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June 2018 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ministers - The People of St. John Pastor - The Rev. John Boor Organist – Bruce A. Weise

WORSHIP

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

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



THE CHURCH BELL
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)
1764 Meyersville Rd.
Meyersville, TX 77974



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Greetings,

361-277-8653

In May we celebrated Mother's Day and in June we will celebrate Father's Day. While there are some that are trying to eliminate these two holidays we must remember that to honor our mothers and Fathers is in fact scriptural. We are to honor our fathers and mothers, not because it's a holiday, not because it's a tradition, not because there are sales going on all over the country, but because God said so.

In fact, he said so very specifically. The bible tells us in Ephesians 6:1-3, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Notice that it doesn't say, honor only good moms and dads. It doesn't say, honor them if you like them. It doesn't say, honor only the right ones. It says, "honor your father and mother." And so, this month, we ought to honor all fathers.

Your father may not fulfill all of your expectations, he may not be the perfect father, (none of us are), but our fathers do want only the best for us.

This Father's Day I pray that we will all honor our Fathers as God would want us to.

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.

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A Father Knows Best When He Knows Jesus!

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Non-Members	0	0	0	0									0
Counseling Sessions		4	3	5									15
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Home Visits	4	5	4	6									19
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Members	3	0	0	0									3
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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



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.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the July 2018 Church Bell is Friday, June 22, 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 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the New Year.



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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).



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

Please Pray for: Adam Womble

Nate Boehl

Hunter Jacob

Glynn Yurick

Kenny Jacob

Sandy Gohmert

Cole Ohrt

Carlton Migura

Britany Jank

Robby Bitterly

Carly Waters

Clifford Haun

Wanda Rangnow

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing &

Rehabilitation

Homebound: 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 June

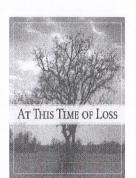


The Boys and Girls Club of DeWitt County Mission Statement

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.



We keep the family & friends of Jeffery Vsennett in our Prayers. May God comfort them at their time of loss. A graveside memorial for Jeffery was held here at St. John on Saturday, May 26, 2018.



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.

Welcome New Members!

We give a warm welcome to our new members, Charles & Susan Egg and Hannah Gohmert. We are very happy & blessed to have you become a member here at St. John!



Vacation Bible School



VBS Day Camp --Save the Date! As you plan your summer vacations, 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.

CAMAL House Breakfast

There will be a CAMAL House Community breakfast on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 8-10AM at the Presbyterian Church in Cuero. Donations support CAMAL House.





St. John would like to recognize

Amanda Denson, Daughter of Lindsey & Pam Ficklen who graduated on May 11, 2018 from Texas A&M University in College Station. Amanda will receive a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science degree. She will then go to start to work on her Masters of Animal Science with emphasis on Equine Reproduction. She will also apply to vet school in 2018, with hopes of starting in the fall of 2019.



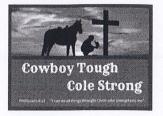
What an amazing accomplishment! We wish you many blessings!

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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 <u>coleohrtfund@gmail.com</u> 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 April 24, 2018

By: Virginia Jank, Church Secretary

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Marv Sager called the meeting to order. Marv opened the meeting with a devotion on "What Really Matters." The emphasis was on looking out for the interest of others and showing God's love. **MINUTES:** Reviewed, Motion to accept by Linda Ruschhaupt, 2nd by Glenn Ruschhaupt, and

approved. **FINANCIAL REPORT**: Reviewed, Motion to accept by Johnny Jank, 2nd by Dickie Bettge and approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

The NALC Lutheran week convocation is August 13-17 in Denver, Colorado. I would like to attend and request that the church pay for the expense. We should also be looking for someone else to attend as there will be several decisions made at this convocation that will affect the NALC.

I will be performing a marriage on 5-19-18 in the Old Stone Church of Ray Butler and his fiancé. I received a call today from M'Liss' sister, Dionis. Her husband Glenn, and their son would like to become members of St. John. Instruction is being planned.

DISCUSSION: Ray Butler is requesting the use of the Old Stone Church for his wedding on May 19, 2018. Johnny Jank made a motion to approve the use of the Old Stone Church, Dickie seconded the motion and Council approved. Johnny made a motion to approved paying Pastor's expenses to attend the NALC Convocation in Denver Colorado, Linda Ruschhaupt seconded the motion and Council approved. There were suggestions as to who else might attend and represent the congregation.

Church Safety/Awareness: Camera surveillance is being looked at through two vendors: Triple D and Security Monster.

FINANCE TEAM REPORT

Meeting Date – April 09, 2018 Members Present- Glenn Ruschhaupt, Laurie Wendel, Matt Nelson, M'Liss Moore, and Marv Sager

Opening Prayer - Given by Glenn
REVIEW OF LATEST FINANCIAL
REPORTS - Reports and Memorials Status
were reviewed and various details discussed.
OLD BUSINESS - Discussed potential
disposition of undesignated memorial balances.
NEW BUSINESS - Discussed allocation of
current Thrivent Choice fund balance of
\$4831.00. It was decided to place
announcements in both the Sunday bulletins and
the May newsletter advising of the Finance
Team's recommendation to transfer those monies
to the Renovation/Elevator Fund effective May
31st.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING – June 11th, 2018

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM REPORT:

The Mission Team met April 19th with members; Pastor John, Marv Sager, Obert Sagabiel, Pam Haun, Cheryl Bramlette and team leader, Linda Ruschhaupt.

The mission of the month of May will be Christian Warrior's Retreat.

It was decided to move the Ice Cream Social to July 8, 2018 to coincide with the opening of VBS.

PARISH LIFE TEAM REPORT:

APRIL 2018

The Parish Life Team has the following event coming up:

Memorial Day Service May 27, 2018. We will be presenting all Veterans and Active Service Members in Church with a small token of thanks for their service.
 Refreshments will be served after church.

PARISH ED TEAM REPORT:

APRIL 2018

The Youth Group did a great job with Sunrise Service and the Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday. We had about 29 children at Sunday School and 16 in the Adult Class, plus many parents helping with the food. Johnna's Class presented a meaningful "Empty Tomb" performance.

We also paraded into church singing "Gods Not Dead" along with the congregation. Next year we will request musical accompaniment to help our voices. (smile)

Sunday School attendance has improved slightly.

Pastor John led the first session of a Bible Study on the End Times by David Jeremiah on April 12th at 7 pm. We plan to have another session again next month, May 10th, at 7 pm. We are considering having these more often during the summer months.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

4/24/18

Meeting Date: 2nd Sunday at 8:00 am.

Members: Dickie Bettge, Vance Egg, Clay Haun,

Marv Sager, Pastor John, Will Roeske

Maintenance Schedule.

April: (Shiner) Fire Extinguisher

inspection/maintenance.

Swallow check.

May: Check kitchen drain lines. Glenn

Add bacteria to septic systems.

Dickie

June: Blow and/or vacuum compressor area

of refrigerator.

Check with maintenance employee for

items needed on the grounds.

Clean church and parish hall carpets. Seal concrete tables and benches with

Thompsons Water Seal.

Pay Fire Dept. Dues.

Cleaning of basement to discard unusable items and tidy up rooms.

Items Complete:

- Peep hole in Sacristy door installed.
- Sand placed around septic tank.
- Parish Hall blind installed.
- Electric outlet installed.
- Waterline at cemetery repaired.
- Memorial benches for Reuben Gohmert were placed.
- Light sensor was replaced on cemetery light.

Old Business.

- Architect progress. Pre-Bid Conference was held on April 11 at 2:00 pm at the church. Three bids were submitted. The property team and Patrick Ohrt are in the process of reviewing the bids and interviewing contractors.
- Parish hall roof replacement. Will need to verify a few items and negotiate a settlement with Church Mutual. DWC FORM-83 can be used by St. John to relieve us from carrying Workers Comp on subcontractors. This was verified by Church Mutual and Texas Dept. of Insurance. Send one copy to Church Mutual, one copy to Texas Dept. of Insurance and keep a copy for our records.

New Business:

- Work day was postponed.
- Sign for cemetery: "Cemetery, Stone Church, and surrounding area closed after dark". Dickie will have 2 signs made.
- We will not meet on 2nd Sun. of next month due to Mother's Day.
- Noise in one of the Church A/C fan motors. Gohmert A/C was contacted.
- Need to check into locking windows and doors at parish hall.
- Tim Westphal Invoice.

Projects:

- Inventory of furniture and equipment & report to Church Council. Dickie
- Painting of church doors. Clay

- Remove large overhanging limb in cemetery and repair broken tomb stones. Workday Items:
 - Locate waterlines in cemetery and mark corners with concrete markers.
 - Patch low areas in parking lot with left over limestone.
 - Spread load of gravel on road to creek.
 - Pressure wash well house if needed.
 - Install cemetery sign if ready.
 - Mark water lines on the ground in the cemetery
 - Mark cemetery lines on the ground.
 - Seal concrete tables with Thompson's Waterseal.

Renovation Fund Balance: \$254,396 (4/8/18) Items for Council Approval: None Next Meeting: May 13, 2018. Canceled due to Mother's Day weekend.

Property Team on Thursday, April 26 to go over the renovation bids. There will need to be a Special Called Meeting of the Council after the Property Team has reviewed the renovation bids. The Council will discuss the recommendations of the Property Team and present options to the congregation for approval of moving forward with the renovation.

WORSHIP TEAM REPORT

Worship Team has on several occasions met every other month. At last month's council meeting I understood that Finance Team might be trying to regularly meet every other month and they were meeting in April. Worship Team is going to try and do the same on opposite months, meeting on the odd numbered months, May, July September, and November. This way rather than have one council meeting with all the Team reports and next month with only a few we can spread them out. At least that's what we are going to try for now.

So all this is the long version of: Worship Team did not meet this month so there is nothing to report. **ADDITIONAL Discussion:** Each team is asked to present any ideas for Memorials that will be of benefit to the church so that anyone looking for suggestions will have a list to consider if they wish.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Special Called Council Meeting May 11, 2018

By: Virginia Jank, Church Secretary Council members present: Pastor John Boor, President Marv Sager, Glenn and Linda Ruschhaupt, Dickie Bettge, Matt Nelson, Kathy Dunn, M'Liss Moore, Johnny and Virginia Jank.

Pastor John opened the meeting with Prayer.

Clarity was discussed on the elevator being enclosed and that there would be an annual maintenance.

Renovation construction bids were discussed from A & A Constructors, Inc., and Roth Construction, Inc. Patrick Ohrt, The architect for this project, was present at the meeting and discussed the numbers on the two bids. There were discussions on the Preengineered Metal Building canopy bid by Roth and the bid without the canopy that was submitted by A & A.

After much discussion, M'Liss made a motion to recommend that the congregation consider two options in a called meeting on May 20th. Option 1 and Council's first preference would be to proceed with the renovation project with the elevator and PEMB canopy as bid by Roth Construction Inc. in the amount of \$520,332. As an alternative, Option 2 would be to proceed with the elevator without the canopy as bid by A & A Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$374,900. Linda Ruschhaupt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the members of the Council.

There will be a packet available to church members May 13 and May 20 containing information on the two bids to be considered at the Called Church meeting on May 20, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

June 3

Greeters - Candy Cowley
Reader - Caden Jander
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

June 10

Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader - Kernell Moritz Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

June 17

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader - Mackenzie Blain Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

June 24

Greeters - Kernell & Elaine Moritz Reader - Tammy Blain-Meyer Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

June Communion Assistant Wanda Hays

June Altar Guild Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

June Nursing Home Visitor Cathie Bettge

LOOKING AHEAD...

July 1

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack

Reader - Trish Hood

Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

July Communion Assistant Johnny Jank

July Altar Guild MayDell Jacob & Brenda Boor

July Nursing Home Visitor Dianna Bartosh

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 - Jake Seiler

2 - Morgan Bartlett

3 - Alyssa Blain

4 - Karen Jacobs

5 - Doug Bishop

10 - Alyssa Fric Michael Chavez

12 - Seth Wendel

13 - Mitchell Jank

14 - Cody Rangnow

15 Marigayle Ohrt

17 - Dawn Otto Mike Cowley Dylan Ohrt

18 - John W. Moeller

20 - Kenny Brown

21 - Tamany Brown

23 - Kinley Leist Dennis Nagel

26 - Lloyd Copeland Mary Wagner

28 - Angela Giles Mark Jacobs Norman Pruett

29 - Michael Parsons Heather Roeske

30 - Kerilyn Kay Wendel

Anniversary Greetings to:

4 - Bobby & Letha Blain

6 - Will & Heather Roeske

8 - Jason & Joy Hoy

9 - Ray & Linda Boyer

11 - Matt & Stacey Nelson

13 - Dwight & LeAnn Jander

14 - Britton & Sara Blain

18 - John Lloyd & Brenda Gohmert

21 - Clifford & Bette Jo Haun Clifford & Meri Diebel Lynn & Kelly Luckemeyer

24 - Henry Lee & Kathy Rangnow



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

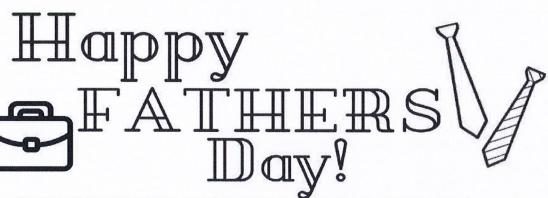
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Mission of the Month: The Boys and Girls Club of DeWitt County

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist		10	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost 3 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Holy Communion	
3	18	11 7 PM Finance Team	4	
7 PM Council Meeting	19	12	5	
1:30 PM Quilters	10 AM Comm. Serv CueroNursing&Reh 1:30 PM Quilters 6 PM Mission Evangelism Team 7 PM Men's Bible Study	10 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Bible Study	1:30 PM Quilters	
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	**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	15	7 PM Community Rain Service at St. John	1
Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins *Please see the Bulletins *Description of the Bulletins *Please see the Bulletins	23	16	9	8-10 AM CAMAL House Community Breakfast @ The Presbyterian Church in Cuero

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OF THE WONDERFUL FATHER'S AT ST. JOHN! HAVE A BLESSED, GREAT DAY!



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TOOLS JOKES SPORTS HOME BBQ CARING FAMILY **PROTECTIVE** RESPECT LOVE DADDY TIE **SPECIAL GIFTS HONOR** HUGS **FUNNY** THOUGHTFUL **MEMORIES STRONG**

