years it seems to still be roaring when we cross into April, so I wouldn't count on it.

This year March definitely comes in with the beginning of Lent on the 1st, Ash Wednesday heralding the season of reflection on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. You might wonder why we have mid-week services then throughout March.

These gatherings are an open invitation to all to participate as a local church body in opportunity for transformation. Setting aside time to come and consider all that God has done for us in the ministry of His Son can build our faith for the storms ahead, a mighty good investment.

Martin Luther left us a Lenten prayer that describes some of our blessing this way:

Lord Jesus,
You are my righteousness,
I am your sin.

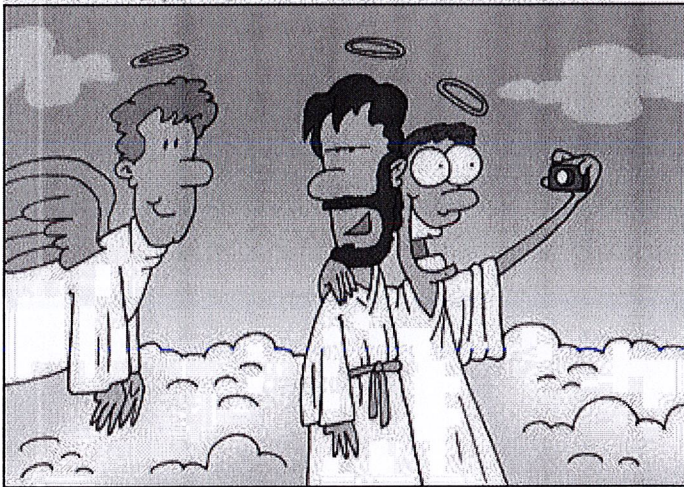
You took on you what was mine;
yet set on me what was yours.

You became what you were not,
that I might become what I was not.

Please, plan to join your church family for as many of these special services as you can manage. This year I will be using a special worship series for Lent called "Amazing Grace," in which we will explore insights into the amazing grace of God found in the cross of Christ.

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.



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld 02-16-2009

I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT

Ding-a-ling
Corner



Church Sign Humor



STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	0												0
Adult	0												0
Total Baptisms	0												0
Confirmations	0												0
Weddings													
Members	0												0
Non-Members	0												0
Funerals													
Members	0												0
Non-Members	0												0
Counseling Sessions	3												3
Transfer Out	0												0
Transfer In	0												0
Home Visits	5												5
Hospital Visits													
Members	11												11
Non-Members	12												12
Private Communion													
Members	6												6
Non-Members	28												28
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	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 - Virginia Jank	575-6813	Finance Team - Glenn Ruschhaupt	275-2059
Treasurer - M'Liss Moore	275-8069	Parish Life Team - Terri Jank	575-6816
Financial Secretary - Matt Nelson	550-2602	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

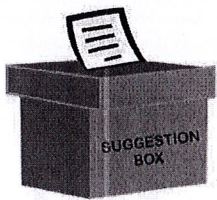
Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

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 April 2017 Church Bell is Friday, March 24, 2017 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnevlutheran@juno.com. Thanks!



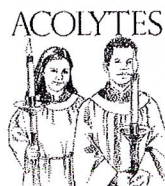
Do you have an idea?

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!



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 March:

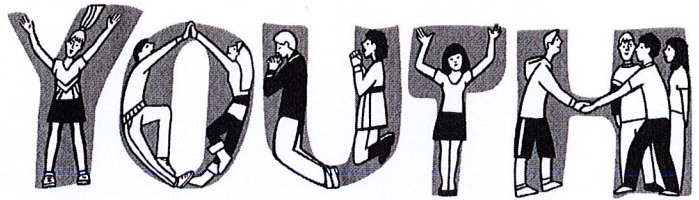


House of Dreams
Mission Statement

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)



Youth Group News

St. John Youth Group
Daren & Dawn Otto

Due to Wednesday Lenten services, stock shows & spring break we will not have the regular meeting in March.

Thank You

Thank you St. John Church members and Pastor John for all the thoughts and prayers during my time of illness and surgery. God has restored me to good health and I have been cleared by the doctors.
God Bless - Lacey Rains



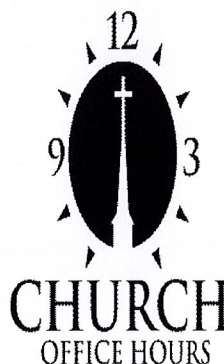
Sunday School

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.



Office Hours Change

The office hours will change the week of March 13-17. The office will be open March 13, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and March 15 & 16, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The office will be closed March 14 & 17. Regular hours will resume on March 21st.





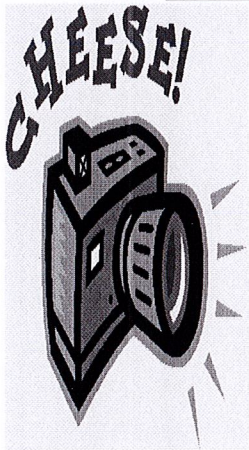
M'Liss & Cobb Moore would like to welcome their beautiful Granddaughter, **Harper Blaire Light** to the world! She was born February 8, 2017. Proud parents are Melanie & Holden Light.

Lenten

Mid-Week Lenten Services will be March 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 7:00 pm.



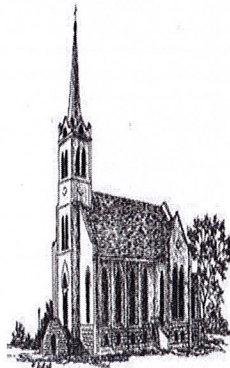
Church Picture Directory



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.

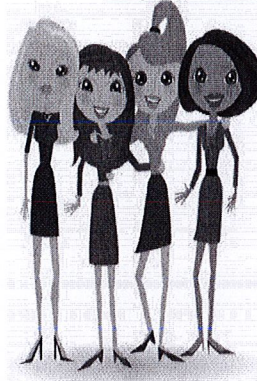
Church Renovation Fund

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.



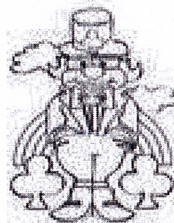
Pastor John's Sister-in-law, Carolyn Voor passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers. May God comfort them at their time of loss.

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)



St. Patrick's Day Word Search Puzzle

Word List

SAINT
PATRICK
LUCKY
MAGIC
IRISH
GREEN
GOLD
MARCH
RAINBOW
CLOVER

Y	F	O	P	G	O	L	D	X	Q
M	P	G	S	C	V	G	Y	C	C
S	A	E	O	D	G	R	R	O	L
A	T	G	L	U	C	K	Y	G	O
I	R	L	Y	A	H	O	Z	Z	V
N	I	M	A	G	I	C	M	Y	E
T	C	R	A	I	N	B	O	W	R
M	K	X	S	L	H	O	R	B	E
M	A	R	C	H	I	R	I	S	H
Z	F	Z	A	Z	G	R	E	E	N

Search the puzzle for the words shown in the word list. Circle each word that you find until you find all of the words in the whole puzzle!



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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 24, 2017

By Church Secretary, Virginia Jank

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Marv Sager with a short devotion on Discipleship based on Matthew 28.

MINUTES: Reviewed. Motion to accept by Linda Ruschhaupt, 2nd by Dickie Bettge, and approved.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor will be at a Pastor's Conference in Florida the week of February 13. Hospital visits have increased the last few weeks.

Financial Team Report: None (No January meeting)

Mission Team Report:

The mission for February is Warrior's Weekend. We usually do this in March but moved it up one month because we had not made a decision on another mission. The Warrior Weekend folks need the money early so they can pay expenses such as travel for the weekend in May. We changed Christian Warrior's Retreat to our May mission so it would coincide with our military service on Memorial Day. We have sent an email to the Bishop to see if he could be with us on Sept. 10th, the date to which Mission Festival was moved.

Linda Ruschhaupt, Mission Team Leader

Discussion on Mission Team Report:

Mission giving has decreased recently due to other commitments concerning church upkeep and renovations.

Parish Life Team Report: None (No January meeting)

Discussion was help on a Church photo directory. Parish Life elected to get feedback from church members, investigate Life Touch/Olan Mills, get quotes/procedure etc. and report back to Council.

With Lent beginning March 1, Parish Life is entertaining the idea of Soup before Ash Wednesday services and possibly some refreshments after or before the remaining services.

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 6 students yesterday and two teachers and two leaders.

What do you all think about providing transportation for the youth to come to Sunday School? I know it's taking some of the responsibility away from the parents, but it might be another way of saying how important it is to their Christian development. Wanda and I are both willing to do this.

I wasn't at the last Council meeting but I heard y'all discussed getting the youth more involved in the church services. I wholeheartedly agree. Do we need to meet with

the worship committee? I thought the song and "children's sermon" by Wanda yesterday were great!

Pastor write letter to parents? The people who were in church only hear the sermons, not the ones who aren't attending. Or put on first page of newsletter?

We had a Sunday School meeting on January 8th after church with myself, Wanda Hays, Jackie Parsons and LeAnn Jander. We discussed the Share Faith curriculum and a curriculum outline that LeAnn and Jackie used at Zion Lutheran Church 10 years ago. The latter follows the Church calendar and the more prominent Bible Stories for children. We will use this at least until we find out more about Sharefaith.com. The Bible Stories curriculum has to be "redeveloped" since they were left with Zion.

Youth Group – This group is led by Daren and Dawn Otto. They meet once a month and include Youth 6th grade and older. They had 26 members in 2016 -- average attendance at gatherings was 19. They are currently working on flag sponsorships for the Warrior's Weekend Field of Honor. The Adult Sunday School Class, has expressed concerns about the older youth bothering the class when they finish earlier than the adult class – when they come into the kitchen for food.

The Confirmation Class I'd like to try to offer something to these kids after they get out of class from 9:45 to 10:15.... They helped put up the outside nativity figures last Sunday and that was a big help. Sometimes the confirmation class helps the younger classes (especially the Janders and Parsons)

Need input from council: What about storing the outside nativity figures some other way than back in the Styrofoam? They are hard to get in and out.

Curriculum: We are looking at a new Curriculum called **ShareFaith.com** that includes on line Bible Videos and activities and interesting teaching techniques to reinforce the message while having fun. Share Faith is non-denominational; straight from the Bible, when you read their "about Us" What we believe" it is basically the apostles creed and the Bible as God's inerrant word – Jesus Christ is the way the truth and the light. They use the English Standard Version of the Bible. They provide lots of information and ideas about evangelism and all aspects of the church community. It costs \$724 through the end of January, and after that \$825 annually. This allows you to have access to all their resources. Other council committees may want to look at this web site.

However, they are working on a Stand Alone Kids Program and plan to launch this by the end of January. This would be a lot cheaper! He said he has a list started of people who want this.

After we download the material onto a computer, it does not have to have internet access. We can have as many as 10 teachers with access to the program

I was able to download the 3 Free Lessons (Lazarus, The Lord is My Shepherd, and The Armor of God). BUT OUR INTERNET IS SO SLOW I CAN'T USE IT IN OUR CLASSROOMS. The videos won't play. JOHNNY JANK IS

GOING TO HELP US WITH THIS. AND TO PROGRAM THE TV FOR INTERNET ACCESS.

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.

I spent hours cleaning and organizing lesson materials, crafts and supplies, and Christmas decorations. And I did throw some things away!!

VBS with Cross Trails Ministry Camp Counselors: We had the Camp Counselors lead our Vacation Bible School again this summer. Norrean and Marv Sager hosted the four counselors in their home. We had about 35 youth attending including our Junior Volunteers. The counselors this year did not seem as energetic as last year, were not very well prepared and didn't provide the training that they were supposed to provide to the junior volunteers, and didn't follow their Curriculum Guide. Attempts to provide feedback by phone were unreturned. Part of the problem may have been that we scheduled this for the last week of summer. Since the cost is substantial, \$1800 plus food costs, we will have to consider whether or not to do this again in 2017. I called Linda Hurta from Yorktown Lutheran church and she said they are having a meeting next Sunday about VBS and she will let me know after that. They are considering joining with other churches in the community. She is not in charge of it this year but is still involved. She had heard one negative comment from a parent that her child didn't know what the lesson was about, just knew about the fun and games.

Kathy Dunn

Discussion on the Parish Ed Team Report:

Several individuals have volunteered to pick up children for Sunday School. Liability issues were discussed with the final consensus being that everyone has insurance on their personal vehicles to cover any situations. Kathy and Wanda were added to the list of teachers in the last report. The children were encouraged to be a part of the church service with the stipulation that worship team and pastor be notified in advance so that any adjustments to the service can be made and the children recognized in the bulletin for that Sunday. Encouragement of a newsletter article or a letter welcoming our students to Sunday School was discussed. The final comment was that "face to face" contact may be the best, showing concern for each individual. Question was asked if the Nativity Scene statutes could be bubble wrapped and put into the boxes instead of using the Styrofoam. All agreed this may be easier and less messy. There has been some trouble with the internet use in Sunday School. The TV will be set up for internet and the internet checked out for better utilization during the Sunday School hour. Comment was made on the Senior Dept. coming into the Parish Hall to get food after Sunday School. The overall feeling of the Adult Sunday School members present at the Council meeting was that the children were not a disturbance if quietness and respectfulness could be practiced.

Property Team report:

Maintenance Schedule.

February: Oil the Bell & Check attic in church

Items Complete.

- Sump pump checked and problems fixed.
- A load of gravel was delivered compliments of Brian Nethery to pave the low area on the road to the creek picnic area.
- New doors installed on the lawn mower shed.
- Parsonage kitchen range has been repaired.

Old Business.

- Architect progress. The architect will be authorized to bill us for the remaining services that have been performed.

New Business:

- New pasture lease due Mar. 1, 2017. Name St. John as "additional insured". Bid packages have been placed in office and Narthex and a notice has been placed in the bulletin.
- Cemetery visitors. We had another visitor at the cemetery after dark. The committee to review the cemetery rules will be activated soon. This committee will make recommendations for a possible sign to be placed at the cemetery.
- Surface drainage problems. Need a slight fix to divert some water. Work day item.
- Review and revision of building use guidelines to make them compliant with our newly revised church constitution.

Projects:

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

Work Day Projects:

- Paint pump house.
- Fix parking lot drainage problem on west side of church.

Items for council approval: None

Discussion on Property Team report:

Concrete plaster is being considered for the walls in the basement. The cracks in the church have been inspected and it is felt that these can be repaired and painted without having to repaint the whole church.

Worship Team report:

Worship Team members, Beverly Bodden, Pastor John Boor, Johnny P Jank, Virginia Jank, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Marv Sager, Norrean Sager, and Bruce Weise, hadn't even gotten used to writing 2017 instead of 2016 when we met on the 3rd of January on the first Tuesday evening of the new year.

Old business discussed:

Confirmation robes were still on the agenda because no more information has come to the Team. There is now an urgency to our search as Pastor John informed the Team there will be young adults ready for confirmation this year. We plan to use this group as our test for what sizes will be needed and what we might purchase to meet these needs.

LBW book repairs- The book repairs are complete and Virginia is continuing to work on the bookmarks.

Choir – The results of the seasonal choir and the Christmas selection that was presented were discussed. The Team agreed it went well but it was tough with such a small group. If one choir member didn't show somebody was singing solo. We did get help from Megan Ohrt who stepped in at the 9th hour to help. And we may have another recruit with Kaysa Wunsch who pinch hit for Megan at program practice with a beautiful solo of Silent Night. This just proves we have untapped resources we just have to find ways to utilize them. The key might be to get a couple or more youth so they have someone to hang with except us "old fooggies" and plan the practices to coincide with their school and other activities.

New Business discussed:

Lent begins 1st of March with Ash Wednesday. We will change to 2nd setting in LBW for the first, second and third Sundays. We also

2017 Church Calendar – Some items the Team considered:

- 1) There are four 5th Sundays in a year, when we typically would have a contemporary service. In 2017 two of those 5th Sunday fall on Sundays already slated for other events. The 30th of April is Grave decoration Sunday and the 30th of October is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. So Team agreed to move the contemporary service to the 23rd of April, which would normally be a SOTW Sunday. After some additional discussion the Team set the 24th of September as a Youth led contemporary service.
- 2) In 2016 the Polka Service was held on the 1st Sunday of Advent. If we do that again this year that would be the 3rd of December, 1st Sunday of the month and a communion Sunday. Other years we had the Polka service the Sunday before Thanksgiving, that would be 19th of November, a 3rd Sunday of November, also a communion Sunday. After some discussion the Team agreed to attempt to move the Polka service the 26th of November, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- 3) Mission feast Sunday conflicts with the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Team discussed moving the feast realizing this would require coordination with Mission & Parish Life Teams. After looking at the Church calendar we

agreed to recommend the 10th of September as a potential date for consideration by the other Teams.

29th October 2017- Is the Sunday closest to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Although this is months away the Team agreed we need to start thinking about this anniversary celebration. Pastor John said he may be getting additional information at the Pastor conference he is attending, so we may want to wait just a little for more input. Team agreed to consider ways to incorporate this event in other ways throughout the year and maybe use this as an opportunity to learn more about Martin Luther and the Lutheran faith.

There being no additional business the Team got out our worksheets and hymnals and assigned songs for 8th of January thru the 5th of March 2017. This was aided by a new resource compiled by Bev Bodden and Dawn Otto. They made a list of all the songs sung in 2016 and then sorted it by Hymn and by Date.

Worship team is looking for ideas to utilize throughout the entire year to enhance awareness of this being the 100th year of our Church Reformation. It was noted that review needs to be made of our church policy on worship in view of the changes to our Constitution on marriage and that usage of the church grounds for this and other events may also need review.

Johnny Jank

Other Council New Business:

Since Christmas Eve was left out of the list in deciding where loose offering should be applied, it was decided that loose offering from the Christmas Eve service remain in the general fund since the Sunday School is a line item on our budget and that if there is ever any major changes to the Sunday School that this item be revisited and the loose offerings may go directly to the Sunday School at that time. Financial Secretary position opening was discussed. Several suggestions were made as to filling this position and names were suggested and to be called to prayerfully consider this job.

Installation of Church Council was set for Feb 5 2017.

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

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

March 5

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

March 12

- Greeters - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Reader - Jeffery Bennett
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

March 19

- Greeters - Candy Cowley
Reader - Marlene Rangnow
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

March 26

- Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Reader - Caden Jander
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

March Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

March Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Otto

March Nursing Home Visitors

Candy Cowley

LOOKING AHEAD...

April 2

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

April Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

April Altar Guild

Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

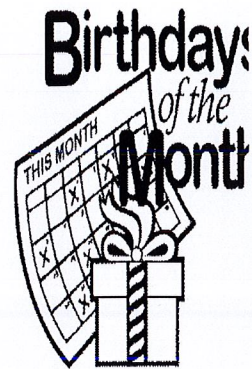
April Nursing Home Visitors

Carol Ann Sagebiel

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 - Crystal Eichhorn
Garlan Moeller
- 3 - Kathy Dunn
Tabitha Johnson McConnell
- 4 - Aubry Warwas
- 6 - Dee Moeller
- 7 - Buck Blain
Daniel Macon
- 8 - Cody Bishop
Michele Motley
- 10 - Beth Reinecke
Donna Gohmert
- 11 - Tammy Blain
Kyler Leist
- 14 - Gary Moeller
- 15 - Richard Egg
- 17 - Henry Lee Rangnow
- 19 - Alfred Rangnow
- 25 - Marvin Sager
Melanie Light
- 28 - Heather Wendel
- 29 - Leon Dohman
- 30 - Cindy Egg
- 31 - Milan Eckhardt



Anniversary Greetings to:

- 2 - Fred & Rose Mueller
Stanley & Donna Fuchs
Ted & Pam Long
- 6 - Sandy & Vicki Motley
- 7 - Kenneth & Betty Diebel
- 18 - Alfred & Marlene Dreier-Rangnow
- 24 - Mike & Wanda Rangnow
- 28 - Kyle & Melinda Nethery
- 29 - Patrick & Meagan Oehlke
- 30 - Glenn & Dionis Winsauer









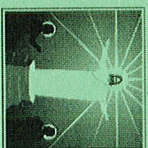




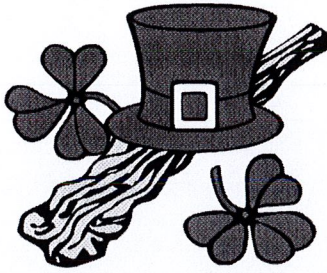
Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you.

March 2017

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meysersville, TX

Mission of the Month:
House of Dreams

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Sunday in Lent 5 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship <i>*Parish Life Meeting after church</i> 	6	7 PM Worship Team	1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service 	9	10	11
2nd Sunday in Lent 12 8 AM Property Team Meeting 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship  <i>*Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	13	7 PM Women's Bible Study	10 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Lenten Service 	16		18
3rd Sunday in Lent 19 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship 		7 PM Altar Guild Meeting	9 AM Old Stone Church 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Lenten Service 	**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	 25
4th Sunday in Lent 26 9 AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship-SOTW	27	7 PM Council Meeting	1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Lenten Service 	30	31	Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins 



St. Patrick's Day

March 17, 2017

St. Patrick's Day celebrates the Roman Catholic feast day of the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick died on March 17, 461 AD. But did you know that he wasn't even Irish? Here are some fun facts about St. Patrick and some activities you can use to teach about his day.

History:

Patrick's birth name was Maewyn. He was born in Roman Britain. He was kidnapped into slavery and brought to Ireland.

He escaped to a monastery in Gaul (France) and converted to Christianity. He went back to Ireland in 432 as a missionary. While Christianity had already taken hold in the country, tradition has it that Patrick confronted the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rites, making Christianity more widespread.

Patrick became a bishop and after his death was named Ireland's patron saint. Celebrations in Ireland were understated though. When the Irish emigrated to the U.S., they created the bigger celebrations and parades known today.

Eighteenth century Irish soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War held the first St. Patrick Day parades. The celebrations became a way for the Irish to connect with their roots after they moved to America.

Fun Facts:

The shamrock: According to legend St. Patrick used the three leaf clover (or shamrock) to explain the Trinity.

Dyeing the river green: The practice of dyeing the river green started in Chicago in 1962, when city officials decided to dye a portion of the Chicago River green.

Corn beef and cabbage: This is an Irish American dish. Irish Americans were so poor they could not afford certain meals. On St. Patrick's Day, the best meal they could afford was beef and cabbage. It became a staple for the holiday.