

*The kingdom of God
is at hand*



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

Greeter This Week: Bishop Family

Greeter Next Week: John & Margie Swannack

Reader This Week: Caden Jander

Reader Next Week: Kernell Moritz

Acolytes This Week: Cason & Ella Jander

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Altar Guild Next Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

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. 77: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #107 *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

p. 78-79: KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

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

P Let us pray:

All: O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!”

And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." ¹⁵And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²**Let none who look to you be put to shame;***
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

⁴**Lead me in your truth and teach me,**
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁵Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your
goodness, O Lord.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**⁸He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

⁹All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**¹⁰For your name's sake, O Lord,
forgive my sin, for it is great.**

SECOND READING

James 1:12-18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Stand p. 83 GOSPEL VERSE: "Return to the Lord"

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15

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

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the

wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #333 “*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*”

Stand p. 85: APOSTLE’S CREED
p. 85: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
p. 86: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 86: OFFERTORY: “Let the vineyards...”
p. 87: OFFERTORY PRAYER

p. 88: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
p. 90: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column)
p. 91: LORD’S PRAYER
p. 92: LAMB OF GOD

Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION
SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 92: POST COMMUNION: “Thank the Lord . . .”
p. 94: 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 2/18	First Sunday of Lent	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
Mon 2/19	Office Closed	~President's Day~
Tues 2/20	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Wed 2/21	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 Team
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
Thurs 2/22	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	*Committee Reports Due	
Fri 2/23	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	*Newsletter Deadline	
Next Sun	Second Sunday of Lent	
	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, February 11, 2018

General \$1,173.00, MOM \$640.00, Building \$10.00,

Sunday School \$53.35, Church Reno. \$190.00 **Total : \$2,066.35**

Attendance: Worship - 72 Sunday School - 14 Children, 13 Adults

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 Attendance: 37

Mission of the Month of February



Campus Crusade for Christ Mission Statement

Missionaries: Andy and Natalie Swanson



Andy and Natalie Swanson and their three children have been serving in East Asia for the last 13 years. They currently work with Campus Crusade leading campus staff and students to reach a scope of 25 million students and help mobilize and send them to the world. They train students and churches in evangelism, discipleship, leadership training, and cross-cultural and international missions sending with a focus on college students in the 10/40 Window. Their mission is to start ministries on half the campuses in this country by the year 2020.



1st
Sunday
in
Lent

LENTEN



Lenten Schedule

St. John Mid-Week Lenten Services will be
Wednesdays, February 21 & 28 and
March 7, 14 & 21 at 7:00 pm.

Flag Sales

Youth Group is still selling Warrior's Weekend Field of Honor Flags. Sales end March 11th. Please contact Diane Chavez if you would like to purchase a flag @ (361)212-4438. Thank you for supporting our Veterans & Youth Group!



Youth Group

Youth group will meet Sunday, March 25th right after church for their monthly meeting. Lunch will be served & we will have Easter Sunrise practice. On Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 am we will have our last practice & decorate the cross with flowers.



Gospel Brunch

Please join us for a fundraiser to help benefit the Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County. Today, February 18, 2018 at 11:30 AM at The Venue on Church Street in Cuero. Individual tickets are \$50.00, please see Laurie Pokluda to purchase tickets or for more details. There will be great food & entertainment!



Church Renovation Fund

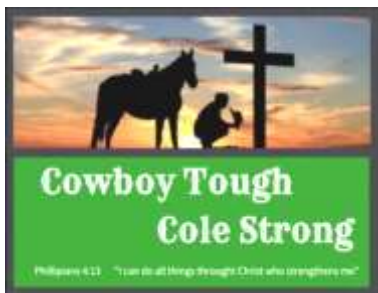
On August 28, 2016, our congregation voted to establish a fund for installation of the elevator and other church renovations. Anyone wishing to give to the renovation project may do so by designating "Church Renovation" or "Elevator Fund" on their check or on the pew giving envelope.



Attention Acolytes

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





Pray for Cole Ohrt

Cowboy Tough Cole Strong

UPDATE: Cole has been moved to Houston to start his rehabilitation process. Praise God & everyone praying for him! As most of you know, Cole was in an ATV accident and has suffered many injuries. Cole is an 8th grader

at Meyersville School. He 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" t-shirts, 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 Jamey 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.**

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
Carlton Migura

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



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Lent 1

February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent (Year B)



We often read Genesis 22 with stunned silence and bewilderment. Would God really demand Abraham offer his child as a burnt sacrifice? In faith, Abraham spoke the truest words he could, even though he had no idea that it would be the truth for that day, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” This epic story foreshadows what God would do on the cross of Calvary many years later.



“In times of trial we should learn to judge, not by our feeling but by the Word of God. This Word promises us that every trial is only the eventide upon which the morning of comfort follows.”

Martin Luther, on Isaiah 40

Worship Notes:

With the beginning of Lent we change to the second setting for our worship service. So this morning’s service will begin on page 77 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). Another change in our worship service during Lent is the tradition of “burying the Alleluia”. In keeping with the more somber, reflective tone of the Lenten season we omit the Hymn of Praise. So immediately after the Kyrie where Pastor John speaks a line and we respond with “Lord have mercy,” we skip the Hymn of Praise and go directly to page 82 in the LBW and the “Prayer of the Day”. The final change for Lent is the Gospel acclamation changes to " Return to the Lord for he is"