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July 2018 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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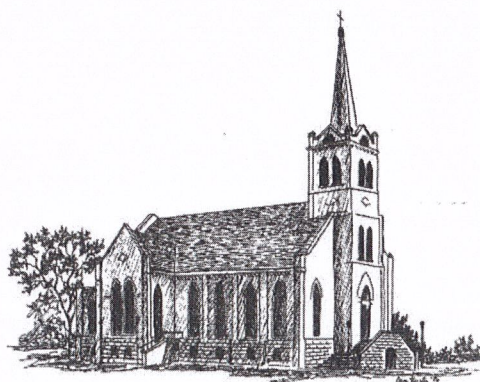
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Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

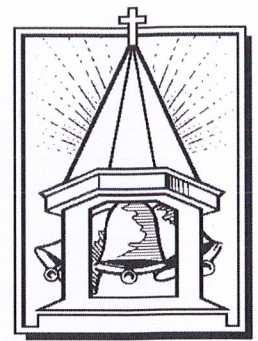
WORSHIP

Sunday School for All Ages	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion celebrated on the first and third Sunday of each month.



THE CHURCH BELL
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Greetings,

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk.

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen

So often when we pray we are impatient. We want instant gratification. But God isn't on our time frame. Many times, God has to first set the stage, to move others, to make the setting right in order to answer our prayer.

We must also realize that the answer to our prayer may not come in the package we expect. The answer may come in the form of someone we wouldn't expect to be there. But, God answers our prayers in many ways, through many different forms, often through those we would least likely expect to bring us the answer we are so desperate to seek.

Consequently, when we pray, we must be open to God's working in the world. We must listen for God's answer. We must patiently seek God's will and consider all that God places in front of us. Take time to seek God's will so that you too may enjoy those biscuits.

God's blessings

Pastor John

If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (361/277-8653) or Pastor John Boor at the parsonage (361/275-9895) or on his cell (361/243-0373). Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is seriously ill please call.



Ding-a-ling
Corner



STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	0	0	1	0	0								1
Adult	0	0	0	0	0								0
Total Baptisms	0	0	1	0	0								1
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0								0
Weddings													
Members	0	0	1	0	0								1
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	1								1
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	0	0								0
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0								0
Counseling Sessions	3	4	3	5	3								18
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0								0
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	3								3
Home Visits	4	5	4	6	7								26
Hospital Visits													
Members	3	0	0	0	14								17
Non-Members	3	3	3	2	1								12
Private Communion													
Members	4	4	4	3	6								21
Non-Members	26	32	27	29	30								144
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
Release of Membership	0	0	0	0	0								0
Restore to Membership	0	0	0	0	0								0

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor	275-9895 (Cell) 243-0373	Parish Education - Kathy Dunn	275-4322
Council President - Marvin Sager	275-6029	Mission/Evangelism - Linda Ruschhaupt	275-2059
Vice President - Brent Gohmert	649-4211	Property Team - Dickie Bettge	277-3096
Secretary - Virginia Jank	575-6813	Finance Team - Glenn Ruschhaupt	275-2059
Treasurer - Matt Nelson	550-2602	Parish Life Team - Terri Jank	575-6816
Financial Secretary - M'Liss Moore	275-8069	Worship Team - Johnny Jank	575-6813



Notes from the Church Secretary

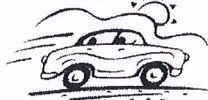
Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please see bulletins for any changes.

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES

Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

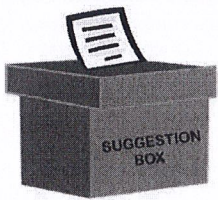
If any elderly person, or youth, needs a ride to Church or youth events, please notify the pastor so arrangements can be made to accommodate these needs.

Need a Ride?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the August 2018 Church Bell is Friday, July 20, 2018 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnevlutheran@juno.com. Thanks!



Do you have an idea?

Is there something at the church that you think needs fixing or changing? The Church Council and Committee Members would like to have your input. Please feel free to use the 'suggestion box' in the Narthex to pass on your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Remember, this is your church and your opinion matters. We are eager to hear from you!

ATTENTION ACOLYTES

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet for 2018-2019 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed.

ACOLYTES



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. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (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, North Carolina
- 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
- Jeff Zengerle - Victoria Texas Army National Guard
- Michael Petrash II - Iraq



Prayer Requests

Please Pray for:

- Adam Womble
- Nate Boehl
- Hunter Jacob
- Glynn Yurick
- Kenny Jacob
- Cole Ohrt
- Carlton Migura
- Robby Bitterly
- Carly Waters
- Clifford Haun
- Wanda Rangnow

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

Hospitalized: Bette Jo Haun

Prayer requests 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.

Mission of the Month of July



House of Palms Mission Statement

The House of Palms is a Scholarship Program for homeless women and their children.

The heart of the program is to embrace and strengthen their potential equipping them for a better future. Each resident will be provided with a room and living space for them (and their children if they have children), food, on-site day care and on-site guidance 24/7. They will participate in an Intern Program learning marketable skills that will allow them to become self-sufficient. The home will be a Christ-centered home of second chances, promoting self-sufficiency, emphasizing teamwork in a compassionate, caring, positive and encouraging environment. Women will be able to sustain themselves based on improved skills and technical skills taught at House of Palms. They will learn honor and a healthy self-respect to maximize personal growth and save children from a life of dependency, crime, poverty and hopelessness

The home will be able to house 13 to 15 women, and have two paid staff members.

House of Palms is a 501C3 organized under the leadership of Faith Family Church in Victoria.

Col. Mike Petrich is the Administrator (not paid)

Despite the setback with Hurricane Harvey, the House of Palms is still scheduled to open in September of this year.

*We keep the family of Elroy
Peters in our Prayers.
May God comfort them at
their time of loss.*



We have 4 of our youth attending Camp Chrysalis this Summer. Faith Chavez, Mackenzie Blain & Marlee Blain will be going July 29th-August 3rd. Justin Ficklen will be going July 8th-20th. We also have a recent High School graduate, Rylan Dreier there all Summer as a camp counselor! Please keep these youth in your prayers for a fruitful faith filled experience!

Sunday School Update

There will be no Sunday School for the children until Sunday, August 12th. This will also be the Backpack Blessing & Rally Sunday!

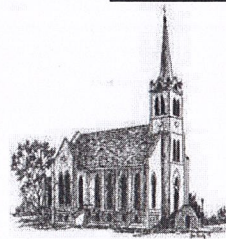


Vacation Bible School

VBS Day Camp! Please remember that VBS Day Camp is July 8 – 13th. Our church is graciously paying \$1600 for 4 Camp Counselors from Luther Hill to come to our church for this week and we hope to have 30 to 40 Youth here. Free Christian day care from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm M-F for youth ages 6 – 12, and great Christian leadership training for older youth. Please get your VBS form filled out soon so we can get a head count! Hope to see you there!



Church Renovation Update



At a called congregation meeting on May 20, 2018 our congregation took a huge step in approving the construction of the elevator renovation at a cost of \$538,292 by an overwhelming majority vote. The contractor has approximately 175 days to complete the project. To date contributions of approximately \$265,000 have come in for the renovation. The contractor must be paid as work is completed so we encourage everyone to prayerfully consider giving generously to this project. As construction begins on our renovation project, please heed warnings and temporary fencing around the work area. The only usable entrance to the parish hall will be the back entrance (Stone Church side). There may also be inconveniences during construction of the bathroom.

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
Invites You
To our

Third Annual Community Ice Cream Social
1764 Meyersville Rd
Meyersville, Texas
Sunday, July 8, 2018
3 PM to 5 PM



St. John Ev. Lutheran Church in Meyersville would like to invite folks of all ages to our third annual Ice Cream Social to be held at the church on the afternoon of July 8, 2018.

We are kicking off the beginning of our vacation Bible School. We want you to meet our camp counselors, play games, eat ice cream and enjoy visiting with neighbors and friends!

Out Door Games for July 8 include:

Volleyball - at the volleyball court
Basketball
Washers
Horseshoes
Ping Pong - Basement

Indoor Games

Dominoes / Cards - Parish Hall
Small Children Coloring and Games - Parish Hall
Perhaps a Puppet Show - Parish Hall

Ice Cream Eating and Tasting - Parish Hall

See the Old Stone Church

We hope you enjoy our social and Christian fellowship. Everything is free!!!!

Everyone is Welcome!!

The People of St. John Welcome You!!!!

Vacation Bible School with Camp Counselors
July 9, 2018 to July 13, 2018
Ages 6 thru 12

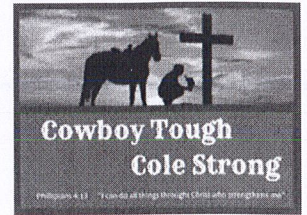
Call (361) 277- 8653 or (361) 275-4322 to inquire



Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is home now and able to be with his family & friends. Though he has a long road ahead of him, God has been with him every step of the way.

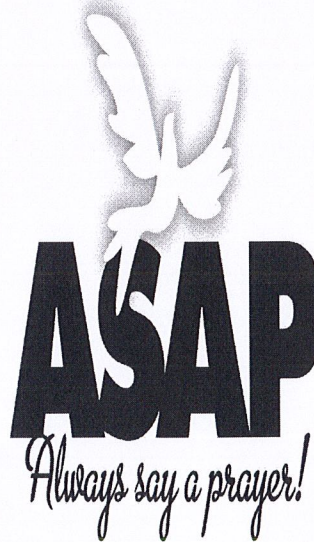
We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's recovery and for spiritual strength, strong faith and unlimited patience for him and his family. Thank you and may God bless you all.



Ways you can help the Ohrt family:

- **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)**

There are so many people in need of prayer, so here is a great prayer to pray daily for everyone.



*Dear Heavenly Father,
Please bless all my family and friends who need MIRACLES. Please heal the sick. Strengthen all who are weak and lighten those who carry heavy burdens. God, please give them HOPE for tomorrow and help them find PEACE. Let them know you will always be there for them.
AMEN!*

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 22, 2018

By: Virginia Jank, Church Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor John Boor, President Marv Sager, Brent Gohmert, Johnny Jank, Virginia Jank, Kathy Dunn, Linda and Glenn Ruschhaupt, Matt Nelson and M'Liss Moore

CALL TO ORDER: President Marv Sager called the meeting to order. Marv opened the meeting with a devotion from the Billy Graham website on how God made each of us unique individuals. He emphasized that each person should put their individual talents to use in everyday life and witnessing.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Linda Ruschhaupt, 2nd by Matt Nelson, and approved. The minutes of the called council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept them was made by Linda and 2nd by Pastor John Boor, and the motion was approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial report was presented by Matt Nelson and reviewed. A motion to accept the report was made by Johnny Jank, 2nd by M'Liss Moore and approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

I married Ray Butler and Nancy Tipton on May 19 in the Old Stone Church.

This Sunday is our Memorial Day service and we will once again be honoring our Veterans. Col Mike will be here to do Roll Call again and Nick Lowery will be giving the message.

We have had several members in the hospital in the last five weeks and I have been very busy with hospital visits. As far as I know we don't have anyone in the hospital at this time.

We also received Charles and Susan Egg and Hannah Gohmert as new members by transfer on 5-21.

DISCUSSION: Wilburn Ohelke from Zion Lutheran in Arneckeville congregation has requested that we do a joint community service for rain. June 1 or June 8 (Friday nights) were suggested as days for the service. It was suggested that St John host this service since the church is bigger and the location would be more central to all the surrounding congregations. M'Liss Moore made a motion to have a joint rain service at St John on June 8, 2018. Johnny seconded the motion and it carried.

DISCUSSION: There was an update given on the Security and Awareness Ministry. Security Monster has submitted diagrams and spec sheets on cameras. Triple D has not sent any information other than the original bid. Johnny will follow up with them.

FINANCE TEAM REPORT

There was no Finance Team meeting and the next meeting will be June 11.

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM REPORT:

The Boys and Girls Club will be the Mission for June. Laurie Pokluda will give a short update on the club on a Sunday in June.

We will have the Ice Cream Social on July 8th this year. Before we finalize plans I would like to run some of my concerns through council.

Linda Ruschhaupt, Team Leader

Members: Cheryl Bramlette, Pam Haun, Obert Sagebiel, Marv Sager and Pastor John

The Boys and Girls Club of DeWitt County

In our community there are hundreds of boys and girls left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets, or who, in increasing numbers, spend many hours at home with no adult care or supervision. These youngsters often form groups or gangs and risk getting involved with the wrong leaders, eventually finding themselves in serious trouble.

The Boys and Girls club mission is to work with youth of all backgrounds, with a special concern for those from disadvantaged circumstances, to help them develop the skills to become productive citizens and leaders.

The DeWitt county community has needed something like this for a number of years. It has been well accepted by the school districts, the City of Cuero and area church leaders. St. John's own Laurie Pokluda sits on the board of this club. If you have questions Laurie will be glad to answer them.

DISCUSSION: The Ice Cream social is being planned July 8th since this will be the Sunday before Vacation Bible School and the Counselors should be here to attend. The area of renovation was also discussed and suggestions were made as to where the Social may be held. The possibility of live music was also suggested.

October 21st will also be Mission Sunday and Dane Fowler of Samaritan's Purse is a possible speaker for that service.

PARISH EDUCATION TEAM REPORT

May 2018

The Bible Study on the End Times has been going well. We had our second lesson on Thursday, May 10th, and the next is planned for Wednesday, May 24th at 7 pm. We had 7 ? people in attendance.

Sunday School Attendance has been slightly better. Leah Bishop has been teaching the youngest class. We are so fortunate to have her; she is a great mentor for them.

VBS Day Camp – is fast approaching. We decided to

Kick it off with the Ice Cream Social on Sunday July 8th. We need volunteers!

Youth Group – I will get info from Diane and Mike Chavez

Report from Diane and Mike Chavez:

St. John Youth Group met on Wednesday, May 16th for our last meeting of the school year. We had 11 youth in attendance and honored our 4 graduating Seniors: J Burns Cowley, Rylan Dreier, Leah Bishop and Brighton Blain. They enjoyed a wonderful meal provided by the Britton & Sara Blain Family. We had discussion on temptations the teens are facing and how we as Christians can face those head on. We have 4 youth going to Camp Chrysalis this coming summer of 2018.

PARISH LIFE TEAM REPORT

There was no report. **DISCUSSION:** The veterans will be presented with small mementoes at our Veterans Day Service. Suggestion was made to have punch and cookies after the service for acceptance of new members.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT COUNCIL REPORT

5/22/18

Team Members: Dickie Bettge, Marv Sager, Pastor John, Brent Gohmert, Clay Haun, Vance Egg, Glenn Ruschhaupt. We did not hold a regularly scheduled meeting this month since the scheduled meeting fell on Mother's Day. On May 10, 2018 a property meeting was called to discuss and make recommendations concerning the Church renovation. The following items were considered:

1. A list of elevator questions was compiled based upon issues that Zion Lutheran Church is having with their elevator. These issues were presented to Home Elevator and they provided responses. After discussion we agreed that the answers were satisfactory and we felt that the elevator proposed is the right elevator for us.
2. The awning options that were proposed by the contractors to reduce the cost of the awning were discussed in length. The property team does not recommend the aluminum awning options for the following reasons:
 - a. They would not have standing seam roofs.
 - b. They would probably have exposed fasteners.
 - c. We were not familiar with how they would look.
 - d. We didn't feel that the aluminum would hold up as well as the metal roofs would.
3. We discussed contractor qualifications/reputation. References were called. We decided that both contractors were qualified to do our job.

4. We recommend alternate 1, sump pump and alternate 2, de-humidifier. We felt that we needed these items before water and mold problems arise.
5. We discussed the two remaining canopy options at length. The original canopy as shown in the plans looks nice, and fits with the existing building. It would have a standing seam roof and soffits. The disadvantages are that the main structure is red iron and will definitely need to be painted regularly, and it is higher priced. The Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) would not have soffits exposing the underside of the structure and would not be as appealing to the eye. The main structure would be constructed of galvanized steel and may or may not need to be painted depending on how the galvanized steel looks. The galvanized coating is very weather resistant and the PEMB structure would cost less. It would also have a standing seam roof.
6. We discussed methods of funding the project as we lack sufficient funds to build the entire project if both canopy and elevator are selected.

The council will be presented these options at a called meeting on May 11, 2018. They will decide on the options to present to the congregation.

DISCUSSION: The drafting of the contract for the renovation is in the process. There was also a reminder that there is an invoice from Rawley McCoy for \$40,000 of which \$10,000 has been paid to date.

WORSHIP TEAM REPORT

Worship Team members Beverly Bodden, Pastor John Boor, Johnny P Jank, Virginia Jank, Dawn Otto, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Marv Sager, Norrean Sager, and Bruce Weise met at the parish house on the 1st of May, 2018 at 7:00PM.

Old Business included a discussion regarding:

Altar Candle holders being refurbished. It was agreed to continue with our plan to send them to CM Almy for evaluation as to whether they can be A) resurfaced to a bronze finish, B) refinished to the current silver finish, C) we possibly replace them with new ones.

Organ repair and maintenance is becoming a necessity. The Team discussed the current "patching as we go" repairs we have been doing. Concerns that we may need an alternative to the current technician, Mike Morgan were expressed. A motion was made by Pastor John and seconded by Dawn Otto to contact Shawn Sanders with Pipe Organ Technicians to have him come and attempt repairs based on our organ's current status. This might give us a little more insight to his abilities and his pricing prior to needing a quote from him should our organ fail in the future. Motion passed.

Contemporary service held on 29th April had a poor attendance (55) and the Team agreed those who were there, were not as familiar with some of the songs. The only one that had a noticeable participation was the old favorite, “I Love to Tell the Story” recording by Allan Jackson. Ways to improve the contemporary worship experience were discussed. Next service will be 29th of July with Dave Eihler and Broken Vessels ministries and live music. The Team was encouraged to find other sources for groups that might assist us with our contemporary services, as we have scheduled the 30th of September and 30th of December that for contemporary services.

New Business –

Graduation Recognition Sunday is scheduled for 20th May. Pastor John suggested we incorporate this with new member recognition as well. Parish Life team will be contacted to host a small social after the service.

Communion by Stations – Worship Team agreed with the suggestion that the communion assistant on organ side and Pastor John move to east wing and commune members there first then move to normal stations and begin distribution as currently.

Memorial Day Service is scheduled for 27th of May. Nick Lowery will deliver the message. Col Mike Petrash will be here and we will have a video.

Council meeting discussion items were discussed and addressed by the Worship Team.

- 1) A request to add a brief synopsis of the lectionary readings prior to each being read. SOLA does not include this with their lectionary offering. We could get something from the SOLA worship planner they publish. After some discussion Worship Team agreed to add the explanation to the bulletin. NOTE: This was “tweaked” after the first week to eliminate the confusion between the explanation and the actual scripture message.
- 2) Make an attempt encourage congregation to use the pew Bible in church. Worship Team agreed anything to encourage additional Bible reading is a good suggestion. Although, since we already print the readings in the bulletin the “Bible” reading is already being encouraged by it being available in the bulletin. For those who would read the lesson from the pew Bible, the Team agreed to put the pew Bible page number after the reading in the bulletin.
- 3) Each Team should have a “Wish List” to give to families, looking for ways to utilize memorial monies in meaningful ways. Each Worship Team member was encouraged to come up with ideas and discuss at future meetings.

There being no additional business the Worship Team assigned songs for the 6th of May through 8th of July, then closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Next meeting is scheduled for 3rd of July @ 7:00PM.

DISCUSSION: Johnny is thinking of setting up speakers and video equipment in the Parish Hall for the Sunday Services during the renovation so that everyone will be able to attend the services.



Keep up with St. John online

St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

July 1

- Greeters - John & Margie Swannack
Reader - Trish Hood
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

July 8

- Greeters - Daren & Dawn Otto
Reader - Beverly Bodden
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

July 15

- Greeters - Bishop Family
Reader - Wendy Bishop
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

July 22

- Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Reader - Dwight Jander
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

July 29

- Greeters - Youth Group
Reader - Cathie Bettge
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

July Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

July Altar Guild

MayDell Jacob & Brenda Boor

July Nursing Home Visitor

Dianna Bartosh

LOOKING AHEAD...

August 5

- Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Wanda Hays
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

August Communion Assistant

Glen Ruschhaupt

August Altar Guild

Pam Haun & Nikki Carver

August Nursing Home Visitor

Candy Cowley

Volunteers: If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. Please let the church office know if you have switched so the correct names can be in the bulletin.

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 - Kernell Moritz
Lela Moritz
2 - Keaton Wendel
3 - Justin Albrecht
4 - Martha Diebel
6 - Ella Jander
Vicki Motley
9 - Rylan Dreier
Walter Martin, Jr.
10 - Grady Seiler
12 - Bryant Roeske
13 - Brenda Boor
Faith Chavez
15 - Stephanie Egg
16 - Chance Sanders
17 - Grace Fuchs
Morgan Zengerle
20 - Braden Parsons
21 - Molly Turner
22 - Brenda Gohmert
Archie Abrameit
23 - Jimmy Caskey
Margie Swannack
Melinda Nethery
25 - Emily Glawson
Tammy Boehl
28 - Jared Ohrt
29 - Bryan Nethery
Charlie Rangnow
Jimmy Baros
30 - Elizabeth Giles
31 - Ellwood Rangnow, Jr.

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 3 - Jay & Cheryl Bramlette
6 - Buck & Toi Rangnow
7 - Donald & Dianna Hoy
Cory & Lacey Rains
10 - Dean & Kay Ohrt
13 - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Jason & Michelle Wendel
18 - Morris & Meliss Eckhardt
22 - Jason & Marigayle Ohrt
27 - Jimmy & JoBeth Caskey
Marvin & Norrean Sager

Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you.



July 2018

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Meyersville, TX

Church Office: (361)277-8653, Pastor John's Cell: (361)243-0373

Mission of the Month:
House of Palms

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6th Sunday after Pentecost 1 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7	
		7 PM Worship Team	1:30 PM Quilters				
7th Sunday after Pentecost 8 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	Vacation Bible School 8:30 AM-3:30 PM	Vacation Bible School 8:30 AM-3:30 PM	Vacation Bible School 8:30 AM-3:30 PM 10 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 PM Quilters	Vacation Bible School 8:30 AM-3:30 PM	Vacation Bible School 8:30 AM-3:30 PM	Vacation Bible School 8:30 AM-3:30 PM	
8th Sunday after Pentecost 15 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	16	17	18	19	20	21	
			10 AM Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Men's Bible Study				
 9th Sunday after Pentecost 22 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28	
		7 PM Council Meeting	1:30 PM Quilters	**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.		
10th Sunday after Pentecost 29 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	30	31					

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Did You Know?



Independence Day, also referred to as the **Fourth of July** or **July Fourth**, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire. The Congress actually voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and

political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the National Day of the United States.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

Coincidentally, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as President, also died on July 4, 1831. He was the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872; so far he is the only U.S. President to have been born on Independence Day.

