

*When the time came  
for their  
purification*

*Luke 2:22*

## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church

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Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

**First Sunday of Christmas**

*Lessons & Carols*

December 30, 2018

**Greeter This Week:** Youth Group

**Greeter Next Week:** Candy Cowley

**Reader This Week:** Pastor John, Mitchell Jank, Archie Abrameit,  
Jason Ohrt & Johnny Jank

**Reader Next Week:** Tammy Blain

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Acolytes Next Week:** Caleb Nagel & Scott Motley

**Altar Guild This Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Pam Haun & Nikki Carver

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Pam Haun

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Wanda Hays

**Large Print Bulletins** are available on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

**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.



THIRD READING                      Luke 1:26-35, 38                      Mitchell Jank

CAROL LBW #40    “What Child is This”  
Virginia Jank (Piano) & Congregation

FOURTH READING                      Luke 2:1-7                      Mitchell Jank

CAROL LBW #67    “Away In A Manger”  
Virginia Jank (Piano) & Congregation

FIFTH READING                      Luke 2:8-16                      Archie Abrameit

CAROL LBW #44    “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”  
M'Liss Moore (Piano) & Congregation

SIXTH READING                      Luke 2:21-36                      Archie Abrameit

CAROL LBW #55    “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”  
Bruce Weise (Organ) & Congregation

SEVENTH READING                      Matthew 2:1-11                      Jason Ohrt

CAROL LBW #56    “The First Noel”  
Kerilyn Wendel (Ocarina) & Congregation

EIGHTH READING                      Matthew 2:13-18                      Jason Ohrt

CAROL LBW #53    “Cold December Flies Away”  
Bruce Weise (Organ) & Congregation

NINTH READING                      John 1:1-14                      Johnny Jank

CAROL WOV #646    “We Three Kings of Orient Are”  
Bruce Weise (Organ) & Congregation

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

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## OFFERING

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P Glory to God in the Highest.

C **and peace to God's people on earth.**

P Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C **Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

P Blessed are you, son of Mary. You share our humanity

C **Have mercy on the sick, the dying and all who suffer this day.**

P Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C **Reveal Yourself to us in Word and Sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now and forever.

C **AMEN**

SENDING CAROL LBW #65

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Justin Ficklen (Guitar) with Congregation

POSTLUDE

Bruce Weise (Organ)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

### **Today 12/30 First Sunday of Christmas**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship ~ *Lessons & Carols*

**\*2:00-4:00 Confirmation Class**

**Mon 12/31** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours ~*New Year's Eve*~

**Tues 1/1** **Office Closed** ~*New Year's Day*~

**Wed 1/2** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Thurs 1/3** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
7:00 p.m. Worship Team

**Fri 1/4** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

### **Next Sun Baptism of Our Lord**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

**\*Youth Group Luncheon after Worship &  
Taking decorations down**

*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, December 23, 2018**

General \$1,709.00, MOM \$170.00, OSC \$20.00, Sunday School \$19.00,  
Church Reno. \$2,960.00 **Total: \$4,878.00**

### **Monday, December 24, 2018**

**3:00 p.m.** General \$333.00, MOM \$15.00, Youth \$20.00, Reno. \$100.00

**Total: \$468.00** **Attendance: 48**

**6:30 p.m.** **Attendance: 145**

**10:00 p.m.** General \$468.00, MOM \$50.00, Reno. \$60.00

**Total: \$578.00** **Attendance: 50**

## Mission of the Month of December



### Stevenson's Unit Prison Ministry

#### Mission Statement

The 2018 fundraiser did not make the goal anticipated but they did raise \$6,000.00 which boosted the account to around \$40,000.00. The goal is long way to reach the funding goals.

Progress was made in September when the corporate members along with Kevin and Royce Krueger of Don Kruger Construction met with administrative staff of the Stevenson Unit to pick a location for the chapel on the property. This location must still be approved by TDCJ officials and their engineers.

They will not send their team to Cuero till 85% of the funding goal of \$2 million is met. There is a new chapel opening at the prison in Hondo, and when it is open they will tour that facility. TDCJ provides three floor plans to choose from and due to safety and security do not deviate from these often. The 8,450 sq . ft. plan best fits the property selected at the Stevenson's Unit.

The corporation has made some fundraising plans for 2019 and are always on the lookout for hose philanthropic donors that will help push the fund to funding goals.

The corporation thanks St. John's for the support they have received in the past. Les Rabke said "We need good folks like you to make sure we don't give up on this steep mountain we have to climb. God has called us to this task and we will continue His work regardless of the time and effort it may take to save souls if our brothers-in-white at the Stevenson's Unit."



#### Attention Acolytes

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



## Youth Group News

St. John would like to Welcome Doug & Wendy Bishop as the new Youth Group Leaders! Thank you for giving your time & faith to our Youth! Youth Group will meet on Sunday, January 6, 2019 right after Worship. They will have lunch & take down the church Christmas decorations.

## Worship Team

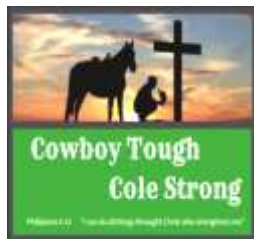
Worship Team is listening for a few leading voices! We are looking for interested voices that would be Interested in leading the congregation in song on Sunday morning's services. We have a couple of possible volunteers but really want a few more to spread the joy of assisting with the service through sharing your voice in song. If you might consider God calling you to that ministry please contact Pastor John, Johnny or Virginia Jank, Marv or Noreen Sager, Beverly Bodden, Dawn Otto, Carol Ann Sagebiel or Bruce Weise for more details.



## 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 at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+

At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

*Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual*

*To help family stay strong*

*Patience*

*Stay positive*

*The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*





## Cross Country News

Will Green has been invited to participate in the Down Under Sports Tournaments hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia. He will be representing Texas on the Cross Country Team during the Summer of 2019! Your donations are greatly appreciated & will help tremendously! Ways to donate are below. Flyers with more information are located in the Narthex. Please fill out the Thank you ticket on the flyer to have a chance to win 1 of 2 prizes. Thank you very much for your support! What an amazing opportunity for such a talented young man, congratulations Will!

### Ways to donate

\*Donate online at: [https://DownUnderSports.com/NTQ-JNO\(Case Sensitive\)](https://DownUnderSports.com/NTQ-JNO(Case Sensitive))

\*Make Check out to: "Down Under Sports" and mail it along with this letter to: Down Under Sports, PO Box 6010, North Logan, UT 84341

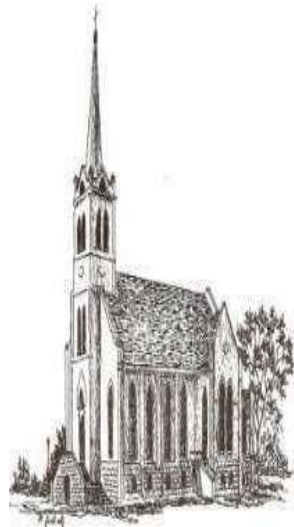
\*Call Down Under Sports at: 435-753-4732

## 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 December 16, 2018: \$346,218.



*Have a Happy & Prosperous New Year!!!*

HAPPY  
NEW  
YEARS!

Begin  
the  
Year  
with

Sad

**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



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

*(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:  
11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)*

**Nursing Home:** Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

**Homebound:** Bette Jo Haun



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# Christmas 1

*December 30, 2018*

## First Sunday after Christmas (Year C)



Fulfilling the command of the Lord first given to Moses on the wilderness journey to the Promised Land, Jesus' parents presented their firstborn son in the temple at Jerusalem on the eighth day of his life. The prophets Simeon and Anna recognized the fulfillment of the covenant promise when they saw the child, and their witness is recounted for all generations following them: God's redemption has arrived!

