

All that is mine is yours

Luke 15:31



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

Greeter This Week: Youth Group

Greeter Next Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Reader This Week: Dawn Otto

Reader Next Week: Tammy Blain

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

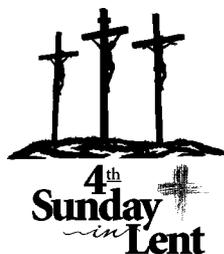
Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

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.

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. 77: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #486 “*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*”

page 78-79: KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; 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

Isaiah 29:13-16

(Page 609-610, RSV Pew Bible)

¹³ And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men learned by rote; ¹⁴ therefore, behold, I will again do marvelous things with this people, wonderful and marvelous; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hid.” ¹⁵ Woe to those who hide deep from the LORD their counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?” ¹⁶ You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay; that the thing made should say of its maker, “He did not make me”; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?

RESPONSIVE READING

Blessed are the Forgiven

This psalm tells of sinfulness, confession, contrition, and repentance all of which end in the gift of God’s forgiveness. The mercy and forgiveness bestowed upon the psalmist (and us) is regarded as blessing. In the face of our confessed iniquity, God offers his goodness and steadfast love. In response we rejoice and give him praise.

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**²Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

**⁶I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of
trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**⁸You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

⁹"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

**¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay
near you."**

¹¹Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 3:1-6

(Page 1073, RSV Pew Bible)

3 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. “I know your works; you have the name of being alive, and you are dead. ²Awake, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. ³Remember then what you received and heard; keep that, and repent. If you will not awake, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you. ⁴Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵He who conquers shall be clad thus in white garments, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life; I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

Stand page 83: GOSPEL VERSE “Return to the Lord”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:42-51

(Page 860, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.

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

⁴²Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

⁴⁵“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing.

⁴⁷Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ ⁴⁹and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with the drunken, ⁵⁰the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, ⁵¹and will punish him, and put him with the hypocrites; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: WOV #627 *“My Lord, What a Morning”*

Stand page 85: APOSTLES' CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Stand page 86: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand Page 96: OFFERTORY *“Create in Me”*

page 97: 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 97: THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #259 *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 3/31 Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:15 a.m. Worship

***Youth Group Fishing Tourney & Fish Fry**

Mon 4/1 Office Closed

Tues 4/2 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 4/3 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:30 p.m. Quilters

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thurs 4/4 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 4/5 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:15 a.m. Worship

***Deadline to purchase Easter Lilies**

***2:00-4:00 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, March 24, 2019

General \$596.00, MOM \$340.00, Sunday School \$16.00, Youth \$65.00, Building \$40.00, NALC \$65.00, Church Reno. \$10,305.00

Total : \$11,427.00

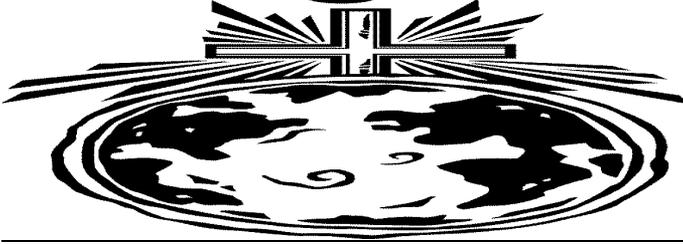
Attendance: Worship -85 Sunday School - 9 Children, 18 Adults
Confirmation - 8

Lenten Wednesday, March 27, 2019

General \$90.00, NALC \$20.00, Church Reno. \$105.00 **Total: \$215.00**

Attendance: 23

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 Honor display to honor veterans. For more ways you can get involved talked to Margie Swannack or Dawn Otto.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase Easter Lilies in honor or memory of someone. Please fill out the form in the bulletins. The deadline is Sunday, **April 7th**. No orders can be taken after this day. They are \$11.00 each and will have a gold foil wrap & white bow. Thank you.

Lenten Schedule

St. John Mid-Week Lenten Services will be Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10 at 7:00 pm.



Youth Group



St. John's Youth Group will meet TODAY, March 31st at 3:00 PM for a catch & release fishing tournament & fish fry! The location has been sent out through text to the Youth Group. Bring your fishing poles & a chair for some fun in the sun! There was a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those wishing to bring a side, dessert or drinks. If you did not sign-up but want to bring something, please contact Wendy Bishop.

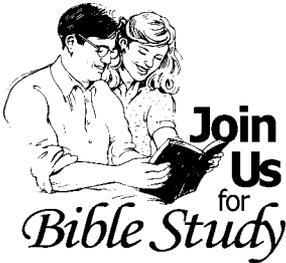
Youth Group will also be selling flag sponsorships for Warrior's Weekend starting from mid-March to May after church on Sundays.

Vacation Bible School

We need volunteers to help with this one week during the summer. The Luther Hill Counselors will be leading the Day Camp, so you know it will be fun! The dates are June 9th (Sunday) thru 14th (Friday) 8:30 am till 3:30 pm. Joie Caskey, M'Liss Moore, Cathie Bettge, and Pam Haun have volunteered so far. M'Liss will be our contact person, 361-275-8069. We especially need some 16 year old or older teens to be Junior counselors. The ages for campers is 6 - 12, and those between the ages of 13 and 15 can be helpers too! We will have a sign-up sheet and registration forms in the Narthex.



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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FISH FRY

- Good Friday - April 19th



The Habitat for Humanity will have their annual Good Friday fish fry at St Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with plates to go. Advance tickets can be purchased at Meyersville Store for \$10.00. Plates will be delivered to the store at 11:30 am on April 19.



Special Prayers for Cole

~UPDATE~

After extensive research, many prayers and overwhelming support, Cole will be going to China for treatment of his injury.

It is felt this is the best chance

for his recovery. Cole will be in China possibly up to six months for this treatment. We ask that you will keep Cole and his family in your prayers each and every day as they continue on this difficult journey. God has been with Cole every step of the way and by faith we know he will continue to do so. We want to thank each and every one for the past thoughts, prayers and support for Cole and his family. They have truly been a blessing. 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:

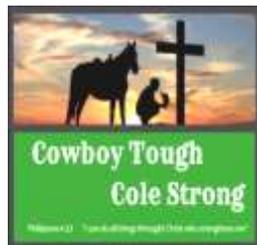
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)



We keep the family of Neldine Ohrt in our Prayers. May God comfort them at their time of loss.

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 March 13, 2019: \$367,720

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, Camp Lejeune, NC

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

Joy Hoy

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



Lent 4

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year C)



Forgiveness is an incredible gift and is not something to take lightly. To forgive is to let go of all anger, hatred, and pain and offer a new reality where it is undeserved. This new reality is one of joy and freedom for the recipient *and* the giver and is demonstrated most clearly in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. God desires a relationship with us and offers us a new reality through this gift.



Sin and conscience torment us, but Christ has overcome these fiends now and forever. Only Christians possess this victorious knowledge given from above. These two terms, grace and peace, constitute Christianity. Grace involves the remission of sins, peace, and a happy conscience. Sin is not cancelled by lawful living, for no person is able to live up to the Law.

-Martin Luther-

Commentary of Galatians

Worship Notes:

With the beginning of Lent we change to the second setting for our worship service. So this morning's service will begin on page 77 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). Another change in our worship service during Lent is the tradition of "burying the Alleluia". In keeping with the more somber, reflective tone of the Lenten season we omit the Hymn of Praise. So immediately after the Kyrie where Pastor John speaks a line and we respond with "Lord have mercy," we skip the Hymn of Praise and go directly to page 82 in the LBW and the "Prayer of the Day". The final change for Lent is the Gospel acclamation changes to "Return to the Lord for he is"