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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 20, 2019

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Reader This Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader Next Week: Wendy Bishop

Acolytes This Week: Grace Redmond

Acolytes Next Week: Kyle & Caleb Nagel

Altar Guild This Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Carver

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

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.

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: LBW #532 *“How Great Thou Art”*

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: Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people’s prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

I Will Not Keep Quiet

The Messiah will come and the prophet will not keep silent so that the whole world will know of his arrival. At that time Jerusalem will receive a new name, a new identity, and a new character. She will be like a fine jewel in the Lord’s crown.

Isaiah 62:1-5

(Page 641-642, RSV Pew Bible)

¹For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and

your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

RESPONSIVE READING

Blessed are Those Who Fear the Lord

The blessings of those who fear and love God are enumerated by the psalmist in this song: God gives the fruit of one's labor, a man shall have a wife who will thrive within his house, and there will be numerous children born that grow and flourish.

Psalm 128

(Page 538, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Happy are they all who fear the Lord,
and who follow in his ways!

²**You shall eat the fruit of your labor;
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

³Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

⁴**The man who fears the Lord
shall thus indeed be blessed.**

⁵The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of
Jerusalem all the days of your life.

⁶**May you live to see your children's children;
may peace be upon Israel.**

SECOND READING

Gifts of the Spirit

Paul explained to the Corinthians that there are many spiritual gifts present amongst the people of God, but all of them come from the same Spirit and none of them are to be held in higher esteem than another. The gifts given by God are meant to work together in the faith community for the good of all. We have no reason to covet the gifts of others, as each one of us is granted gifts to share.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

(Page 999, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11

(Page 923, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.

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

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the

bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #649 “*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*”

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

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!

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 1/20** **Second Sunday after Epiphany**
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
**Annual Reports Due to Church Office*
- Mon 1/21** **Office Closed ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- Tues 1/22** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
- Wed 1/23** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church
1:30 p.m. Quilters
- Thurs 1/24** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
**Committee Reports Due*
- Fri 1/25** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
**Newsletter Deadline*
- Next Sun** **Third Sunday after Epiphany**
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
**Annual Congregational Meeting Immediately
Following Worship*
**2:00-4:00 pm Confirmation Class*

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.



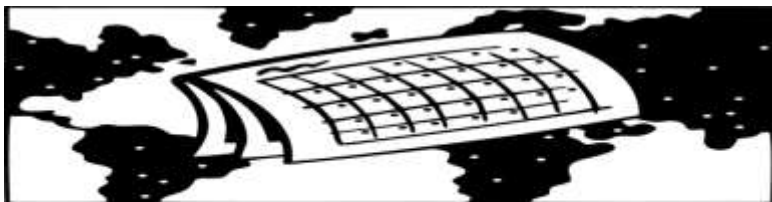
Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, January 13, 2019

General \$1,867.81, MOM \$200.00, Sunday School \$30.25, OSC \$20.00,
Church Reno. \$1,580.00 **Total: \$3,698.06**

Attendance: -111 **Sunday School:** 18 -Adults, 23 -Children

Mission of the Month of January



Mission of the Month

Campus Crusade for Christ

Mission Statement

Missionaries: Andy and Natalie Swanson



Andy and Natalie Swanson and their three children have been serving in East Asia for the last 14 years. They currently work with Campus Crusade leading campus staff and students to reach a scope of 25 million students and help mobilize and send them to the world. They train students and churches in evangelism, discipleship, leadership training, and cross-cultural and international missions

sending with a focus on college students in the 10/40 Window. Their mission is to start ministries on half the campuses in this country by the year 2020.



*Our
Condolences*

We keep the family of Arthur Otto in our Prayers. May God comfort them at this time of loss.

Youth Group News

The next Youth Group meeting will be a family game night & ice cream social. Friday, February 8, 2019 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the parish hall. Youth please bring a friend, we look forward to a fun filled night of fellowship!

Youth Gathering



Attention Acolytes

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



Annual MEETING

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next **Sunday, January 27, 2019** immediately following worship. The regular Council Meeting for the month will be held, **Tuesday, January 29, 2019** at 7:00 pm.
***Annual Reports Due Today, January 20, 2019.**

Worship Team

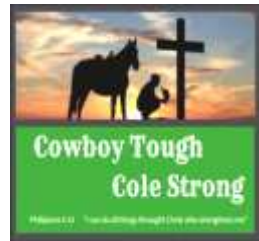
Worship Team is listening for a few leading voices! We are looking for interested voices that would be interested in leading the congregation in song on Sunday morning's services. We have a couple of possible volunteers but really want a few more to spread the joy of assisting with the service through 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

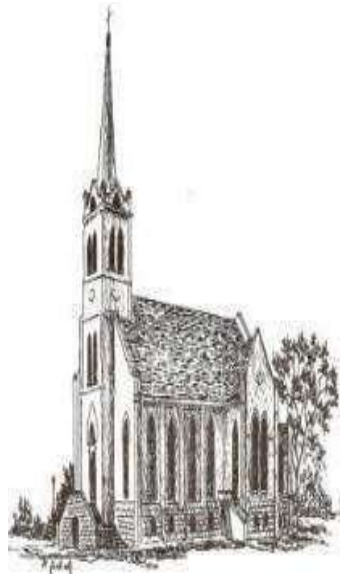
*Call Down Under Sports at: 435-753-4732

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 30, 2018: \$350,089.



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: Yorktown Manor ~ Marjorie Ideus, Barbara Mueller

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



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St. John Meyersville

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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Epiphany 2

January 20, 2019

Second Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C)



The gifts of God are given for the sake of the whole faith community. God cares for all aspects of human life. We see this through Paul's teaching that all spiritual gifts are valuable and work together for the sake of the whole church. And again, Jesus, even though he was not ready to reveal his true identity to the world, changed water into wine at a wedding saving a family from the pain of certain humiliation.

