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Meyersville, Texas 77974-4143  
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## *October 2019 Newsletter*

### **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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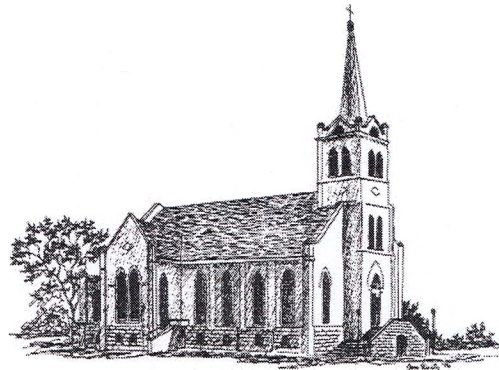
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Ministers - The People of St. John  
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor  
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

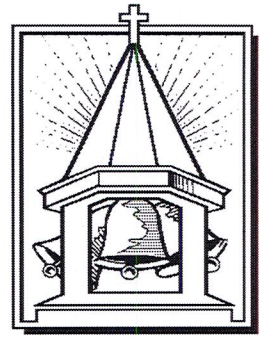
#### **WORSHIP**

Sunday School for All Ages	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion celebrated on the first and third Sunday of each month.



**THE CHURCH BELL**  
**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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Greetings,

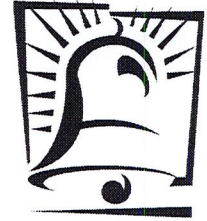
I recently read a column in the Victoria Advocate that addresses an issue that has been of great concern for me. I believe he did a better job stating it so I have decided to post his column here.

Andrew Schroer: Anything for my kids Friday night lights is once again upon us. Football is in full swing. For me as a parent, home games are awesome. Our high school is a three-minute drive from my house. If I want to, I can actually walk to the stadium to watch my daughter march in the band. Away games, however, are a different story. Every year, the road trips seem to get longer. Many of the games are two or three hours away. I love my daughter dearly, but that's just too far for me. Many parents are much more committed than I. They follow the team to every game, rain or shine, no matter how far away it is. A couple of Fridays ago, a friend posted a picture on Facebook from a game almost three hours away. Someone commented how great it was that she made the trip. "Anything for my kids," she replied. That got me thinking. In our world today, we sacrifice a lot for our kids. We want them to succeed. We want them to have every opportunity. So we drive them to practices. We wait in the car. We pay for private lessons. We sacrifice our weekends. We spend thousands of dollars on gas, hotels, team snacks, fundraisers and uniforms. Anything for our kids. The problem is sometimes we forget what is most important for them. We move heaven and earth so they don't miss a practice or game, but then it's too hard to get them up on Sunday morning for church or we can't go because their select team plays out of town on weekends. We take the time in the evenings and on Saturday mornings to go out in the backyard with them to practice pitching or dribbling or shooting. But we don't take the time to pray with them, to read Bible stories with them or to have conversations about God with them. Honestly, children's sports have become our nation's newest religion. It used to be that Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights were sacred. People would feel guilty if they didn't take their kids to church. Now they feel guilty if they miss a practice or a game. Coaches and organizations now routinely schedule activities on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Parents are forced to choose. Many are choosing sports. "We are doing it for our kids," we tell ourselves. We want them to succeed. We want them to have every opportunity to feel the joy and elation of winning and success. Anything for our kids, right? We get distracted. We lose sight of the inevitable. We forget. Our children are going to die one day. There is nothing more important you can do for your kids than to help them see and understand what Jesus did to save them. There is nothing more important you can do for your children than to take them to church and Sunday school every week. Many parents today would love for their kids to get a scholarship to play sports in college. Many would be ecstatic if their kids got accepted into Harvard. That's why they do what they do. I want my children in heaven. That means I will take the time every day to pray with them. That means I will talk with them regularly about Jesus and the forgiveness he won for them on the cross. That means I will do everything in my power – come rain or shine – to make sure they are in church and Sunday school every week. I mean, anything for our kids, right? Pastor Andrew Schroer has been a pastor for nearly 20 years and is currently serving at Redeemer Lutheran Church with campuses in Edna and Victoria, Texas.

**If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (361/277-8653) or Pastor John Boor at the parsonage (361/275-9895) or on his cell (361/243-0373).** Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is seriously ill please call.



**Ding-a-ling  
Corner**



**STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2018**

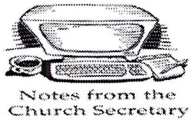
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0					1
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
<b>Total Baptisms</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0					1
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Non-Members	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Non-Members	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
Counseling Sessions	3	4	2	3	2	2	3	2					21
Transfer Out	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					4
Transfer In	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0					2
Home Visits	5	4	4	2	3	3	3	4					28
Hospital Visits													
Members	0	2	3	0	0	1	2	2					10
Non-Members	2	1	10	0	0	0	0	0					13
Private Communion													
Members	3	3	4	3	2	2	3	4					24
Non-Members	22	21	26	18	19	10	5	0					121
<b>PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME</b>													
Release of Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Restore to Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0

## ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor 275-9895 (Cell) 243-0373  
 Council President - Brian Wendel 564-4627  
 Vice President - Mitchell Jank 649-8681  
 Secretary - Virginia Jank 575-6813  
 Treasurer - Matt Nelson 550-2602  
 Financial Secretary - M'Liss Moore 275-8069

Parish Education - Kathy Dunn 275-4322  
 Mission/Evangelism - Linda Ruschhaupt 275-2059  
 Property Team - Brent Gohmert 649-4211  
 Finance Team - Glenn Ruschhaupt 275-2059  
 Parish Life Team - Beverly Bodden 570-3393  
 Worship Team - Johnny Jank 575-6813



Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please see bulletins for any changes.

### ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES

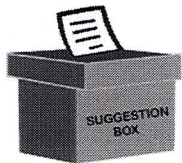
*Please* notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

If any elderly person, or youth, needs a ride to Church or youth events, please notify the pastor so arrangements can be made to accommodate these needs.



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the November 2019 Church Bell is Friday, October 18, 2019 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to [stjohnevlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnevlutheran@juno.com). Thanks!



### Do you have an idea?

Is there something at the church that you think needs fixing or changing? The Church Council and Committee Members would like to have your input.

Please feel free to use the 'suggestion box' in the Narthex to pass on your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Remember, this is your church and your opinion matters. We are eager to hear from you!

### ATTENTION ACOLYTES

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed.



### BUSY BAGS IN CHURCH

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to use. These bags have quiet activities for children to enjoy during Worship. The tote bags have items that younger children might be more interested in while the zipper bags have items for slightly bigger kids. Grab a bag on your way in to church, but please "bee" sweet and return it after the service.



### 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. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (275-5979).

### Our Military and their families:

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 - 1<sup>st</sup> LT, United States Army



### Please Pray for:

Adam Womble  
 Nate Boehl  
 Hunter Jacob  
 Glynn Yurick  
 Kenny Jacob  
 Cole Ohrt  
 Carlton Migura  
 Carly Waters  
 Joy Hoy  
 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 ~ Bette Jo Haun

Prayer requests 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.

## Mission of the Month of October



### This month's Mission Project

#### Samaritan's Purse Mission Statement

**President & CEO:** William "Franklin" Graham III, son of Billy Graham

**Founded:** 1970, by Bob Pierce

**Purpose:** Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid with excellence to victims of war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty, and persecution in over 100 countries.

**Crisis and Disaster Response —**

**U.S. Disaster Relief:** Since 1998, over 83,000 volunteers have worked with our staff to help more than 28,000 families impacted by U.S. natural disasters—hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, and ice storms—by quickly providing emergency supplies, repairing, cleaning and rebuilding homes. Five disaster relief units, tractor-trailers stocked with tools and cleanup supplies, are ready to deploy when disasters strike.

**International:** Samaritan's Purse specializes in meeting critical needs for victims of war, disaster, and famine in the world's most troubled regions, often working through local churches and ministry partners. Recent efforts include providing aid such as medical care, shelter items, shoes, warm clothing, heaters, food and water for Typhoon victims in the Philippines and Syrian refugees in northern Iraq.

**Feeding Programs —** Samaritan's Purse has specialized programs to treat severely malnourished children and runs large-scale distributions to feed victims of disaster, famine and war.

**Health and Medical —**

**World Medical Mission:** Each year, the medical arm of Samaritan's Purse places hundreds of doctors, dentists, and other medical professionals in voluntary, short-term service with hospitals and clinics in the world's least-developed countries. World Medical Mission also provides hospitals overseas with critical medical equipment and supplies.

**Emergency Medicine:** Samaritan's Purse responds to disasters by providing medical aid and essential equipment, including a mobile field hospital. The organization is able to mobilize hundreds of volunteer doctors at a moment's notice.

**Children's Heart Project:** This project brings children to North America to receive life-saving surgery not available in their home countries. To date, Samaritan's Purse has arranged surgery for more than 1,000 children with heart defects.

**Diseases:** Samaritan's Purse fights malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other epidemic diseases through medical care, health services, hygiene projects, preventative education and compassionate care.

**Operation Christmas Child —** The world's largest Christmas project collects and distributes gift-filled shoeboxes for needy children around the world. Since 1993, more than 113 million boxes have been distributed in more than 130 countries. Each year, the project mobilizes more than 100,000 volunteers in the United States.

**Operation Heal Our Patriots —** This program is designed to strengthen the marriages of wounded and injured members of the U.S. Military. The primary component is Samaritan Lodge Alaska, a wilderness retreat offering outdoor activities and Biblically based marriage enrichment classes. To date, more than 500 people have been through the program.

**Animals, Agriculture & Livelihoods —** Samaritan's Purse helps families in third-world countries meet their daily food and nutritional needs by providing seeds, tools and livestock. Programs also include training that enables beneficiaries and communities to transition from subsistence living to sustainability.

**Construction Projects —** Samaritan's Purse constructs houses, schools, hospitals, and churches for families and communities affected by disaster, poverty, and war around the world.

**Water, Sanitation & Hygiene —** Samaritan's Purse clean water programs have provided safe drinking water for hundreds of thousands of people in more than 25 countries through well projects and water filters for households and communities, coupled with health and hygiene education.

**Women's Programs —** Samaritan's Purse works to reach the vulnerable women by meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs through programs focused on maternal and child health, gender-based violence, job skills training, education, and human trafficking prevention.



#### MISSION FEAST

**Mission Feast**  
On Sunday, October 27, 2019 our mission speaker will be Rev. Dr. Walter C. Jackson, Director of Missions for the Guadalupe Baptist Association. Dr. Jackson has been in the ministry in Texas for the past 22 years. He has pastored four churches and held the position he is currently in since June of 2012. He has participated in mission trips to Belarus, Turkey, Haiti and Ecuador. He resides in Victoria with his wife of 31 years, Lisa. He and Lisa have three children and three grandchildren. Rev. Jackson will bring us a message about Operation Christmas Child a mission of Samaritan's Purse. The Mission Feast will be held after church in the parish hall. This will be a Pot Luck Lunch, each family is asked to bring a main or meat dish and a side dish or dessert. Parish Life will set up tables and decorate the day before. We will also prepare Tea and Water the morning of the lunch.

#### Operation Christmas Child

We have kicked off Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project for St. John's. Shoe boxes will be available in the foyer of the church. If you need a box please call Linda Ruschhaupt at (361) 275-2059. Please leave your completed shoe boxes on the risers in the Parish Hall by 8 A.M. November 21, 2019.



## Shoebox Challenge

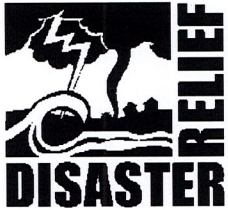
This year as we have in several of the past years, our church is taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program. Our speaker for Mission Feast Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, will be Pastor Walter Jackson, who will talk to us about that program and other ministries of Samaritan's purse. We have all heard some of the stories of the effect these boxes have on the recipients, and I'm sure Pastor Jackson will add to that beautiful list. So let's all agree this is an amazing program and our participation in it is a good thing!

That being said I would like to issue a challenge to all the members of St John. A few facts to validate the challenge. First of all, our church was founded in 1851 and 2019 will be our 168<sup>th</sup> year of serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Second, Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Third, we give ourselves and those we love gifts at Christmas. Fourth, the Shoebox program is a wonderful way of showing love to our neighbors by giving a Christmas gift to deserving children, just as we give ourselves. **So I challenge the members of St John Meyersville to exceed the goal of one box for each year of our church's existence, that's 168 shoeboxes.**

That's considerably more than we did last year, but it should be a very attainable goal. We average 80 something in attendance per Sunday. If each of us brought 2 boxes each we would almost be there in one Sunday. So let's do this, and I know it will be to the glory of God, however many we collect, but I bet it will make this Christmas feel a little different if we reach our goal.

**So grab a box, fill it and come back and get two more. Let's fill some shoeboxes with some St John Meyersville Texas love and make some children smile!**

## NALC Disaster Relief

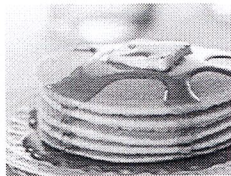


We will continue collecting **Health Kits** and **Flood Buckets** for the NALC Disaster Relief indefinitely. Because the Texas warehouse was totally depleted of all the disaster relief items during the recent tornadoes and flooding in the midwest we will continue to try to stock it

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.

## Breakfast Buzz & Story Time

Wanting to go to Sunday School but no time to eat breakfast? No problem! We'll be serving pancakes hot off the griddle from 8:30-9:00 am in the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 6th. Planning to hold this breakfast the first Sunday of each month if it's a big hit with our Sunday Schoolers. "Following the pancake breakfast, we will be having a story time Sunday school on the story of Rahab and the Walls of Jericho. All students are encouraged to bring their beanbag chairs, pillows and blankets to get comfortable for the story. All students from 2 to 102 are invited to join us that Sunday morning." Thank you!



**GOD**  
is Listening

## Special Prayers for Cole ~UPDATE~UPDATE~UPDATE~

Cole will be returning from China on September 22<sup>nd</sup> after six months of treatment for his injury. God truly blessed Cole with many

outstanding doctors, nurses and therapist that took care of him while he was in China. Cole has shown some improvement since he's been in China. Even though he is still on the ventilator he is able to take nine deep breaths on his own off the ventilator with very little difficulty. He is also able to hold his head on his own for at least sixteen minutes or more. He is getting stronger every day. We pray for continued healing for Cole each and every day. God has been with Cole every step of the way and by faith we know he will continue to do so.

When Cole leaves China he will be going to New Jersey for a surgery on his diaphragm that hopefully will help get him completely off the ventilator. After about one week in New Jersey he will be returning to TIRR in Houston for continued rehab. It will be so great to have him so close to home.

We want to thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns and support for Cole and his family while they were in China. They have truly been a blessing. We ask for those continued prayers as Cole and his family continue on this slow and difficult journey. Thank you again and may God bless each and every one.

+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+

At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

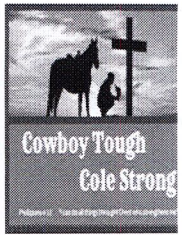
*Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual*

*To help family stay strong*

*Patience*

*Stay positive*

*The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*



## Altar Guild



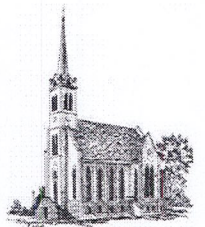
There will be a Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please, at least one member from each team attend for updates, questions, etc.

## Church Renovation Update

Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. 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 September 29, 2019: \$461,714



## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 27, 2019

By: Virginia Jank, Church Secretary

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pastor John Boor, President Brian Wendel, Vice President Mitchell Jank, Virginia Jank (Secretary) Matt Nelson (Treasurer) M'Liss Moore (Financial Secretary) Kathy Dunn (Parish Ed) Brent Gohmert (Property) Johnny Jank (Worship)

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Brian Wendel called the meeting to order. Brent Gohmert opened the meeting with a devotion on advice and the wisdom to listen, be still and quiet so that we can be open and hear what is being presented.

**MINUTES:** Reviewed, Motion to accept by Kathy Dunn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitchell Jank, and approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Reviewed, Motion to accept by Johnny Jank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M'Liss Moore and approved.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Confirmation classes will begin Sept 8 during the Sunday School hour. I am not certain what day or time we will meet after that. I will discuss it with the parents. I have 10 confirmed as attending this year. Caleb and Kyle Nagel, Scott Motley, Ella Jander, Mackenna Diebel, Grace Redmond, Kendra Redmond, Lexi Flessner, J.R. Bishop, and Maverick Eckardt. As I am sure you are all aware Brenda and I are building a house. I have committed to wiring the house to save money. Consequently, when it gets to that point, I will be taking a week stacation. I will still be available during that week for hospital visits if necessary and I will not miss any Sundays. And to answer the question I have been asked many times I am not planning on leaving when the house is completed. I plan on being here for at least another 5 or 6 years.

**DISCUSSION:** There was a short discussion on the eligibility of students for the confirmation class and the Sunday School list that names the students in our congregation who can be a part of this class.

### **FINANCE TEAM REPORT**

**Meeting Date** – August 12, 2019

**Members Present-** Glenn Ruschhaupt, M'Liss Moore, Matt Nelson, Laurie Wendel, Archie Abrameit and Marv Sager

**Opening Prayer** - Given by Glenn Ruschhaupt

**REVIEW OF LATEST FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Reports were reviewed and various details discussed. M'Liss provided a listing of undesignated memorials totaling \$40,866.72 as of August 11, 2019.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Reviewed current renovation fund balance together with projected remaining costs. Matt reported that it appears the remaining estimated costs for project completion (approximately \$50,000) can be paid out of the current General Fund balance.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

**OTHER** - Discussed need to begin preliminary 2020 budget planning at next regularly scheduled meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.**

### **MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM REPORT:**

We did not meet this month. The shoe Box Campaign for Samaritan's Purse will start the second Sunday in September. The mission for the month is Camal House.

### **PARISH LIFE TEAM REPORT:**

There was no official meeting this month.

### **PARISH ED TEAM REPORT:**

8-22-19

Parish Ed and Worship Committees had a joint meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Johnny Jank led the meeting. Attendants were Kathy Dunn, Johnna Kethan, Laurie Pokluda, Pastor John Boor, Wendy Bishop, Norrean and Marv Sager, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Bruce Weise, Joie Caskey, Virginia Jank, Beverly Bodden, We discussed how the snare drum could be used for special effects during Sunday School presentations, in church occasionally, and in the Christmas program. The Parish Ed Committee will purchase the drum and coordinate with the Worship Committee in planning to use it to enhance Church Services.

We also discussed the Fifth Sunday service on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We decided to have the youth lead the service and involve as many youth as we can. Wendy Bishop will work with the Youth Group and get volunteers. Johnna will be working with the youth during Sunday School where the students will learn how the Scripture readings relate to the Gospel, how to build a message and select the songs for the service. Each student will have a part in the creating process, whether in front of or behind the scenes, so everyone will have a sense of ownership in the outcome.

We had a great Rally Sunday and Back Pack Blessing on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-eight Youth and about 25 adults took part in the three activity stations:

1) Putting on the armor of God (LeAnn & Dwight Jander) Stressed the Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of Peace, Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, and Sword of the Spirit. We sang "I'm in the Lord's Army"

2) Agility Ladder (Johnna), Bible verse: 2 Peter 1:3-11 "For as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble, for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom". We sang "I Will Call Upon the Lord."

3) Knot tying Event (Mitchell Jank). Fishermen used nets to catch their fish. But in Jesus's time, you couldn't go to Wal-Mart to buy a fishing net, you had to make it. And to make a fishing net, you tied knots in ropes.

We also had a great breakfast for everyone including homemade cinnamon rolls, sausage rolls, juice and milk.

The Sunday School youth processed into church singing "I Will Call Upon the Lord" and "Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia, Praise ye the Lord." (Johnny Jank got the right and left sides of the church to sit and stand as directed and it was a wonderful way to praise the Lord!) Pastor was at the NALC Convocation, so Johnny Jank led the service and the Back Pack Blessing. His sermon fit the occasion perfectly. Meyersville School Superintendent, Kelly Dunn, also attended and took part in the Blessing ceremony.

After Church the Youth Group had a fun water event, and Wendy Bishop provided this report:

Hope everyone had a fun time at our Rally Sunday youth group gathering. We're working on setting up a slip 'n slide kickball game against another church youth group in the near future and will keep you posted. In the meantime, plans are underway for the September 8th church lunch on Grandparents Day. Since the youth group is wanting to honor grandparents with a lunch meal, it would be nice to have our youth group serve the meal to the

grandparents (kind of like being waiters and waitresses for this occasion). And because this special event occurs during the start of a busy new school year, we've contacted Werner's Catering to do the cooking. They are giving us a special deal and even delivering the food. So, all the youth group is needing to provide is their waiter/waitressing skills, help filling/serving plates, and each family please bring a dessert. Be sure to invite your grandparents (and parents) to church and the lunch on September 8th. Pastor said he thought this was a wonderful idea by our youth group to honor some pretty special people in our lives. ♥ Wendy Bishop

Sunday School attendance is improving. Attendance on the Sunday after Rally Sunday was 12 students, and the next Sunday, we had 20 Students!  
Kathy Dunn

**PROPERTY TEAM REPORT**

Meeting Held 8.25.19

**Members Present:** Brent Gohmert; Dickie Bettge; Brian Wendel; Marv Sager; Pastor John; Vance Egg

**Maintenance Schedule**

August

- Elevator maintenance – **Change to inspection? To confirm with Home Elevator**
- Check Bathroom & Kitchen Supplies– Clean and tidy up storage areas. **Complete**
- Computer maintenance.
- Clean church and parish hall carpets – **to move to September**

September:

- Inventory of furniture and equipment & report to Church Council – **Inventory report provided by Dickie Bettge**
- Budget Recommendations – **to move to November. Report provided by Dickie Bettge**

October

- Check/clean AC filters in church, church office, Pastor’s office and parish hall.
- Check sump pump in church.
- Annual inspection of heater.
- Termite treatment.

**Items Complete:**

- 200 amp breaker for parish hall replaced for \$380.00

**Renovation Progress:**

- Complete downspout tie-in
- Resolve flatwork issue
- Final grading
- Punch list

**Old Business:**

- Crown molding strip on stage coming off. Need to remove, clean debris from underneath, and replace existing strip.
- Screen door for parish hall purchased – **Brian and Brent to install this week**

**New Business:**

- Roth Invoice: Pay App 14 pending
- Proposed Building Use Reservation Form revisions
- Elevator training to take place Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>
- Discussed Roth’s debits and credits
- Discussed canopy downspout tie-in
  - Property Team agreed to proceed with (2) downspouts and for the downspouts to be tied into the storm drainage (no splash blocks or surface drainage)

**Projects:**

- Painting of church doors (after restroom renovation)
  - a. Clay
- Garbage containers for cemetery
  - a. Cemetery Committee
- Repair broken headstones.
  - a. Cemetery Committee.
    - i. Headstones analyzed during Church Workday. One area fixed. Need to schedule date to address remaining issues.
- Have water tested at Church
  - a. Marv to meet with Pecan Valley – retest pending

**Renovation Fund Balance:** \$450,996.00 as of 8.18.19

**Items for Council Approval:** Proposed revisions to Building Use Reservation Forms

**Next Meeting:** 9.8.19

**USAGE FORMS:**

**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDING USE RESERVATION FORM FOR NON-MEMBERS**

*After reading the Building Use Policy Booklet, please fill out the top portion of this form and return it to the church office.*

Date of event: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of event: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility(ies) Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored By (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

I have received and read the building use policy and agree to abide by the policy. I understand that failure to abide may result in forfeiture of the deposit. St John will not be responsible for any injury or accident that happens while the property is being used. The person making this reservation must bear all responsibility for any breakage or damage to church property.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rec'd. by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FEES:

Damage Deposit (Refundable)\* ----- \$200.00

Church Fee\*\*----- \$350.00

Parish Hall Rental----- \$200.00

Old Stone Church----- \$100.00



*\*Damage deposit is the same for the church, Parish Hall and the Old Stone Church. A single deposit will be made for use of multiple venues.*

*\*\*Church Fee includes 3-hours use of Parish Hall.*

Damage/Policy Violation Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

Building use fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of Return: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for no return of deposit (if applicable):  
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**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BUILDING USE RESERVATION FORM FOR MEMBERS**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rec'd. by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FEES:

Damage Deposit (Refundable) \* ----- \$100.00

Church Fee\*\* ----- \$150.00

Parish Hall Rental ----- \$100.00

Old Stone Church-----Free for Members

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Damage/Policy Violation Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

Building use fee: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DISCUSSION:** The Usage Forms were presented to the Council. Johnny Jank made a motion to accept these forms for future reservations of church property. Mitchell Jank seconded the motion and the council approved same with a voice vote.

**WORSHIP TEAM REPORT**

The Worship Team did not have a regularly scheduled meeting this month but did take part in a called joint meeting with the Parish Ed Team.

The Worship Team Members Pastor John Boor, Johnny P Jank, Virginia Jank, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Marv Sager, Norrean Sager, and Bruce Weise met with Brian Wendel council president and members of the Parish Ed Team on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the St John parish house, after church.

The two Teams including Wendy Bishop, youth group leader met to discuss a service that the youth might take part in.

Previously Johnna Kethan had talked to Johnny Jank about studying the scriptures for one Sunday as a lesson in her High school Sunday school class with the goal of possibly then taking part in the Sunday service, maybe even doing the message. Johnny mentioned the 29<sup>th</sup> of September is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday which is typically when we try to plan a contemporary service. This might be a possibility and had sent Johnna the Worship Planning sheets for that Sunday. Johnna's class would study the scripture in their Sunday school class and then use what they learned to conduct the service. Wendy offered to ask for volunteers to come to Sunday school to plan the service when the youth group meets.

Additional discussion centered around a celebration after the service for the youth involved in the service as well as all Sunday school children. Possibly burgers or hot dogs at the Meyersville Country Club. Johnna offered to contact the club and see if it is available.

Joie Caskey had earlier requested purchasing a snare drum. The Worship Team did not have an issue with the purchase as it can be used in Sunday school primarily. The use of the drum in the worship service is something the Worship Team will visit later as its use will need to be planned so that it will enhance our worship experience.

**The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.**

**ADDITIONAL Discussion:** The council was advised of a Church safety course by Jeff Thompson. The insurance policy had been reviewed, and it was noted that the Church does have Terrorism Coverage in the plan. The Safety Committee plans to revisit its purpose and proposals for the church in the near future.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



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## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

### October 6

- Greeters - Candy Cowley
- Reader - Caden Jander
- Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

### October 13

- Greeters - Marv & Norrean Sager
- Reader - Kernell Moritz
- Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

### October 20

- Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
- Reader - Dawn Otto
- Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

### October 27

- Greeters - Kernell & Elaine Moritz
- Reader - Tammy Blain
- Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

### October Communion Assistant

Glenn Ruschhaupt

### October Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

### October Nursing Home Visitor

Joan Wendel

## LOOKING AHEAD...

### November 3

- Greeters - Cheryl Bramlette
- Reader - Trish Hood
- Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

### November Communion Assistant

Obert Sagebiel

### November Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

### November Nursing Home Visitor

Mary Wagner

**Volunteers:** If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. Please let the church office know if you have switched so the correct names can be in the bulletin.

## Happy Birthday to:

- 1 - Barrett Blain
- 2 - Jason Brewer
- 3 - Justin Ficklen
- 6 - Karen Brewer
- 8 - Cheryl Bramlette  
Evelyn Diebel
- 9 - Pam Haun
- 11 - Lovel Blain
- 12 - Joan Gohmert  
Lynn Lueckemeyer
- 14 - Obert Sagebiel
- 19 - Andrew Pare
- 20 - Sandy Gohmert
- 21 - Cole Rains  
Laurie Pokluda
- 23 - Don Wendel  
Dwight Jander
- 26 - Rion Moeller
- 27 - Jennifer Coates  
Kimberly Brewer
- 28 - Eran Krause
- 30 - Bobby Zengerle
- 31 - Gordon Gohmert  
John Lloyd Gohmert

## Anniversary Greetings to:

- 7 - Carl & Crystal Eichhorn
- 8 - Bill & Tammy Boehl  
Kevin & Beverly Bodden
- 14 - Shane & Nikki Carver
- 15 - Roger & Tamany Brown
- 22 - Kyle & Tracy Fuchs



*Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you.*

# October 2019

## St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meersville, TX

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Mission of the Month:  
Samaritan's Purse

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 6</b> 8:30 AM Pancake Breakfast 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship  *2:00-4:00 PM Confirmation Class 	7	7PM Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting	10 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Women's Bible Study	10		
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 13</b> 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship  *Installation of Sunday School Teachers	14 7PM Finance Team	6:30 PM Meyersville 4-H Meeting	10 AM Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab 1:30 PM Quilters 6 PM Mission Evangelism Team 7 PM Men's Bible Study	17 **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	18 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	19
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 20</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship  *2:00-4:00 PM Confirmation Class 	21	7 PM Council Meeting	1:30 PM Quilters	24		26
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 27</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship ~ Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Walter C. Jackson *Reformation Sunday ~ Mission Feast Pot Luck Lunch after Worship	28	29	1:30 PM Quilters	31  Happy Halloween!		Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins



# Autumn Blessings

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Autumn  
Trick  
Pumpkin  
Hay Ride  
September  
Halloween  
Bonfire

Costumes  
Fall  
Orange  
Scarecrow  
Leaves  
Candy Corn  
Smores

Foliage  
Treat  
Brown  
October  
Apple Cider  
Jack O Lantern  
Pie

