

The child to be born will be called holy—
the Son of God



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

Greeter This Week: John & Margie Swannack

Greeter Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Mackenzie Blain

Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

Acolytes This Week: Marlee Blain

Acolytes Next Week: Seth Wendel

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.



CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

December 24, 2017

10:15 AM

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

RESPONSIVE READING

L 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.**

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

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

L 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.**

HYMN

"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"

LBW #45

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10

PRAYER OF FULFILLMENT

Dear Lord, we thank you for keeping your promise to send us a savior. **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (vs. 1) LBW #41

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that the new birth of your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set free all who are held in servitude under the yoke of sin; Through your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” (vs. 4) LBW #41

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-7

PRAYER OF JOY

Dear Lord, we thank you for sending joy into our hearts. Help us always to be happy about the coming of Jesus. Amen

HYMN “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*” (vs. 1) LBW #60

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:8-14

PRAYER OF PEACE

O Heavenly Father, help us always to have faith to believe. Give us all a strong faith that we may always have peace with you. Amen

HYMN “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”(vs. 2) LBW #60

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-20

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

O Almighty Lord, we are sorry for the many times we have not worshipped you as the shepherds did in haste. Help us always to love, trust, and worship you above all things. Amen

The Blessing

LBW Page 72

Post Communion Canticle “Thank The Lord” LBW Page 72-73

Post Communion Prayer

LBW Page 74

HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

LBW #65

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to The World”

LBW #39

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:15 a.m.	Worship ~ <i>Christmas Eve</i>
5:30 p.m.	Live Nativity
6:30 p.m.	Christmas Program
10:30 p.m.	Candlelight Service

Mon 12/25 Office Closed ~*Christmas Day~ Happy Birthday Jesus!*

Tues 12/26 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed 12/27 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 12/28 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 12/29 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun First Sunday of Christmas ~ *New Year's Eve*
9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Worship ~ *Lessons & Carols*
**Youth Group are Greeters*



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 17, 2017

Offering: General \$2,161.00, MOM \$410.00, Church Reno. \$851.00, Building \$40.00
Total: \$3,462.00

Attendance: Worship- 98 Sunday School- 13 -Adults, 14 -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.



4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*



We keep the family of Helen Mae Egg in our Prayers, who went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 22, 2017. May God comfort her family at this time of loss.



Services:

Live Nativity 5:30 pm

Christmas Program 6:30 pm

Candlelight Service w/ Communion 10:30 pm



Attention Acolytes

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

Sunday School

Sunday school classes will resume on December 31, 2017.



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

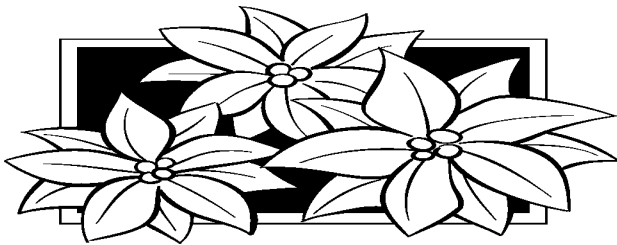
If you would like to be a church greeter for the 2018 year, please sign up on the greeter sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!



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.





POINSETTIAS

In Memory of

Arlen Mueller by His Family

Walter & Lizzie Mueller by Their Grandchildren

Walter & Elvie Egg by Their Grandchildren

Charlie & Ruth Moore by The Robert Moore Family

Marlene Dreier Rangnow by Alfred Rangnow

Delbert Moeller by The Moeller Family, Robert, Gary & Ronald

Edward & Pearl Moeller by The Moeller Family, Robert, Gary & Ronald

William & Annie Moeller by The Moeller Family, Robert, Gary & Ronald

Merton Ideus by Jonathan & Rhonda Ideus

Marla Hartman To the Glory of god by Her Family

Clarence & Hertha (Dittfurth) Weise by Bruce A. Weise

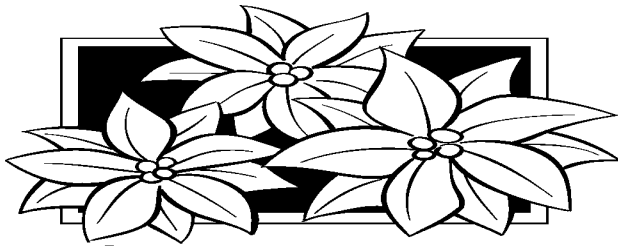
Carl & Annie (Lude) Weise by Bruce A. Weise

Emil & Helena (Foerster) Dittfurth by Bruce A. Weise

In Loving Memory of Julie Arndt by Delvin Arndt & Family

Brad Haun by The Clifford Haun Family

Quinton Haun To the Glory of God by Clay, Emily & Alexis



POINSETTIAS

In Memory Of

LeAnn Denise Wendel by Paul & Shirley Wendel

Bobby Fagg by Bea, Kevin, Carrie, Abby & Brady

William Gras and Justin Gras by Kenneth & Betty Diebel

J. Gus & Iris Jank by Mitchell & Terri Jank

Roy & Barby Keel by Mitchell & Terri Jank

J. Gus & Iris Jank by Johnny & Virginia Jank

Martin & Wilma Wolter by Johnny & Virginia Jank

Reuben & Maud Wendel and Louis Wendel by Their Family

Werner & Elfrieda Metting by Their Grandchildren

Jerry Wendel by His Family

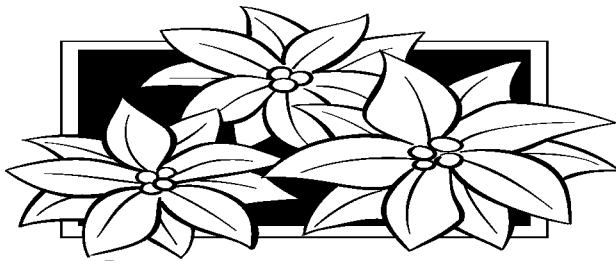
Rev. Nick Wagner by Mary Wagner

Patty Ohrt by Dean Ohrt

Thomas Gohmert by Sandy Gohmert and Family

*God's blessings and loving family who have passed before us
by Dwight & LeAnn Jander and Family*

Lena Letlaw by Nikki & Shane Carver



POINSETTIAS

In Memory of

Mike Meyer by Tammy, Brighton, Madison & Mason

Sonny & Helen Meyer by Tammy, Brighton, Madison & Mason

Brandon Talkington by Tammy Blain-Meyer & Brighton Blain

Reuben Gohmert by Tammy Blain-Meyer & Brighton Blain

Reuben Lee Gohmert by His Family

Ann & E.F. Schorre by Pam & Terry Haun

Johnny & Jeffery Haun by Pam & Terry Haun

Johnny Haun by Mrs. Elizabeth Beard

Jeffery Haun by Mrs. Elizabeth Beard

G.R. & Margene Wilke To the Glory of God by John & Margie Swannack

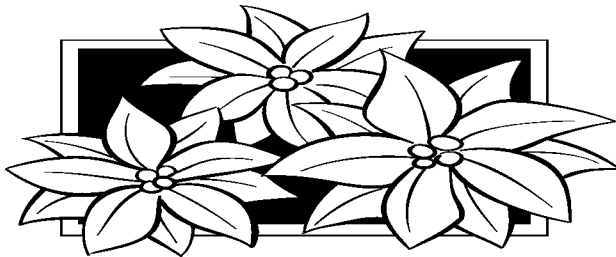
*Harry & Dorothy Swannack To the Glory of God
by John & Margie Swannack*

Jeffery Swannack To the Glory of God by John & Margie Swannack

*Michael Bartosh and Herbert & Martha Spinks To the Glory of God
by Dianna Bartosh*

Delmar J. Diebel by His Family

Our parents Ralph & Helen Mae Egg by Their Children & Grandchildren



POINSETTIAS

In Honor of

*Our Children & Grandchildren To the Glory of God
by John & Margie Swannack*

Jo & Bryan Stubbs by Nikki & Shane Carver

Pastor John & Brenda Boor by Bruce A. Weise

My beloved parents, Clifton & MayDell Jacob by Wanda Hays

My beloved Husband and Son, Pat and Tristan by Wanda Hays

*Our Daughters, Mackenzie, Marlee & Madyx To the Glory of God
by Britton & Sara Blain*

*St. John Wishes Everyone A
Very Merry Blessed Christmas
& A Happy New Year!!!*



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

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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Advent 4

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)



It was dangerous business for a young Galilean girl who was betrothed to an older man but not yet married. She was chosen by the Most High God to carry, give birth, and raise the Lord's Son. If anyone found out she was pregnant out of wedlock, she could have been stoned or at the very least shunned and rejected. But this one who answered the call of God, instead is known for her unwavering faith and obedience.

