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is the
coming
kingdom!

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Greeter This Week: John & Margie Swannack

Greeter Next Week: Daren & Dawn Otto

Reader This Week: Wanda Hays

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Will Green

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 in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

HYMN: WOV #630 1st Verse “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #31 “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 60: HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you. (sung)**

P Let us pray:

All: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence — ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 80:1-7

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**⁴O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

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

²⁴{Jesus said,} “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not

pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*sung*)

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #25 “*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*”

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ CREED
p. 65: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
p. 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 66: OFFERTORY: “Let the vineyards...”
p. 67: OFFERTORY PRAYER
p. 68: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
p. 70: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column)
p. 71: LORD’S PRAYER
p. 72: LAMB OF GOD

Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION
SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 72: POST COMMUNION: “Thank the Lord . . .”
p. 74: PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 12/3	First Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Christmas play practice during Sunday School</i>
Mon 12/4	Office Closed
Tue 12/5	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 12/6	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 12/7	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 12/8	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Christmas play practice during Sunday School</i>

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.

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 Thanksgiving Eve

Offering: General \$269.43, MOM \$100.00,
CAMAL House \$50.00, Church Reno. \$20.00

Total: \$439.43 Attendance: 30

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Offering: General \$759.50, MOM \$395.00, Sunday School \$59.00,
Cemetery \$4.00, Church Reno. \$2,170.00, Youth \$20.00

Total: \$3,407.50

Attendance: Worship- 79 Sunday School- 10-Adults, 4-Children



Mission of the Month of December



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.



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*



Thank You

Thank you to those who brought items to help fill the Cornucopia. -Cathie Bettge

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:



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- 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

**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.*



Services:

Communion Service 10:15 am

Christmas Program 6:30 pm

Candlelight Service w/ Communion 10:30 pm



Acolytes

Attention Acolytes

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

We keep the family of Merton Ideus in our Prayers, who went to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 26, 2017. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.



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. **Copies of the proposed 2018 budget are available in the Narthex.**



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

Hospitalized: Arlen Mueller, Detar Hospital

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

Homebound: Helen Mae Egg, Bette Jo Haun



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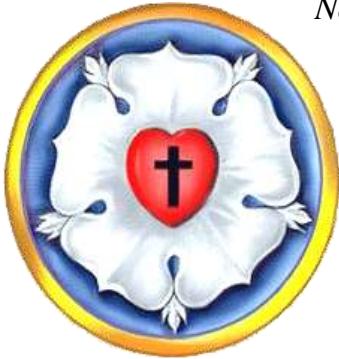
Advent 1

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)



Today's Gospel reminds us that this life and this earth are not all there is. God's kingdom will come fully when the powers of the heavens are shaken and the Son of Man comes again. Jesus told a story of a fig tree that puts out leaves, signaling the coming of summer. So, too, those on earth will see, hear, and experience the signs of the return of Christ. We can trust that the time of his return is drawing near.



Not only have such great strides been made in the world of commerce, but also in the spiritual field have there been great changes. Error, sin, and falsehood have never held sway in the world as in these last centuries... such sins cry to heaven, and so provoke and defy the last day that it must soon break in upon them.

- Martin Luther -