



WE HOLD THAT ONE IS
JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday & Mission Feast

October 28, 2018

Greeter This Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Dwight Jander

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Dickie Bettge

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 #229 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A New Covenant

The Lord promised his people that he will make a new covenant with them by writing his law upon their hearts. This covenant was to be different than the covenant made with their ancestors. No longer will one person teach another about the Lord; all will simply know, and the Lord will remember their sin no longer.

⁶I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

SECOND READING

Sinners are Justified by God’s Grace

St. Paul taught the Roman Christians that the law could not save them from sin and death even though through the law, believers come to know they are sinners. God’s righteousness is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, who made amends for our sin. We are now saved by grace through faith, but it is by no merit of our own. It is Christ whose righteousness brings us back into relationship with the Father.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Sit MESSAGE: *Dr. Dane Fowlkes with Samaritan’s Purse*

HYMN: WOV #779 “*You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*”
On Eagle’s Wings

Stand page 65: APOSTLES' CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY "Create in Me"
page 76: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: WOV #775

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

page 76: THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #369 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)
POSTLUDE



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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 10/28 Reformation Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Dr. Dane Fowlkes
Mission Feast Luncheon after Worship
2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Mon 10/29 Office Closed

Tues 10/30 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 10/31 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 11/1 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 11/2 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
*Daylight Savings Time Ends, Fall Back!

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, October 21, 2018

General \$1,150.35, MOM \$285.00, Sunday School \$9.00, Cemetery \$20.00, NALC \$140.00, Organ \$20.00, OSC \$10.00, Church Reno. \$330.00

Total : \$1,964.35

Attendance: Worship - 54 Sunday School - 5 - Children, 12 - Adults

Mission of the Month of October



Samaritan's Purse Mission Statement

President & CEO: William “Franklin” Graham III, son of Billy Graham

Founded: 1970, by Bob Pierce

Purpose: Samaritan’s Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid with excellence to victims of war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty, and persecution in over 100 countries.

Crisis and Disaster Response —

U.S. Disaster Relief: Since 1998, over 83,000 volunteers have worked with our staff to help more than 28,000 families impacted by U.S. natural disasters—hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, and ice storms—by quickly providing emergency supplies, repairing, cleaning and rebuilding homes. Five disaster relief units, tractor-trailers stocked with tools and cleanup supplies, are ready to deploy when disasters strike.

International: Samaritan’s Purse specializes in meeting critical needs for victims of war, disaster, and famine in the world’s most troubled regions, often working through local churches and ministry partners. Recent efforts include providing aid such as medical care, shelter items, shoes, warm clothing, heaters, food and water for Typhoon victims in the Philippines and Syrian refugees in northern Iraq.

Feeding Programs — Samaritan’s Purse has specialized programs to treat severely malnourished children and runs large-scale distributions to feed victims of disaster, famine and war.

Health and Medical —

World Medical Mission: Each year, the medical arm of Samaritan’s Purse places hundreds of doctors, dentists, and other medical professionals in voluntary, short-term service with hospitals and clinics in the world’s least-developed countries. World Medical Mission also provides hospitals overseas with critical medical equipment and supplies.

Emergency Medicine: Samaritan’s Purse responds to disasters by providing medical aid and essential equipment, including a mobile field hospital. The organization is able to mobilize hundreds of volunteer doctors at a moment’s notice.

Children’s Heart Project: This project brings children to North America to receive life-saving surgery not available in their home countries. To date, Samaritan’s Purse has arranged surgery for more than 1,000 children with heart defects.

Diseases: Samaritan’s Purse fights malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other epidemic diseases through medical care, health services, hygiene projects, preventative education and compassionate care.

Operation Christmas Child — The world's largest Christmas project collects and distributes gift-filled shoeboxes for needy children around the world. Since 1993, more than 113 million boxes have been distributed in more than 130 countries. Each year, the project mobilizes more than 100,000 volunteers in the United States.

Operation Heal Our Patriots — This program is designed to strengthen the marriages of wounded and injured members of the U.S. Military. The primary component is Samaritan Lodge Alaska, a wilderness retreat offering outdoor activities and Biblically based marriage enrichment classes. To date, more than 500 people have been through the program.

Animals, Agriculture & Livelihoods — Samaritan's Purse helps families in third-world countries meet their daily food and nutritional needs by providing seeds, tools and livestock. Programs also include training that enables beneficiaries and communities to transition from subsistence living to sustainability.

Construction Projects — Samaritan's Purse constructs houses, schools, hospitals, and churches for families and communities affected by disaster, poverty, and war around the world.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene — Samaritan's Purse clean water programs have provided safe drinking water for hundreds of thousands of people in more than 25 countries through well projects and water filters for households and communities, coupled with health and hygiene education.

Women's Programs — Samaritan's Purse works to reach the vulnerable women by meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs through programs focused on maternal and child health, gender-based violence, job skills training, education, and human trafficking prevention.



MISSION FEAST

Mission Feast

The Mission Feast will be held today after church in the parish hall. We hope everyone can join us!

Mission Feast Guest Speaker:

Dane Fowlkes, Ph.D. with Samaritan's Purse

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dane Fowlkes spent his formative years in Port Arthur, Texas. Dane graduated from Thomas Jefferson Senior High School in Port Arthur, and went on to attend and graduate from East Texas Baptist University. He later completed a Master of Divinity degree in missions and evangelism from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Master of Theology degree from University of South Africa. He served as pastor of several churches throughout Texas before being appointed for missionary service in Kenya in 1993. Fowlkes worked with an unreached tribe in northern Kenya and helped train existing churches around Mount Kenya to establish new ones, later becoming dean of Kenya Baptist Theological College and leading a national program of theological education for pastors. After seven years in Kenya, he moved to Ahmedabad, India as a Strategy Coordinator for Gujarati Hindus.

After returning to the United States in 2000 from missionary service, Fowlkes completed the Doctor of Philosophy degree in missiology from the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa. In addition, he served East Texas Baptist University in a variety of leadership roles: Director of Alumni Relations, Chaplain of the University, Interim Vice President of Spiritual Life, Assistant Professor of Religion, Director of Major Gifts, and Associate Vice President for Development. As Professor, he was twice named by students as Favorite Faculty Member. He has one published book to his credit with another nearing publication, and has presented papers and been featured speaker at numerous professional meetings and conferences both in the United States and Internationally. He is fluent in Swahili, and reads from his Swahili Bible to begin each day. Though now living in North America, he remains a student of culture and language, and approaches life and ministry from a definite cross-cultural perspective. As a result, Dane describes himself with three terms: cultural pilgrim, reclaimed wreckage, and Christian communicator.

Dr. Fowlkes began his work with Samaritan's Purse in 2015 as Regional Director of Donor Ministries for Texas and Louisiana. He lives in Waco, Texas with his wife Jo, and Rhodesian Ridgeback Misha Kalahari. Dane and Jo are blessed with six daughters and eight grandchildren.



The members of St. John Church would like to thank Dr. Dane Fowlkes for being our guest speaker today. Samaritan's Purse is a great organization that helps so many people in need. May God continue to bless Dr. Fowlkes, his family & this mission.

Election Day

Don't forget to vote in your precinct on Tuesday,
November 6th!!!



Attention Acolytes

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



Oktoberfest

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ander will hold it's 30th Annual Oktoberfest today, October 28th @ 4:00 p.m. Join them in the picnic area for Food, Fun, Fellowship and Fundraising. All funds from this year's event will benefit Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity. Starting at 4:00 p.m. there will be a Silent Auction and Musical Entertainment & at 5:30 p.m. a sausage meal will be served (Free will offerings will be received).

Bunco Party!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Women of LCMC invite you to join them for a Bunco Party! Monday, November 5th, Multipurpose Room 4102 N. Ben Jordan, Victoria 77901.

Registration/Refreshments from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Bunco starting at 7:05 p.m. Please RSVP by October 29th to OSL Church Office (361)575-4305, Mildred Johnston (361)575-4921, or Susie Breeden (361)573-6637.



Youth Group Leader

Anyone interested in becoming the Youth Group Leader(s) at St. John, please contact Pastor John at (361)243-0373 or Kathy Dunn at (361)275-4322. Thank you.



Church Renovation Update

Our new bathroom is not quite complete, but the contractor is letting us use it until final finish work is completed. The contractor is in the process of pouring necessary concrete for the elevator shaft. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals is \$599,553. We are required to pay as construction

progresses so the bills are coming in on a regular basis. This project received almost unanimous support so we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this project.

GOAL:\$599,553 - RECEIVED AS OF AUG. 20, 2018 \$296,893



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, Japan

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force

Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, Fort Rucker, AL,
going to Warrant Officer Candidate School then to Army

Aviation Flight School

Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force

Michael Petrash II - Iraq

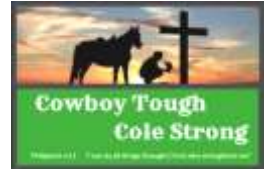


Special Prayers for Cole



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.



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carlton Migura
Robby Bitterly
Carly Waters

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation
Ruth Peters, Elmcroft, Victoria, TX

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun

Reformation

October 28, 2018

Reformation Sunday (Year B)



On this Reformation Sunday we hear familiar words from Jesus and St. Paul that remind us of the truth of our human existence: We are sinners in need of grace. Through Christ's sacrifice on the cross of Calvary we are freed from sin, death, and the devil in order to abide with Jesus and keep his word holy. Luther taught that the church is to always be reforming and to always be returning to the Gospel truth.

