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9th Sunday after Pentecost RALLY SUNDAY SERVICE

August 11, 2019

Backpack Blessing

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt Greeter Next Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Reader This Week: Wendy Bishop Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Altar Guild Next Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP RALLY SUNDAY SERVICE

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

STAND – Throughout the service you may remain seated or stand as you are able.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROCESSION (Singing with Congregation)

"I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD" Greg Owen 2010

I will call upon the Lord
Who is Worthy to be praised
So shall I be saved from my enemies
I will call upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised
So shall I be saved from my enemies
I will call upon the Lord

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock And let the God of my salvation be exalted! The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock And let the God of my salvation be exalted!

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RALLY SUNDAY WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

P. 56 BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P. 57-58 KYRIE

HYMN OF PRAISE -

"HALLELU, HALLELUJAH"

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HALLELUJAH, PRAISE YE THE LORD

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PRAISE YE THE LORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray:

All: Father of all knowledge, give us your Word. May our ears hear your message, may our hearts burn with the yearning to do your will, and may our minds be filled with the knowledge of you, oh Lord. Then being empowered by that knowledge, we may bring all to know your grace and love. In your most Holy name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Ephesians 6:10-20 The Whole Armor of God (Page 1020, RSV Pew Bible)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our* struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these,* take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, * ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 84 (Page 512, RSV Pew Bible) How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you. SECOND READING – II Peter 1: 3-11 The Christian's Call & Election (Page 1062, RSV Pew Bible)

3 His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants in the divine nature. ⁵For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, ⁷and godliness with mutual^{*} affection, and mutual^{*} affection with love. 8For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For anyone who lacks these things is short-sighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. ¹¹For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE p. 62

L: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 4

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL – Matthew 4: 18-22 Jesus Calls His First Disciples (Page 837, RSV Pew Bible)

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ

HYMN:

"JOY, JOY, JOY"

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart,
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart to stay

I've got the love of Jesus, love of people down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart (where?) down in my heart

I've got the love of Jesus, love of people down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart to stay

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit And born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, The communion of saints. The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And life everlasting. Amen.

BACK PACK LITANY

L: A reading from Matthew 18: 20 - Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.

L: A reading from Colossians 1:8,9 - ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's* will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

L: And finally a reading from Mark 10:13-16 - People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

- L: Dear Lord Jesus, we want to begin this new school year as we begin each day, by acknowledging your presence among us with your blessing and guidance.
- C: Watch over our students, the owners of these backpacks, as they take the next steps in their education.
- L: Good Shepherd, you call each of these children by name to follow you, both throughout the school year and each day of life by grace through faith in you.
- C: Their backpacks will be filled with books, but fill their lives to overflowing with your countless, daily blessings.
- L: When they feel overcome by the stress and anxiety and our spirits seem low..
- C: We pray that these students find comfort in your Word and knowledge of your constant presence.

- L: Dear Savior, when they encounter sadness or grief, whether at school or at home...
- C: We pray that these students will know that you provide the Spirit of comfort to all who are mourning.
- L: When they are faced with temptation to stray from your righteous path
- C: Remind them that you offer both guidance and forgiveness for those who call upon your name.
- L: Dear Teacher, keep their hearts and minds pure and their actions a reflection of your love for them...
- C: Bless them, we pray, to see your face in the face of friends, teachers, parents and others who gather with them this year.
- L: Dear Messiah, When they encounter persecution or bullying, particularly when they are standing up for what is right and holy...
- C: Make your presence known, we pray, so that each child here is reminded of your promise to not leave us desolate or alone.
- L: We gather here with these children in your name, Lord Jesus, welcoming you to the circle of love and togetherness that binds us in your name.
- C: We pray that their faith in your saving power and promises is strengthened and that their behavior and faith shines as an example to others of what it means to be children in Your family.
- L: With confident hope in God's watchful care, I bless these backpacks and their owners in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May all of us, young and old be strong in faith and filled with the Spirit that we might be a blessing to all in your World.
- C: Almighty God, hear our prayer and accept our praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- L The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.
- L Let us share that peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY p. 75

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Let us pray for all people of God, those young and older, all who seek the knowledge of your Word and all according to their needs.

HYMN #775 (WOV)

"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!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power,
And the glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN-

"Pass It On"

It only takes a spark to get a fire going.

And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;

That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it,

You spread his love to ev'ry one, you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding. The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found. You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want the world to know, The Lord of life has come to me, I want to pass it on I'll shout it from the mountain top. I want my world to know The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 8/11 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Rally Sunday

10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Backpack Blessing

*Youth Group Lunch & Water Fun after Worship

Mon 8/12 Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting

Tues 8/13 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 8/14 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown

Nursing & Rehab.

1:30 p.m. Quilters

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Thurs 8/15 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 8/16 *10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.* Office Hours

Next Sun Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting

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

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.

Welcome P to Our Church

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, August 4, 2019

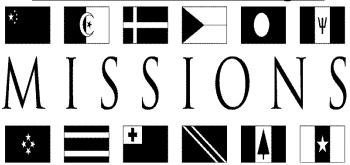
General \$1,336.40, MOM \$400.00, Cemetery \$25.00,

Organ \$20.00, Building \$175.00, OSC \$20.00, Church Reno. \$408.00

Total: \$2,384.40

Attendance: Worship - 70 Sunday School - 9 Adults

Mission of the Month of August



Water Missions International

Water Missions International is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization providing sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas.

Safe water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, our corporate partners and many others, Water Missions International has brought relief and hope to more than 2.5 million people across the globe.

Our faith and belief in the sanctity of life compel us to develop and implement the best technologies and community development programs so God will be honored and glorified through our work.

Mission

Our mission is to be a best in class Christian engineering ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions.

Vision

Water Missions International will be a Christian engineering ministry that is recognized as a global leader in transformational safe water solutions.



Parents' Sunday School/Bible Study Class

We are looking for interest for a Parents' Sunday school/Bible study class that would take place during Sunday school. We're looking for parents of all aged children to gather together, study the word of God, and help each other apply God's teachings to raising kids in

today's society. We're wanting to make Sunday school a family event, and the studious learning of God a lifelong commitment. Please contact Johnna Kethan at 361-649-4234 if you are interested.



Youth Group News

St. John's Youth Group will be getting together for lunch and games TODAY, August 11th, immediately following church. Bring extra clothes to change into for the water fun and to stay cool. We'd love for all 6th-12th graders and their parents to attend to gather ideas for future activities. Hope to see you there! Doug & Wendy Bishop St. John Youth Group Sponsors

NALC Disaster Relief

We will continue collecting Health Kits and Flood Buckets for the NALC Disaster Relief indefinitly. Because the Texas warehouse was totally depleated of all the disaster relief items during the recent tornadoes and flooding in the midwest we



will continue to try to stock it for the next need. The instructions for building them are in the back of the church in a folder. Norrean Sager has made about 30 bags for the health kits and Norrean or Linda will be glad to get as many as you need from storage. If you just want to purchase some of the items, Linda will put it together. Leave the items in the kitchen at church. Linda will collect them if you let her know - (361) 275-2059.

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 continues the Two Part series titled "Disciples of the Cross". In Part one we studied "Who We Are" and we are just beginning 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.

Church Renovation Update

Roth is currently finishing up installing the elevator. Once installed, they can then complete the masonry and will begin installing the metal roof immediately thereafter. Canopy is to be installed in May. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals



are \$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.

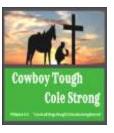
GOAL: \$599,553.00

RECEIVED AS OF August 4, 2019: \$439,941.00



Special Prayers for Cole ~UPDATE~

After extensive research, many prayers and overwhelming support, Cole is in 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)



WORDS from the WORSHIP TEAM

SHARING the PEACE

Where did this come from? Why do we do this?

The Worship Team had a discussion about Sharing the Peace. Are we doing it correctly, is it in the right place in the service, and why did we start doing this in the first place? So what is sharing the peace? First is

there scriptural basis for Sharing the Peace (STP)? Almost all sources point to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew as the basis for STP. Specifically Matthew 5:23-24.

"23 So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

These verses are considered the foundation of the practice of STP. By giving Christ's peace to our fellow worshippers we are confirming just as Christ has given us his peace in freeing us from the bondage of sin through His grace so we are confirming that all is good between us and our fellow Christians.

Where it falls in the order of worship varies, but most churches place it later in the service after the message and some after the Prayer of the Church. This is significant in that after we have heard of Christ's peace in the message, confessed our faith in Christ as our Savior as he has reconciled us before God by His precious blood and suffering that we now reconcile with our neighbors in the service by STP.

How it is done and for how long varies among churches but most agree that it is especially important when Sharing the Peace we show hospitality to visitors, "not simply a time to say hi to those we know." Some have concerns about so much moving about, but if we are truly seeking to "Share Christ's Peace" that may need to be beyond the boundaries of those seated next to us. There also may be those not as mobile as we are that we should pay special effort to STP with.

What it should not become is a time to visit. This is part of our worship service not the intermission. Moving about and STP can be a time of joy, in knowing that my fellow Christians and I are unified as children of God.

So don't hold back. Share the Peace with as many or as few as you feel called to, as long as it is Christ's peace that you are sharing not an update of last evening's events.

His Peace be with you. The Worship Team

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY

The Worship Team and the Parish Ed Team has been getting some questions regarding the possibility of having a second "Early" service and are considering trying 8:00 AM. But before we even begin any planning of such a change we need know how the congregation feels about it. Is there some interest in an early service, a lot of folks that this would benefit, or really not enough support to give it a try. So in the next few weeks bulletins and the August newsletter will be a Second Sunday Service Survey (Mrs. Ada Kirk would be so proud of the use of alliteration here). Fill one out per person, no stuffing the ballot, please. There will be a box in the narthex to collect the surveys. We will compile the results and take steps to comply with the wishes of the congregation. The Parish Ed and Worship Teams thank you for your input.

^{*(}See reverse side for survey. Complete the survey, tear it out & place it in the survey box.)

SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY		
	CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE ANSWER THAT COMPLETES EACH SENTENCE BEST	
1)	, ·	
	a)	Regularly, almost every Sunday weekly
	b)	Two or three times a month
	c)	Once a month
	d)	Once and a while
	e)	Two or three times a year
2)	When you don't attend St John Meyersville I usually:	
	a)	Attend another church
	b)	Spend some Bible study time at home
	c)	Spend time with family
	d)	Sleep in
3)	The curre	ent 10:15 Sunday morning service is:
	a)	The perfect time and day for a service
	b)	A little too early
	c)	I wish it were earlier
	d)	Earlier or later, doesn't matter I come when I can
4) If St Joh		n Meyersville offered a 8:00AM service on Sunday
	a)	I would attend that service, year round
	b)	I would attend it more during the summer months
	c)	I would attend it occasionally, when I have other places to be on Sunday
	d)	I would attend it rarely. I like the current service.
5)	If St John	n Meyersville offered a 8:00AM service on Sunday with Sunday school at 9:00 AM: I would be more likely to attend church and have my children in Sunday school at 9:00 AM
	b)	I like the current time and would continue to go to 9 AM SS and 10:15 church
	c)	I would take my children to Sunday school and pick them up at 10:00
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I would take my children to Sunday school and attend an adult class.

early service so we can do something with the rest of the day.

I think we should have Sunday school during

The current 10:15 service

The early 8:00 AM service

I don't have children in SS but I would attend the early service and go to adult Bible study

I would shake the Pastor's hand as I leave church. That's the whole purpose of an

d)

e) f)

a)

b)

Additional comments:

6)

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 - 1st LT, United States Army

Please Pray for: Adam Womble

Nate Boehl Hunter Jacob Glynn Yurick Kenny Jacob Cole Ohrt

Carlton Migura Robby Bitterly Carly Waters

Joy Hoy

Breidi Toney

Glenn Ruschhaupt

Marie Liner Slade Doehrman

(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:

11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)

Nursing Home: Yorktown Manor ~ Marjorie Ideus, Barbara Mueller Elmcroft - Victoria, Tx ~ Bette Jo Haun



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Pentecost 9

August 11, 2019

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14 (Year C)

reasure is, there your heart

Jesus taught the twelve, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." God loves his children so deeply that every one of us is a priceless treasure to Him. The psalmist sang of God's watchful eye and protection. To Abraham, God promised an heir and descendants too numerous to count. God saw the ancestors of the faith through trials and brought them to safety. Our faith rests in Christ alone.

