

HIM OF WHOM MOSES...AND...
THE PROPHETS WROTE,
JESUS OF NAZARETH

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2018

Greeter This Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Greeter Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader This Week: Wanda Hays

Reader Next Week: Kathy Dunn

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Carver

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Communion Assistant Next Month: Obert Sagebiel

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.

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

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #494 *“Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”*

page 57-58: KYRIE

page 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people’s prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was

calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

[¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.” ¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷And Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him.” ¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.]

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 139:1-11

¹Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**²You trace my journeys and my resting places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

³Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**⁴You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

⁵Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**⁶Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?**

⁷If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**⁸If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

⁹Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

**¹⁰If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,”**

¹¹Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

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

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything

good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: WOV #712 “*Listen, God Is Calling*”

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

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY “Create in Me”

page 76: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

page 76: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #403 “*Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak*”

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 1/14	Second Sunday after Epiphany
	8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 1/15	Office Closed
Tues 1/16	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 1/17	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Thurs 1/18	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 1/19	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Third Sunday after Epiphany
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	*Annual Reports Due to The Church Office.

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.



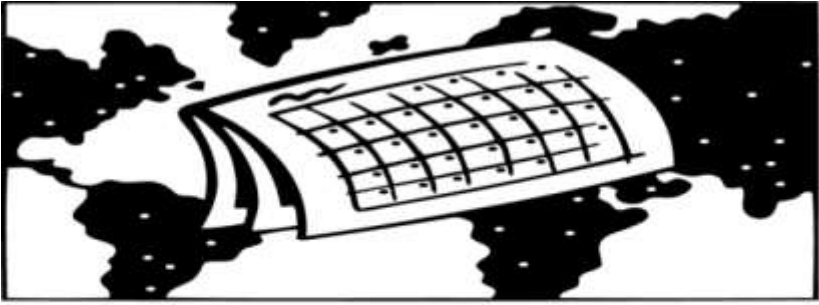
Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, January 7, 2018

General \$1,976.25, MOM \$605.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Organ \$20.00,
NALC \$20.00, Sunday School \$123.00, Youth \$25.00, OSC \$20.00,
Building \$25.00, Church Reno. \$334.00 **Total : \$3,168.25**

Attendance: Worship - 84 Sunday School - 2 Children, 11 Adults

Mission of the Month of January



Mission of the Month

The Gideons International Mission Statement

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are known worldwide for their work with hotels, they predominantly share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals and medical facilities. To date they have distributed 1.9 billion Scriptures and are on their way to 2 billion with support from fellow Christians.

Church Treasurer

If you feel called to serve and would like to run for St. John Council Treasurer, please call the church office at 277-8653 and leave your name & contact number. A member of the Nominating Committee will be able to discuss any questions. Thank you for your consideration.



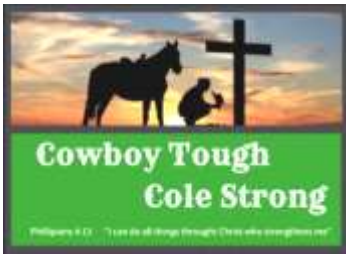
From The
CHURCH OFFICE

Attention Acolytes

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



Acolytes



Pray for Cole Ohrt

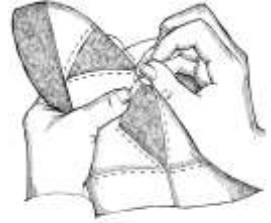
Cowboy Tough Cole Strong

As most of you know, Cole Ohrt was in an ATV accident and has suffered many injuries. Cole is an 8th grader at Meyersville School. He is in the hospital and needs a lot of prayers, love and support. Cole is the Son of Garrett & Julie Ohrt, Grandson of Kenneth & Betty Diebel and Janice Ohrt & the Nephew of Brian & Feather Diebel. Many prayers are being said from all over and being answered by the Good Lord! This cowboy has a long journey ahead and he is Cole Strong! There are other ways we can help this sweet young man & his family out by donating to the many benefits/fundraisers for Cole. Below is a list of ways to help. Please join the **“Cowboy Tough Cole Strong”** Facebook page to see photos of the items mentioned below, see new fundraisers as they come up and keep up with Cole’s progress. If you have questions on ways to help, you can call our church office during business hours. Thank you and God Bless. + + +

- **"Cowboy Tough-Cole Strong" tshirts, caps, koozies - will be available January 3. Please contact Sarah Odem Rowlands or Donna M. Odem Nichols for more details.**
- **"Cowboy Tough-Cole Strong" bracelets - photo in comments - contact Jamye Carroll Muegge for more details.**
- **Cole's Benefit Account - New First National Bank - make checks payable to Garrett or Julie Ohrt. Can make deposits at the branch or pm me for an address to mail a check to and we will take care of depositing for you.**
- **PayPal account - coleohrtfund@gmail.com - Please send funds as friend or family and put a note on what money is for - donation, payment for raffle, football pots, or shirts (please do not send funds for shirts without ordering from Sarah Rowlands first).**
- **Gun/Louis Vuitton Raffle - photo in comments - contact Leslie Crews for more details.**
- **Benefit with live auction, entertainment, meal - more details to come - May 5 - contact Leslie Hoff Crews for more details.**

Quilters

A "Thank You" to all the quilting ladies and those who made fabric donations. Just before Thanksgiving we had another 23 quilts delivered to those affected by the storm in the Portland Tx area by Pastor Giese from the NALC Congregation in Rosenberg. Two quilts were given to our Christmas Families.



QUILTERS



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.



Bunco



The Women of First English Lutheran Church invite you to Bunco! Monday February 5, 2018.

Registration is at 5:30, eat at 6:00 and play Bunco at 7:00. This will be held at their Activity Center, 500 block North Main in Victoria. Men are invited to play dominoes. Please RSVP to Joyce Thormahlen 575-5941 or the church office at 575-3623 by Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

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.



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

Epiphany 2

January 14, 2018

Epiphany 2 (Year B)



The author of Samuel pointed out a sad reality:

“The Word of the Lord was rare in those days.” Perhaps we feel the same today, that God is quiet and uncommunicative. But are we really listening? Are we seeking his voice in our lives? Sometimes it is necessary for us to settle down and just listen, and sometimes we need the help of a trusted friend or mentor to help us hear.

Either way, God calls us to follow Jesus.



*Let the man who would hear God speak,
read Holy Scripture.*

-Martin Luther-