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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 10, 2019

Greeter This Week: Daren & Dawn Otto

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Wanda Hays

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Cason & Ella Jander

Altar Guild This Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Altar Guild Next Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

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 #455 *“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake*

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 Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; 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

Isaiah is Commissioned by the Lord

Isaiah had a throne-room vision of the Lord sitting on his throne in full glory and beauty. The prophet confessed his sinful nature and unworthiness for the job, but a seraph flew to his side and touched his lips with a burning coal. God chose Isaiah, made atonement for his sin, and commissioned him for service to Israel.

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

(Page 591, RSV Pew Bible)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the

King, the Lord of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” [⁹And he said, “Go, and say to this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ ¹⁰Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.” ¹¹Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, ¹²and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. ¹³And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.]

RESPONSIVE READING

The Lord Fulfills His Purposes

The psalmist begins this song by thanking and praising the Lord for his protection and steadfast love. His praises include the joy over answered prayers. God heard his pleas and did not ignore them. God strengthened the psalmist in the midst of trial.

Psalm 138

(Page 541, RSV Pew Bible)

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

³For you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

**⁴When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.**

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**⁶They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

⁷Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

⁹The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING

Build Up the Church

Paul instructed the Corinthians to focus their efforts on building up the church. Together, more can be accomplished as where one person is lacking, another fills the void. It is important to speak aloud our prayers and teaching so that others may be instructed and built up in the faith. Even in regard to speaking in tongues, it is vital to interpret the prayer for the sake of those listening.

1 Corinthians 14:1-19

(Page 1000, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. ²For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. ³But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. ⁴Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church. ⁵I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified. ⁶Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you and speak in tongues, what good will I be to you, unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or word of instruction? ⁷Even in the case of lifeless things that make sounds, such as the pipe or harp, how will anyone know what tune is being played unless there is a distinction in the notes? ⁸Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle? ⁹So it is with you. Unless you speak intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying? You will just be speaking into the air. ¹⁰Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning. ¹¹If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a foreigner to me.

¹²So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church. ¹³For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding. ¹⁶Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? ¹⁷You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:1-11

(Page 893, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter.

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

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on {Jesus} to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #452 *“As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams”*

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 #252 *“You Servants of God”*

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

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| Today 2/10 | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting |
| | 9:00 a.m. Sunday School |
| | 10:15 a.m. Worship |
| | *2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class |
| Mon 2/11 | Office Closed |
| | 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting |
| Tue 2/12 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours |
| Wed 2/13 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours |
| | 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service |
| | Yorktown Manor |
| | 1:30 p.m. Quilters |
| | 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study ~ Psalms & The Books of Wisdom |
| Thurs 2/14 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours ~ <i>Valentine's Day</i> |
| Fri 2/15 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours |
| Next Sun | Sixth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | 9:00 a.m. Sunday School |
| | 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.

Sunday, February 3, 2019

General \$2,918.89, MOM \$500.00, Cemetery \$25.00, Organ \$20.00,
OSC \$20.00, Sunday School \$32.00, Building \$325.00, Church Reno. \$970.00
Total : \$4,810.89

Attendance: Worship - 93 Sunday School - 11 - Children, 13 - Adults

Mission of the Month of February



This month's
Mission
Project

The Boys & 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.

Boys & Girls Club Gospel Brunch

The BGDC Gospel Brunch is today Sunday, February 10th at 11:30 at the Venue. Join us for fabulous food and entertainment for a good cause. If you don't have tickets, you can purchase them at the door for \$50.00 per ticket.



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will start back up on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Bible Study will be Psalms and The Books of Wisdom. Great for your daily lives, join us!

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.



Enchilada Lunch

There will be an enchilada benefit lunch on Sunday, February 17, 2019 to help Will Green with travel expenses to Australia in the Summer of 2019. Will has been invited for cross country to participate in the Down Under Sports Tournaments hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia. Tickets are \$8.00 per plate & can be purchased at Meyersville School weekdays from 6:00am - 3:00pm. Thank you for your support!



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)

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 January 20, 2019: \$353,220

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
Marv Sager
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

Epiphany 5

February 10, 2019

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C)



The call of God can be a mysterious thing. At times it comes in obvious, hard to miss ways like it did for Isaiah. A winged seraph touched his lips with a burning coal and God sent him to be a prophet for His people. Other times it takes a bit of physical evidence, such as a miraculously large catch of fish after a long night's fruitless labor. Either way, God will get our attention and call us to come and follow Jesus.

