

*When
the
Son of Man
comes*

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Christ the King Sunday

Polka Worship Service-*Music led by The Polka Spirit Band*

November 26, 2017

Greeter This Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Greeter Next Week: John & Margie Swannack

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Will Green

Altar Guild This Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Altar Guild Next Month: MayDell Jacob & Brenda Boor

Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hays

Communion Assistant Next Month: Johnny Jank

Large Print Bulletins are available on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

HYMN:

“Christ, Be Our Leader”

German Folk Tune

1 Dear Lord, Lord of all wisdom.
 Dear Lord, Lord of our soul.
 Dear Lord, Lord of all mercy,
 fill our hearts make us whole.

Chorus Health, strength, restore,
 Christ be our leader today.

New life: Your way! Feed us with Your word, we pray.

2 Dear Lord, Lord of compassion.
 Dear Lord, Lord of all grace,
 Help us bear each one’s burdens,
 and see you in ev’ry face. *Chorus*

3 Dear Lord, Lord of all nations.
 Send us out to be heard.
 Spreading words of salvation,
 and your life-giving word. *Chorus*

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Come, Let Us Worship”

To the tune of Roll Out the Barrel

1 Come, let us worship, worship our Savior and Lord.
 Come, let us worship, worship the God we adore.
 Lift up your voices, lift them in one accord.
 Sing your praises to our Savior,
 Jesus Christ, the Lord!

2 Come, let us worship, worship our Savior and Lord.
 Come, let us worship, worship the God we adore.
 Glory and honor, power and might ever be
 to our mighty Lord creator, God of victory!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, show your mercy to your humble servants, that we who put no trust in our own merits may not be dealt with according to the severity of your judgment, but according to your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But

when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Stand GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

HYMN:

“Alleluia”

To the tune of Julida Polka

- 1 Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Open the hearts of your faithful servants:
Receive the message of eternal life.
- 2 Your word sustains us, your word fulfills us.
Your word will free us, dear Lord, now feed us.
Open the hearts of your faithful servants:
Receive the message of eternal life.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (*sung*)

³¹{Jesus said,} “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did

when the road is long,
and the fore we find, clouding heart and mind.
When the darkness overshadows
guide us with your light.
Set our thoughts on heavn'ly glory
and your promise, our reward,
sharing the eternal banquet
with our caring, gracious Lord. Chorus

Stand page 65: APOSTLES' CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN:

“Bless Lord, Our Offerings”
To the tune of At the Spring Waltz

Bless, Lord, our offerings.
Bless, Lord, the gifts we bring.
Help us to give our lives for you,
in sacrifice, in service true.
Mindful of blessings you bestow,
keep our hearts thankful here below.

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY PRAYER
page 76: THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN:

“Now Go in Jesus’ Name”

To the tune of Lindenau Polka

- 1 There are so many people who are searching every day;
The wand’ring and the lost, that do not know God’s way.
With empty hearts so hungry and in need forevermore
for the true life giving word of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Chorus

Now go in Jesus’ name and spread His holy reign
And let the mighty saving word be heard from shore to
shore, O hear the Spirit’s call inviting one and all:
“Come follow as the blessed servants of the Lord.

- 2 Join hand in hand together with believers young and old,
To open ev’ry mind to seek the heav’nly goal,
By sharing God with others, changing lives forevermore
With the true life-giving word of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 11/26 Christ the King Sunday

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Worship ~ *Polka Service*

Mon 11/27 Office Closed

Tue 11/28 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Wed 11/29 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:30 p.m.

Quilters

Thurs 11/30 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 12/1 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Sat 12/2 11:00 a.m. Youth Group Christmas Party
lunch & Community help

3:00 p.m.

Church Christmas Decorating

Next Sun First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Worship

**Christmas Play Practice during Sunday School*

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.



Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, November 19, 2017

General \$1,879.00, MOM \$850.00, Sunday School \$89.00, Organ \$5.00
Cemetery \$20.00, Building \$40.00, Church Reno. \$335.00

Total : \$3,218.00

Attendance: Worship - 92 Sunday School - 6 Children, 11 Adults

Mission of the Month of November



Christmas Families Mission Statement

We have two Christmas Families:

Family #1

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.

Family #2

The first Christmas Family decided there were folks much worse off than themselves. Social services of CISD has selected another family for our second Christmas Family. The family is a single mother of four children. According to the social services coordinator this mother has also done a great job with her children. Following are their sizes if anyone would chose to purchase clothes: If you do we ask that you include a gift receipt in the event the garment did not fit, etc. Also keep in mind that CISD has a dress code to follow so one should check that out before you make the purchase.

boy-age 3-size 4T-size 10 shoe

boy-age 6-size 7-size 1 shoe

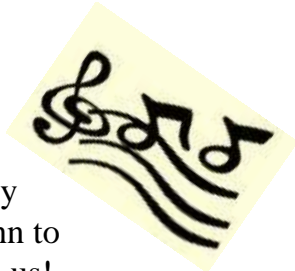
girl-age 7-size 7-size 1 shoe

girl-age 11-size 1 adult pants/Adult X-small shirts or Kids XL shirts-size 3 shoes



Thank You

Thank you to the Polka Spirit Band for providing the church music today! We greatly appreciate you traveling to St. John to share your wonderful music with us!



Thank You

Thank you to the members of St. John for donating 26 Christmas boxes to Samaritans Purse! What an awesome turn out!



Youth Group News



Saturday, December 2nd the Youth Group will have their Christmas party with a lunch starting at 11:00 a.m. provided by The Reinecke Family. This will take place of the Youth Group gathering for December, we will not meet again until January. After the party we will decorate the church Christmas tree, and then scatter through the community to help with any chores our neighbors may need. Please call Diane Chavez @ (361)212-4438 if we can assist you or a loved one in any way.

**Youth Group, please let Diane know if you would like to be a reader in the church Christmas program as soon as possible so she can assign readings. Thank you.*

Church Christmas Decorating

Anyone who would like to help decorate the church for Christmas can join us this Saturday, December 2nd at 3:00 pm.



Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming months.

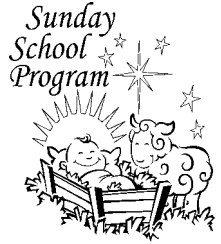




We keep the family of Wiley Moritz in our Prayers, who went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.

Christmas Eve Program

St. John Lutheran Sunday School will be performing "Away in a Manger" on Sunday, Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. in the church. We need to know if your child will be able to participate in the presentation so that we can assign parts. The Youth Group can also help with the program even if they are in the Live Nativity. We will have practice on:



Sunday, December 3rd during Sunday School - 9 am to 10 am
Sunday, December 10th during Sunday School
Sunday, December 17th during Sunday School
Thursday, December 21st at 6 pm for Dress Rehearsal

Please call or text (361-275-4322 Kathy or 361-648-4033 Wanda) or let us know at Sunday School or church. Parents are **welcome** to come to the practices to help us get organized. We are looking forward to another wonderful Christmas Eve Program, as we celebrate Jesus' birth!

Yours in Christ,
Wanda Hays & Kathy Dunn



Services:

Communion Service 10:15 am

Christmas Program 6:30 pm

Candlelight Service w/ Communion 10:30 pm



Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone during Christmas time, please fill out the insert in the bulletin. Please tear out the sheet & place it in the offering plate. The deadline to purchase poinsettias is Sunday, December 10th.

Called Congregational Meeting

Council has voted to hold a called congregation meeting immediately following the service on Sunday, December 10th. Agenda items will be consideration of the 2018 proposed budget, a brief update on the Renovation Project, and bids for repair of the sanctuary sewer system. Please plan to attend.



Church Readers

If you would like to be a reader for the 2018 year, please contact Dawn Otto or sign up on the reader sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!



Church Greeters

If you would like to be a church greeter for the 2018 year, please sign up on the greeter sheet in the Narthex.

Church Renovation Fund

On August 28, 2016, our congregation voted to establish a fund for installation of the elevator and other church renovations. Anyone wishing to give to the renovation project may do so by designating "Church Renovation" or "Elevator Fund" on their check or on the pew giving envelope.





ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS



HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE by having a Poinsettia placed in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, December 24. Please complete the form below, make out a check to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, and place this form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

Please indicate the number of Poinsettias you desire and please PRINT clearly. Additional forms are available in the Narthex.

[] Poinsettia(s) (cost is \$11.00 each)

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____

To the Glory of God by: _____

**THE CHURCH OFFICE MUST RECEIVE ALL ORDERS NO LATER THAN
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017**

**All Poinsettias may be picked up after the
10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.*

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979)

Our Military and their families:

Nicholas Jacobs - U.S. Air Force,
Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
John Otto - USMC, 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
Jimmy Caskey

Nursing Home: Arlen Mueller, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation
Merton & Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

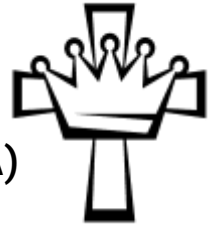
Homebound: Helen Mae Egg, Bette Jo Haun



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Christ the King

November 26, 2017



Christ the King Sunday, Proper 29 (Year A)

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the church celebrates the identity of Christ as King of kings. This one who is the Good Shepherd of the sheep is a king who serves the outcast, infirm, forsaken, and alone and calls his followers to do the same. The reign of God comes near whenever God's people act in faith and obedience to God's holy will for the other. Jesus is unlike any other king.



[God] therefore will do the same with Christians that he did with Christ, whom he raised up from the locked and sealed grave in the twinkling of an eye, so that in the selfsame moment he was in it and out of it.

- Martin Luther -

Sermon at the Funeral of Duke John of Saxony