

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church  
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## *November 2017 Newsletter*

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

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

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

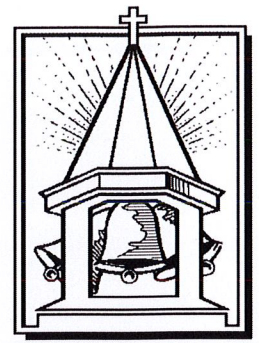
#### **WORSHIP**

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**  
**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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## Greetings

One of the best things our country ever did was declare a day of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. Think about it. Like the feasts and memorials in the Old Testament, this is a time to reflect, to stop our workaday busyness, spend time with family and friends and look heavenward in appreciation for them and all that we enjoy in this earthly life and to thus HONOR GOD. This is a good thing.

Even in the midst of rampant dishonor in this world, the act of respecting our Creator, our Lord and Savior, is a light that overcomes darkness. Our celebrations of Thanksgiving can be part of a spiritual force of renewal and restoration for our homes, our communities, our nation and our world, if undertaken with a heart of gratitude and love for one another.

So, let's resolve to focus most especially on intentionally appreciating our blessings, counting them even, if you will. Let's enjoy a meal together with our loved ones without tension or strife, even if that means simplifying the event from past years' harried preparations and hurried travel. Let's "rest in the Lord, and He will refresh" us. Let's reach out and share our abundance as God leads. And, let's look to heaven for whatever we have need of. Our Father is faithful to provide in His time, and we are thankful.

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



<b>STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2017</b>													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0				5
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
<b>Total Baptisms</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0				5
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0				9
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0				2
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1
Counseling Sessions	3	4	5	4	2	0	3	4	3				28
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0				2
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Home Visits	5	6	5	6	5	4	3	6	7				47
Hospital Visits													
Members	11	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	8				21
Non-Members	12	4	3	1	1	1	2	2	2				28
Private Communion													
Members	6	7	6	6	5	4	4	8	6				52
Non-Members	28	24	28	26	12	16	18	22	19				193
<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
Restore to Membership	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	275-4322
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 December 2017 Church Bell is Friday, November 24, 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!

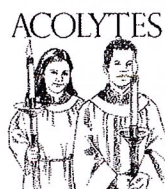


#### **Do you have an idea?**

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, Cuba  
 Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky  
 Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy  
 Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy  
 Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force  
 Lee Magrauder - U.S. Army, Afghanistan  
 Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force



**Please Pray for:** Adam Womble  
 Nate Boehl  
 Hunter Jacob  
 Glynn Yurick  
 Kenny Jacob  
 Sandy Gohmert  
 Marlene Dreier Rangnow

**Nursing Home:** Arlen Mueller, Merton & Marjorie Ideus, Jimmy Caskey-Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

**Homebound:** 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 November



### Christmas Families

#### Mission Statement

We have two Christmas Families:

The first is two brothers. Both men are disabled with many health problems. Their house is in bad repair and they struggle paying day to day bills. They have no transportation and rely on family members to take them to necessary appointments and to supplement their meager incomes. Family members help them but as they also age it has become more difficult for all them.

The second is a family who has come to us with high recommendations from the CISD family services coordinator. The family has a mom and dad who have three children of their own and who have also taken in two other children who belong to the mom's sister. The parents are concerned and come to parent/teacher meetings for all. The children make good grades and are well behaved. The parents both work at low paying jobs and sacrifice for the wellbeing of the children. Teacher, counselors and other faculty helped in the selection of this family. The coordinator said this family deserves something good to happen to them.



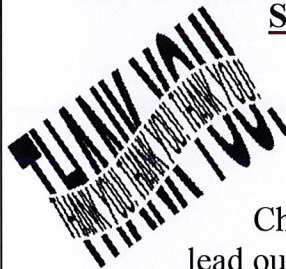
*We keep the family of Mike Meyer in our Prayers, who went to be with his eternal Father on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. May God comfort his family & friends at this difficult time of loss.*



### St. John Youth Group

#### St. John Youth Group

We would like to announce our new Youth Group Leaders, Michael & Diane Chavez! Thank you for helping to lead our youth in this amazing journey! The next youth group meeting is **Wednesday November 8, 2017** from 6-8 pm in the parish hall. Thank you to the Green family for volunteering to provide the meal for this meeting.



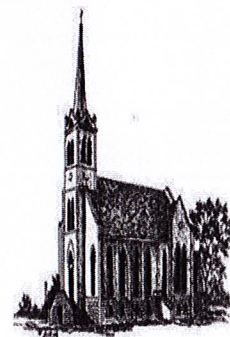
### Thanksgiving Eve Service

*St. John will have Thanksgiving Eve Service on **Wednesday, November 22, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.** We hope everyone has a happy & blessed Thanksgiving!*



### 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.



### BUSY BAGS IN CHURCH



Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to use. These bags have quiet activities for children to enjoy during Worship. The tote bags have items that younger children might be more interested in while the zipper bags have items for slightly bigger kids. Grab a bag on your way in to church, but please "bee" sweet and return it after the service.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 26, 2017

By: Virginia Jank, Church Secretary

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Marv Sager called the meeting to order. Matt opened the meeting with a devotion based on a passage from the book of Amos, on "Your Unique Calling" emphasizing that each person is special, has special talents and is called to use their special talents to lead others to Christ and witness to others in their everyday lives.

**MINUTES:** Reviewed, Motion to accept by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dickie, and approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Reviewed, Motion to accept by Johnny, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt and approved.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

A reminder that I will be on vacation Oct 1 thru Oct. 8. While I am gone I have asked that anyone needing pastoral care while I am on vacation contact Marvin Sager and he will contact Pastor Randy Bruno who is covering for me while I am gone.

There will be a supply pastor on Oct 1 and Jason Ohrt will do the service on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

We are not having confirmation classes this year. I only had one person show up. It was his first year and I didn't feel it was fair to him as he would be the only person to answer the questions. I had two from last year that did not show up. The one parent advised me her daughter would again miss more than 6 classes as she did last year. I have not heard from the other parent.

I will be marrying Nicole Nagel and Shane Carver on Oct 14.

**DISCUSSION:** No one has come forward at this time to lead the youth group. It was suggested that the parents take turns by month to facilitate the meetings. Yorktown's Youth Minister was suggested as a contact to help keep our youth group active. Discussion led to having a "Kick-

off" meeting and possibly get Pam Ficklen to contact and get the parents and kids to gather on Oct 11 to discuss the possibilities and develop a plan. Daren and Dawn will be asked to come and give their input as well. It was suggested that Council might want to come and show their support also at the meeting.

### FINANCE TEAM REPORT

There was no meeting. The next meeting will be Oct 16.

**DISCUSSION:** A discussion was had on the retention of "congregational member giving" spreadsheets. It was decided that these spreadsheets could be destroyed after April 15 of the following year, after all contribution letters have been sent out to the members. Voting members were also discussed. An attempt to determine a figure for "voting members of St John" was made after the break to the NALC. It was noted that a voting member according to the constitution is: 18 years of age, contributes to the church, and communes at least once a year. St John Facebook was brought up and determined that more church info would be a great asset to our congregation.

### MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM REPORT

The mission team met with Pastor, Marv Sager, Cheryl Bramlette, Obert Sagebiel, Pam Haun and Linda Ruschhaupt, Team Leader, present.

We have chosen CAMAL House for our October Monthly Mission. Pastor now serves on the board and thought this would be a better month because they need the money to buy

Thanksgiving turkeys. Note: last year we gave \$1,117.00 to CAMAL in months that it was not our mission ...this year only \$100.00.

We have an invite to the Ice Cream Social in the bulletin in hopes that we can casually get people to attend.

Franklin Graham will be in Texas the month on October. Check the Samaritans Purse website for dates and places.

I spoke with the mission district about hurricane relief efforts with some questions but I never heard back from them.

We have our budget for 2018. We did add \$300.00 to NALC line item making it \$2,700.00. We did this because some churches are not able to contribute at all and because our individual contributions are down this year by almost \$3,000.00.

Linda Ruschhaupt, Team Leader

### **PARISH LIFE TEAM REPORT**

Parish Life has the upcoming events:

- October 1<sup>st</sup> Ice Cream Social. Parish Life Team has put out a signup sheet for ice cream and toppings. Terri will check list and purchase ice cream if enough has not been donated. We will serve ice cream during the social.
- October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Church pictures. The signup sheet has been scanned and e-mailed to Life Touch. Calls will be going out a couple of days before pictures to remind members of picture times. We are still in need of volunteers to work at the sign in tables during picture times.
- October 29<sup>th</sup> Reformation Sunday. There will be a pot luck lunch after the church service. Each Family is asked to bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share.

### **PARISH ED TEAM REPORT**

Wanda Hays and I are the only teachers right now. Attendance is very low:

Aug 13 - Rally Day-15

Aug 20 – 6

Aug 27 – 0

Sept 3 – 5

Sept 10 – 12

Sept 17- 6

Sept 24 -2

Someone suggested we put out an incentive for attendance. I plan to emphasize the attendance charts and think of an end goal.

Really sad that only one person, Scott Motley, showed up for confirmation. Could we send special letters or phone calls to those eligible?

Possibilities for CONFIRMATION CLASS:

### SIXTH GRADE

McKenna Coleman – 1-24-06 (4-16-06)

Cody Rangnow – 6-14-06 (7-23-06)

Leighton Wunsch – 11-05-05 (11-27-11)

Scott Motley – 11-21-05 (1-22-06)

Alexis “Lexi” Flessner - 1-05-07

Daniel Moeller – 9-21-05 (9-12-08)

Kendra and Grace Redmond

### SEVENTH GRADE

Christian “CJ” Burdick – 8-24-05 (2005)

Charlie Parsons – 12-13-04 (1-13-05)

### EIGHTH GRADE

Kaysa Wunsch – 8-27-04 (11-27-11)

Faith Chavez – 7-13-04 (11-21-04)

Hayven Heil – 10-20-03

### NINTH GRADE – not confirmed

Deuce Graham – 8-18-03 (3-23-04)

Madison Gibson

Kylee Krause – 4-25-03

### TENTH GRADE (not confirmed)

Cole Acord – 1-14-02 (Jeff & Angie McDonald)

We don't have a teacher for the High School/Post confirmation class.

I heard a suggestion that we could ask parents of the Youth Group kids to “sponsor” one meeting a year on a rotating basis or even one-time basis.

Kathy Dunn

### **PROPERTY TEAM REPORT**

Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 8:00 am.

Team Members: Dickie Bettge, Vance Egg, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Marv Sager, Pastor John, Will Roeske, Clay Haun.

Maintenance Schedule.

September: Budget Recommendations

October: Check sump pump at church.

Annual inspection of heater.

Termite treatment.

Items Complete.

- Rock Engineering & Testing was selected for geotechnical work for a price of \$2,500. Core drill performed on Sept. 7, 2017. Report received on 9/23/17.
- A/C filters changed.

## Old Business.

- Architect progress. Results of the Geotechnical report indicate that we will need to remove 4'-6' of soil beneath the finished slab and replace with select fill to counteract the shrink swell clay that is present. Patrick will provide a drawing production schedule.
- The Cemetery committee met on Aug. 2 to work on revised rules. Draft revised rules were distributed to the property team and church council. Council approval requested.
- Parsonage windows needing replacement (8). Ideal Aluminum has been contacted to obtain pricing. Windows were installed.
- Church septic system was opened. The tanks are not full of sludge, but the water is backing up. Apparently there are problems with the drain field. Further investigation is being done.

## New Business:

- Tree damage from Harvey. One of the young trees in the cemetery was split. We will try and save the tree for now.
- Barn damage from Harvey. Lost barn into Joel's pasture. Darren Otto removed the barn and hauled away.
- Mini work day with team members was conducted on 9/13/17 at 5:00 pm to trim damaged trees.
- Roof damage from Harvey was reported to Church Mutual. We have an appointment with an adjuster on Oct. 3 at 8:00 am.
- Discussion of trimming large tree limb hanging over cemetery and broken tombstones. Will need to look at and determine course of action.

## Projects:

- Inventory of furniture and equipment & report to Church Council. Dickie
- Pressure wash & paint pump house.
- Seal concrete tables and benches with Thompsons Water Seal

- Install light bulb at cemetery
- Check Church septic system.

Renovation Fund Balance: \$232,948. (9/10/17).

Items for Council Approval: Council Approval of revised Cemetery Rules.

Next Meeting: Oct. 8, 2017.

**DISCUSSION:** The windows of the parsonage have been replaced. There was a motion to pay the bill. There was a 1<sup>st</sup> by M'liss and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenn and final approval by the Council. It was also noted that the septic system work is going to take a sizable sum of money.

## WORSHIP TEAM REPORT

Worship Team members Beverly Bodden, Pastor John Boor, Johnny P Jank, Virginia Jank, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Marv Sager, and organist Bruce Weise met on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 at the parish hall at 7:00PM. Items discussed and acted upon were as follows.

### Old Business –

**Reformation Anniversary Celebration** was discussed including plans to show a video during the Sunday school hour beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Still trying to see if we can get a cast together for a Luther skit during the service.

**Hearing impaired** devices were talked about and we are seeing some use by a few folks and we will continue to encourage their use as needed. Johnny will get a couple more headsets as they seem to be the more preferred method of use.

### New Business –

**Contemporary services** and the effort to try to incorporate contemporary music into our SOTW Sunday was discussed. Some members seem to really like the effort and others are not as enthused. We missed a planned contemporary service the weekend of hurricane Harvey and will try to schedule another before years end.

**Organ repair and maintenance** issue was discussed at length. We reviewed the information from our current maintenance contractor Mike Morgan and the information from Shawn Sanders with Organ Tech. Both vendors have suggested repairs that are costly (\$5K - \$15K) and both



have suggested rebuild or replacement possibilities which carry an even bigger price tag. Since we are currently in a building project the **Worship Team would recommend to Council that we continue to use our current contractor, Mike Morgan, to continue to maintain our current organ with its current system** until we can get the current building project completed and then revisit the whole organ issue. This of course would be predicated on the hope that no major failure happens in the meantime.

**Mission Sunday** plans were reviewed and moving along as scheduled.

**October 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** will be Sundays Pastor John will be on vacation. We discussed services and planned to have Jason Ohrt lead the worship on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. The 1<sup>st</sup> of October, obviously is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and a communion Sunday. Worship Team agreed we would need to find a supply pastor for that Sunday.

\*\* Since our meeting we have not been able to find a pastor to serve on that Sunday. I did get to talk to a person who was recommended by Pastor John Waak, former pastor at Our Savior Victoria (who is currently serving as interim pastor in Alice). Jason Eliot who has graduated from seminary with a master of theology degree, but decided not to go into parish ministry and has not been ordained. Based on previous discussions with council I didn't feel comfortable asking Jason to lead a communion service so I would ask for **Council's approval to only have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> (which we planned to have a communion service) as the 2 communion services in October.**

**Altar Candelabras refurbished** remains on the agenda awaiting more research by Carol Ann. Close with the Lord's Prayer

**Next meeting** – Schedule as necessary **Next scheduled 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 @ 7:00PM**

**DISCUSSION:** Suggestion was made to have the collection plates refinished possibly as the same time as the altar candle holders are done.

Pastor also revealed that he is working on a new altar area communion table. The wood being used is from the Old Stone Church windows that needed to be redone.

#### **COMING UP EVENTS:**

Ice Cream Social

Congregational pictures

Pastor's vacation Oct 1 thur Oct 8, 2017

Reformation Sunday.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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**St. John Meyersville**

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

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

## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

### November 5

Greeters - Candy Cowley  
Reader - Beverly Bodden  
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

### November 12

Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager  
Reader - Cathie Bettge  
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

### November 19

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt  
Reader - Kernell Moritz  
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

### November 26

Greeters - Kernell & Elaine Moritz  
Reader - Wanda Hays  
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

### November Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

### November Altar Guild

Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

### November Nursing Home Visitor

Mary Wagner

### LOOKING AHEAD...

### December 3

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack  
Reader - Beverly Bodden  
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

### December Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

### December Altar Guild

MayDell Jacob & Brenda Boor

### December Nursing Home Visitor

Linda Ruschhaupt

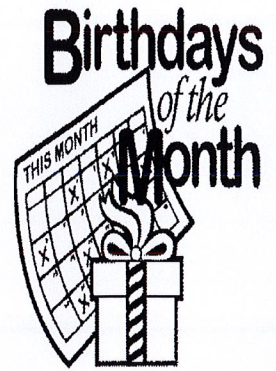
**Volunteers:** If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. Please let the church office know if you have switched so the correct names can be in the bulletin.

## Happy Birthday to:

- 1 - Helen Mae Egg  
Kristine Schroeder  
Waylon Gohmert
- 3 - Marlee Blain
- 6 - Elizabeth Beard
- 7 - Shirley Wendel
- 8 - Barbara Gentry
- 9 - Brighton Blain
- 10 - Lacey Rains
- 11 - Patrick Ohrt
- 12 - Abbey Dreier  
Trenton Bodden
- 13 - Daren Otto
- 14 - Buck Rangnow
- 17 - Elaine Moritz
- 18 - Meliss Eckhardt
- 19 - Clifton Jacob  
Donna Fuchs  
Bruce Weise
- 20 - Tracy Fuchs
- 21 - Scott Motley
- 22 - Fred Mueller
- 25 - Carla Metting  
JoLeah Stiles
- 28 - Beverly Bodden  
Joel Egg
- 29 - Kally Garrett  
Kevin Bodden

## Anniversary Greetings to:

- 8 - Mickey & Elizabeth Beard  
Michael & Diane Chavez
- 9 - Kernell & Elaine Moritz
- 18 - Don & Heather Wendel













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

# November 2017

## St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

Church Office: (361)277-8653, Pastor John's Cell: (361)243-0373

Mission of the Month:  
Christmas Families

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 5</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship  <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends-Fall Back!</i>  <b>Holy Communion</b>		<b>7</b> 7 PM Worship Team  Election Day	<b>1</b> 1:30 PM Quilters  <i>*All Saints Day</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 12</b> 8 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7 PM Worship Team  Election Day	<b>8</b> 10 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 PM Quilters 6-8 PM Youth Group 7 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Veterans Day  Martin Luther's Birthday, 1483	<b>11</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 19</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship  <b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10 AM Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 PM Quilters 6 PM Mission Evangelism Team 7 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Christ the King Sunday</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship ~SOTW	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Old Stone 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service  <i>Thanksgiving Eve Service</i>	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Day  Happy Thanksgiving **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7 PM Council Meeting	<b>29</b> 1:30 PM Quilters	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins  <b>CHURCH</b> CHURCH HOUSE

# Meaning of Thanksgiving

## Praise to God

*Let us come  
before him with  
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV

In the Bible, the meaning of thanksgiving reflected adoration, sacrifice, praise, or an offering. Thanksgiving was a grateful language to God as an act of worship.

Rarely, if ever, was thanksgiving extended to any person or thing, except God. “These things I remember as I pour out my soul; how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng” (Psalm 42:4). Long before the colonists celebrated their successes, Nehemiah assembled two great choirs to give thanks for God’s faithfulness in rebuilding the wall. “. . . The Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully and dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps, and lyres” (Nehemiah 12:27).

The true meaning of Thanksgiving focuses upon relationship. Thanksgiving is a relationship between God and man. Upon their arrival at New Plymouth, the Pilgrims composed The Mayflower Compact, which honored God.

Thanksgiving begins with acknowledging God as faithful, earnestly giving Him thanks, in advance, for His abundant blessings. “. . . In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God”

(Philippians 4:6). Thanksgiving is an attitude of the heart that reinforces an intimate relationship with God.