



IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 3, 2019

Greeter This Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Greeter Next Week: Candy Cowley

Reader This Week: Johnna Kethan

Reader Next Week: Dickie 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: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Communion Assistant Next Month: Obert Sagebiel

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 #526 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

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 God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:21-23

(Page 3, RSV Pew Bible)

²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them.

²² Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever”—²³ therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

RESPONSIVE READING

God Answers Our Call

The psalmist recalled the journey of Israel to the Promised Land, led by Moses and Aaron, in faith. The people of God, as well as the whole earth, shake in the sight of the Lord. His holy presence causes a holy fear. His voice was heard in the pillar of cloud and he answered his people when they cried for help.

Psalm 99

(Page 520, RSV Pew Bible)

¹The Lord is King; let the people tremble;

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The Lord is great in Zion;**

he is high above all peoples.

³Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;

he is the Holy One.

⁴**“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;**

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,**

they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

⁷He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

⁸**“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;**

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING

Revelation 2:1-7

(Page 1072-1073, RSV Pew Bible)

¹ “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

² “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear evil men but have tested those who call themselves apostles but are not, and found them to be false; ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember then from what you have fallen, repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you have, you hate the works of the Nicola’itans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

(Page 939-940, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

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

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ This I command you, to love one another.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #651 *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

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

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| Today 3/3 | Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Parish Ed Meeting after Worship</i> |
| Mon 3/4 | Office Closed |
| Tues 3/5 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Worship Team |
| Wed 3/6 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service |
| Thurs 3/7 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours |
| Fri 3/8 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours |
| Next Sun | First Sunday of Lent 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship *2:00-4:00 pm Confirmation Class <i>~ Daylight Savings Time Begins ~ Spring Forward!</i> |

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.



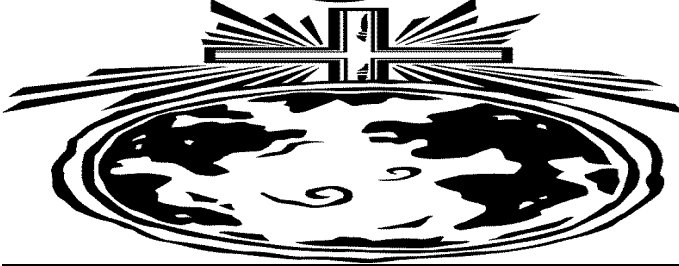
Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, February 10, 2019

General \$913.00, MOM \$290.00, Sunday School \$30.01, NALC \$65.00,
OSC \$20.00, Church Reno. \$650.00 **Total: \$1,968.01**

Attendance: - 85 **Sunday School:** 13 -Adults, 15 -Children

Mission of the Month of March **Mission Project**



Warrior's Weekend Mission Statement

Warriors Weekend - Victoria, Texas
www.warriorweekend.org

Founded in 2007, Warrior's Weekend is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Corporation dedicated to the support of veterans of The United States of America with an emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. This is accomplished through holding an annual fishing event for wounded military personnel in May in Port O'Connor, Texas as well as donations to veterans and veteran based causes. 500 Veterans from around the United States are selected to participate. Military bases around the country select those who come for the weekend. There are about 300 wounded vets who are flown in from these military bases.

One need is for funds before the event is so they have enough monies to purchase airline tickets. The average cost of an airline ticket is \$400.00 each and is paid for in March.

The Warrior's Weekend will be held on May 17th through May 19th. The youth of St. John's will be selling flag sponsorship for the Field of Dreams display to honor veterans. For more ways you can get involved talked to Margie Swannack or Dawn Otto.

Forty Days – Forty Items

Wednesday, March 6th is the first day of Lent. We have a challenge for you! Each day of lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into this trash bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them! Thank You, Brooke Wendel, JR Bishop, and Luke Moritz.



Attention Altar Guild Members

The Bi-Annual Meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Please, at least one member from each team is strongly encouraged to attend this meeting for information on some changes. Thank you, Carol Ann



Youth Group

St. John's Youth Group will meet Sunday, March 31st at 3:00 PM for a catch & release fishing tournament & fish fry! The location will be sent out through text to the Youth Group. Bring your fishing poles & a chair for some fun in the sun! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those wishing to bring a side, dessert or drinks.



Youth Group will also be selling flag sponsorships for Warrior's Weekend starting from mid-March to May after church on Sundays.

Diana Weise Medical Benefit

There will be a benefit on Saturday, March 30th, to raise funds to assist with medical expenses for former DeWitt County extension agent Diana Weise. Diana is fighting a battle with Leukemia. A chicken spaghetti meal and bake sale can be picked up at the drive thru at

The Friar Ag Center in Cuero from 11-1pm. There will also be raffle tickets available for purchase. The South Texas Blood Bank will be on site and

donations of blood would be greatly appreciated. Cash donations can be made to the Diana Weise Medical Account at Trust Texas Bank. Meal tickets will be \$10 each. For more information call Sarah @ Seams Like Home 361-649-9394, Denise @ DeWitt County Extension Office 361-275-0816 or Vickie Cross 361-655-0450 or Arleen Weise 361-275-8436.



Bible Study



What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? The dictionary describes a disciple as a follower, student or apprentice of a teacher or leader.

Our Sunday Morning Bible study begins a new Two Part series titled "Disciples of the Cross". Part one is "Who We Are" and will be followed by Part Two, "What We Do". Our group invites you to join us for

this interesting look at "what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how that plays itself out in many areas of life and ministry." Just get up a little earlier and come in for a cup of coffee, a couple of donut holes or a cookie or two, some fun fellowship and a discussion of our lesson and current events each Sunday morning. We would love to have your input.

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 February 10, 2019: \$358,460

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



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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Transfiguration

March 3, 2019

Transfiguration of Our Lord (Year C)



In Jesus, the Son of God, we have the new Moses; not simply a prophet, priest, giv-er of the law, or a judge — this One is God in the flesh. His majesty is revealed on the mountaintop as he conferred with Moses himself, and Elijah. Jesus is infinitely more worthy of praise than Moses or any other servant of the Lord who came before him. This is the Savior of the world who will sacrifice everything for humanity.



We pray in this petition that God would guard and protect us from this, that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins, but pray that when we are tempted in these ways, we may finally prevail and gain the victory.

*-Martin Luther-
Small Catechism*