

*They left their nets
and followed Him*



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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Reader This Week: Kathy Dunn

Reader Next Week: Neal Moritz

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.

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

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #369 *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

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: Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

¹For God alone my soul in silence waits;
from him comes my salvation.

**²He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.**

³How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together,
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

**⁴They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor;
lies are their chief delight.**

⁵They bless with their lips,
but in their hearts they curse.

**⁶For God alone my soul in silence waits;
truly, my hope is in him.**

⁷He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

**⁸In God is my safety and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.**

⁹Put your trust in him always, O people,
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

**¹⁰Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.**

¹¹On the scales they are lighter than a breath,
all of them together.

**¹²Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹³God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

**¹⁴Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 [32-35]

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

[³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.]

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

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

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

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #710 “One Bread, One Body”

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 1/21	Third Sunday of Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Annual Reports Due to the Church Office</i> <i>*Sunday School Meeting after Church in Parish Hall</i>
Mon 1/22	Office Closed
Tues 1/23	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 1/24	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 1/25	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Committee Reports Due</i>
Fri 1/26	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Newsletter Deadline</i>
Next Sun	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Annual Congregational Meeting Following Worship</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.

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.

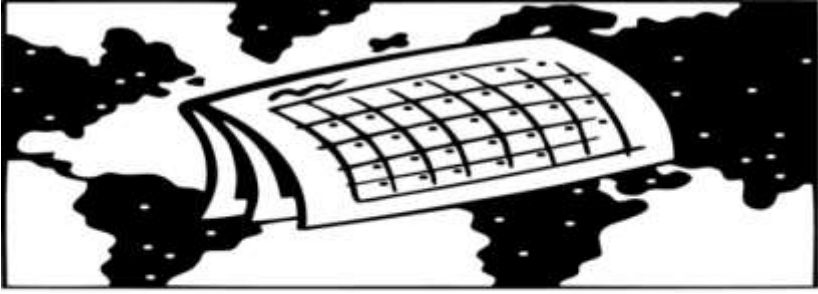
Sunday, January 14, 2018

Offering: General \$2,579.00, MOM \$85.00, Organ \$100.00, Cemetery \$5.00, Church Reno. \$233.00

Total: \$3,002.00

Attendance: Worship- 76 Sunday School- 11 -Adults, 1 -Child

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.



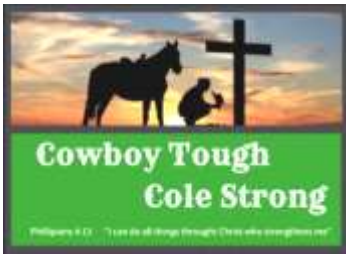
From The
CHURCH OFFICE

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. (Drawing will be held March 11th.)**
- **Benefit with live auction, entertainment, meal - more details to come - May 5th - contact Leslie Hoff Crews for more details.**

Save Our Sunday School

Please come to a brief meeting after church today in the parish hall to discuss how we can save our Sunday School. Even if you are unable to teach, please come and give us any suggestions. Everyone is encouraged to come. Thank you!



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 today.*

Council Meeting Change

PLEASE NOTE:

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



Council Meeting

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 3

January 21, 2018

Epiphany 3 (Year B)



The call of God is serious business. It is rooted in God's desire for all people to know Him and be in a loving relationship with him. Those who are called are sent out to fish for people, the people God loves. This call is an urgent one. It cannot wait. And it's not about us — it's about Jesus reconciling the whole world to the Father, who sent his Son to usher in the Kingdom of God in the here and now.



*Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, in saying:
“Repent Ye,” wanted the entire life of
believers to be a repentance... He does not,
however, mean inward repentance only; in
fact, such inward repentance is not real at
all if it does not outwardly produce various
mortifications of the flesh.
- Martin Luther-, 95 Theses*