



*Lord, now
You are
letting
Your servant
depart in peace*

Luke 2:29

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

First Sunday of Christmas

December 31, 2017

Greeter This Week: Youth Group

Greeter Next Week: Candy Cowley

Reader This Week: Wanda Hays

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolytes This Week: Seth Wendel

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: MayDell Jacob & Brenda Boor

Altar Guild Next Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Carver

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

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.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #45 LBW “OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL”

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light
C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined

C **We have beheld Christ’s glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In Him was life, and the life was the Light of all people.**

OPENING PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P **Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; though your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL LBW #58

“Lo, How a Rose Is Growing”

SECOND READING

Micah 5:2-5a

CAROL LBW #41

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

THIRD READING	Luke 1:26-35, 38
CAROL LBW #40	“What Child is This”
FOURTH READING	Luke 2:1-7
CAROL LBW #67	“Away In A Manger”
FIFTH READING	Luke 2:8-16
CAROL LBW #44	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
SIXTH READING	Luke 2:21-36
CAROL LBW #55	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
SEVENTH READING	Matthew 2:1-11
CAROL LBW #56	“The First Noel”
EIGHTH READING	Matthew 2:13-18
CAROL LBW #53	“Cold December Flies Away”
NINTH READING	John 1:1-14
CAROL WOV #646	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

OFFERING

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P Glory to God in the Highest.

C **and peace to God’s people on earth.**

P Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C **Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

P Blessed are you, son of Mary. You share our humanity

C **Have mercy on the sick, the dying and all who suffer this day.**

P Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C **Reveal Yourself to us in Word and Sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now and forever.

C **AMEN**

SENDING HYMN LBW #60 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 12/31	First Sunday of Christmas ~New Year's Eve~
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship ~ <i>Lessons & Carols</i>
Mon 1/1	Office Closed ~ <i>New Year's Day</i> ~
Tues 1/2	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Worship Team
Wed 1/3	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 1/4	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 1/5	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Baptism of Our Lord
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship

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, December 24, 2017

10:15 a.m. General \$4,480.00, MOM \$610.00, Church Reno. \$385.00, NALC \$100.00, Youth \$20.00, Pastor John \$50.00 (Christmas Gift) Bruce \$50.00(Christmas Gift) **Total: \$5,695.00**

Attendance: Worship - 109 Sunday School - 10 Adults

6:30 p.m. General \$357.25, Sunday School \$15.00, Youth \$40.00
Total: \$412.25 **Attendance: 131**

10:30 p.m. General \$259.00 **Attendance: 44**

Mission of the Month of December



This month's Mission Project

Stevenson's Unit Prison Ministry

Mission Statement

Our mission for the month of December is the Stevenson's Unit Prison Ministry. This is a ministry that is trying to gather funds to build a chapel at the Stevenson Prison in Cuero.

The state does not grant permission to build chapels until they are fully funded. There are seven prison chapels in the state of Texas.



*Happy New Year's
Eve!!!*



YOUTH
Meeting

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 6-8 pm. Thank you in advance to the Ficklen & Goebel Families for providing the meal for us.



Annual MEETING

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 28, 2018** immediately following worship.

**Annual Reports Due to the office by Sunday, January 21, 2018.*

Council Meeting Change

PLEASE NOTE:

The Council Meeting for January will now be held on **Tuesday, January 30, 2018** instead of January 23, 2018.



Change of Plans

Newsletter & Calendar Correction

Annual reports are due to the office, not Pastor John, by Sunday, January 21, 2018.

Thank you.

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.



Acolytes

Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet for 2018 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the New Year.

*Thank
You*

THANKS

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE LIVE NATIVITY SCENE, TOGETHER WITH ALL OF THE ADULTS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!!!GOD'S BLESSINGS!!

Twenty-one Youth participated in the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Christmas Program

December 24, 2017. The Youth participating were:

Marlee Blain	Cason Jander
J. Burns Cowley	Caden Jander
Jaymee Rangnow	Mackenzie Blain
Faith Chavez	Jayden Pothoff
Austin Chavez	Tristan Hays
Makenna Coleman	Cody Rangnow
Ethan Pothoff	Hayden Leist
Madyx Blain	Ella Jander
Kendall Helms	Barrett Blain
Charlie Rose Nelson	Kyler Leist
Kinley Leist	

The Church and the Youth also wish to send a BIG THANK YOU to Linda and Glenn Ruschhaupt for putting together 60 Christmas goodie bags for the children. Also—A BIG BIG THANK YOU Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Ruschhaupt, Brian and Laurie Wendel, and Mr. & Mrs. Elroy Peters for your donations in the bags. This has become a wonderful tradition and everyone sincerely appreciates your contributions.

*St. John Wishes Everyone A
Very Happy & Prosperous New
Year in 2018!!!*

Begin
the
Year
with



God

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
Cole Ohrt

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



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St. John Meyersville

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

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Christmas 1

December 31, 2017



First Sunday after Christmas (Year B)

St. Paul reminds us that Jesus was born under the law of Moses and his parents did their religious duty to fulfill the covenant law when they took him to the Temple after his birth. This law, however, is not what saves humanity from sin and death; instead it is the lifesaving sacrifice that is prefigured here in the Temple ritual. Salvation came to the house of Israel, and it was witnessed by two elderly saints.

