



***I must
go on
My way***

Luke 13:33

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

Greeter This Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Greeter Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader This Week: Caden Jander

Reader Next Week: Kernell Moritz

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. 77: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #104 *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

p. 78-79: KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you. (*sung*)**

P Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, 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

Numbers 22:1-20

(Page 135-136, RSV Pew Bible)

22 Then the people of Israel set out, and encamped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho. ²And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. ³And Moab was in great dread of the people, because they were many; Moab was overcome with fear of the people of Israel. ⁴And Moab said to the elders of Mid'ian, "This horde will now lick up all that is round about us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field." So Balak the son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, ⁵sent messengers to Balaam the son of Be'or at Pethor, which is near the River, in the land of Amaw to call him, saying, "Behold, a people has come out of Egypt; they cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me. ⁶Come now, curse this people for me, since they are too mighty for me; perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land; for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."

⁷ So the elders of Moab and the elders of Mid'ian departed with the fees for divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam, and gave him Balak's message. ⁸ And he said to them, "Lodge here this night, and I will bring back word to you, as the LORD speaks to me"; so the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam. ⁹ And God came to Balaam and said, "Who are these men with you?" ¹⁰ And Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, saying, ¹¹ 'Behold, a people has come out of Egypt, and it covers the face of the earth; now come, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to fight against them and drive them out.'" ¹² God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed." ¹³ So Balaam rose in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, "Go to your own land; for the LORD has refused to let me go with you." ¹⁴ So the princes of Moab rose and went to Balak, and said, "Balaam refuses to come with us." ¹⁵ Once again Balak sent princes, more in number and more honorable than they. ¹⁶ And they came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor: 'Let nothing hinder you from coming to me; ¹⁷ for I will surely do you great honor, and whatever you say to me I will do; come, curse this people for me.'" ¹⁸ But Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, "Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the command of the LORD my God, to do less or more. ¹⁹ Pray, now, tarry here this night also, that I may know what more the LORD will say to me." ²⁰ And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "If the men have come to call you, rise, go with them; but only what I bid you, that shall you do."

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Put Your Trust in the Lord

The psalmist cried out to God for deliverance from his enemies. So confident was he in the goodness of God, that while still in the midst of tribulation he declared that he would lie down and sleep in peace.

Psalm 4

(Page 466, RSV Pew Bible)

¹ Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

² **"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

³ Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

⁴ **Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

**⁶Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**⁸I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 2:12-17 (Page 1073, RSV Pew Bible)

¹²“And to the angel of the church in Per’gamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

¹³“‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; you hold fast my name and you did not deny my faith even in the days of An’tipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. ¹⁴But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice immorality. ¹⁵So you also have some who hold the teaching of the Nicola’itans. ¹⁶Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. ¹⁷He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone which no one knows except him who receives it.’”

Stand p. 83 GOSPEL VERSE: “Return to the Lord”

GOSPEL READING

John 6:26-33 (Page 928, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

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

²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you; for on him has God the Father set his seal.”

²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”

²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we

may see, and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #222 “*O Bread of Life from Heaven*”

Stand p. 85: APOSTLE’S 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. 85: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

p. 86: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 86: OFFERTORY: “Let the vineyards...”

p. 87: OFFERTORY PRAYER

p. 88: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

p. 90: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column)

p. 91: LORD’S PRAYER

p. 92: LAMB OF GOD

Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION
SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 92: POST COMMUNION: “Thank the Lord . . .”

p. 94: 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 3/17	Second Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 3/18	Office Closed
Tue 3/19	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 6:30 p.m. 4-H Meeting 7:00 p.m. Altar Guild Bi-Annual Meeting
Wed 3/20	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Team 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
Thurs 3/21	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours *Committee Reports Due
Fri 3/22	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours *Newsletter Deadline
Next Sun	Third Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship *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 10, 2019

General \$1,210.00, MOM \$185.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Sunday School \$39.06,
Building \$20.00, Church Reno. \$3,290.00 **Total : \$4,764.06**

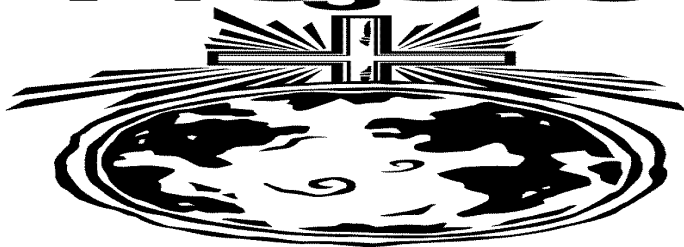
Attendance: Worship -83, Sunday School - 4 Children, 16 Adults, Confirmation- 9

Lenten Wednesday, March 13, 2019

General \$3,498.89, MOM \$125.00, Church Reno. \$3,150.00 **Total: \$6,773.89**

Attendance: 29

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.

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.





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

Lent Fish Fry

Martin Luther Lutheran Church Luther League of Coletoville will be having a Lent Fish Fry on Friday, March 22, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Plates will include Fish, Hushpuppies & Cole Slaw. They are \$10.00 each, Dine In or To-Go. The address is: 2535 Coletoville Rd., Victoria, TX 77905.



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.

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.



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, 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
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

Lent 2

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent (Year C)



The overarching theme of the Scripture texts today point hearers to the abiding love of God in Jesus Christ. This love can be trusted above all else, and yet sinful humanity more often chooses to reject God than to embrace him. Only those who have ears that are willing to hear and respond to Christ will know his tender love and sheltering presence. When we offer that same love to others, we imitate Christ.



The church is a tender plant. It must be watched. People hear a couple of sermons, scan a few pages of Holy Writ, and think they know it all. They are bold because they have never gone through any trials of faith. Void of the Holy Spirit, they teach what they please as long as it sounds good to the common people who are ever ready to join something new.

-Martin Luther-

Commentary on 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"