

*I plant it, that it may...
produce fruit*

Ezekiel 17:23



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

Greeter This Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Greeter Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader This Week: Wanda Hays

Reader Next Week: Tammy Blain-Meyer

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Altar Guild Next Month: MayDell Jacob & Brenda Boor

Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hays

Communion Assistant Next Month: Johnny Jank

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.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**

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: *“Father’s Choice”*

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: O Lord, our God, arrange the course of this world that peace may come and your tranquil Church rejoice through greater service. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Israel is Replanted

This lesson is just a snippet of a larger section in which Ezekiel prophesied to the exiles using a parable of two great eagles and a vine. The Lord made a promise to replant Israel, a tiny sprig that would grow sturdy branches and bear fruit until it became a great and noble cedar under which will dwell every sort of bird.

Ezekiel 17:22-24

(Page 726, RSV Pew Bible)

²²Thus says the Lord God: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And

all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Delight in the Law of the Lord

The psalmist sang of his great delight in the law of the Lord. Dwelling in the ways of God is like a tree planted next to a water source. It grows and flourishes as it is fed and watered constantly. The wicked, on the other hand, blow away like chaff.

Psalm 1

(Page 465, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

SECOND READING

We Walk by Faith

St. Paul described to the Corinthian Christians a dwelling that is eternal. Even when their present homes were destroyed, they could rely on God's promise of a heav-enly home. Even though life can be difficult, Paul assured them they have reason to be courageous: Christ prepared each of them for this life of faith and prepared a place for them with him forever.

2 Corinthians 5:1-10[11-17]

(Page 1006, RSV Pew Bible)

¹For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened — not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. [¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.]

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:26-34

(Page 870, 871 RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

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

²⁶{Jesus} said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at

once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”³⁰ And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: “*Father’s Choice*”

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 6/17	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Father's Day!</i> ~
Mon 6/18	Office Closed
Tues 6/19	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 6/20	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. Men's Bible Study
Thurs 6/21	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours *Committee Reports Due
Fri 6/22	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours *Newsletter Deadline
Next Sun	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 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.

Friday, June 8, 2018 Community Rain Service

CAMAL House \$377.26 **Attendance: 68**

Sunday, June 10, 2018

General \$2,795.00, MOM \$215.00, Building \$220.00, Youth Group \$20.00,
Church Reno. \$1,003.00 **Total : \$4,253.00**

Attendance: Worship - 72 Sunday School - 1 - Children, 6 - Adults

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 Pocluda sits on the board of this club. If you have questions Laurie will be glad to answer them.



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

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)**

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 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 2018-2019 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed.



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 at (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, 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



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

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



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Pentecost 4

June 17, 2018

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 6 (Year B)



Faith is something that is not rational, logical, or reasonable. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit that sustains us in our daily lives. It assures us that God has our best interests at heart, but even more so that his will is done on earth as it is in heaven. As we walk by faith, we are assured that Christ is with us, even if we cannot fully understand the ways in which God's kingdom comes on this earth.



“Let every one learn from this parable that the Gospel will always meet with opposition; that some will be converted by it, while the greater portion of its hearers, yea, even three-fourths of them, will take offense and disregard it. The result is that many are called, as Christ says in another Gospel, but only few are chosen.”

— Martin Luther — Church Postil, Sermon on Luke 8