

Rise, take the child
and His mother
and go



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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First Sunday after Christmas

Lessons & Carols Service

December 29, 2019

Greeter This Week: Youth Group

Greeter Next Week: Candy Cowley

Reader This Week: Johnna Kethan

Reader Next Week: Dickie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Kyle Nagel & J.R. Bishop

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Johnny Jank

Large Print Bulletins are available on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

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.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #45 LBW "OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL"

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light
C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined

C **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In Him was life, and the life was the Light of all people.**

OPENING PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P **Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; though 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 9:2-7

CAROL LBW #58

"Lo, How a Rose Is Growing"

SECOND READING

Micah 5:2-5a

CAROL LBW #41

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

THIRD READING	Luke 1:26-35, 38
CAROL LBW #40	“What Child is This”
FOURTH READING	Luke 2:1-7
CAROL LBW #67	“Away In A Manger”
FIFTH READING	Luke 2:8-16
CAROL LBW #44	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
SIXTH READING	Luke 2:21-36
CAROL LBW #55	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
SEVENTH READING	Matthew 2:1-11
CAROL LBW #56	“The First Noel”
EIGHTH READING	Matthew 2:13-18
CAROL LBW #53	“Cold December Flies Away”
NINTH READING	John 1:1-14
CAROL WOV #646	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

OFFERING

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P Glory to God in the Highest.

C **and peace to God’s people on earth.**

P Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C **Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

P Blessed are you, son of Mary. You share our humanity

C **Have mercy on the sick, the dying and all who suffer this day.**

P Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C **Reveal Yourself to us in Word and Sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now and forever.

C **AMEN**

SENDING HYMN LBW #60 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 12/29 First Sunday after Christmas

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

10:15 a.m. Worship ~ *Lessons & Carols*

***2:00-4:00 Confirmation Class**

Mon 12/30 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Tues 12/31 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours ~New Year's Eve~

Wed 1/1 **Office Closed** ~New Year's Day~ *Happy New Year!!!*

Thurs 1/2 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 1/3 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun Second Sunday after Christmas

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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.

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, December 22, 2019

General \$1,125.00, MOM \$135.00, Sunday School \$60.00, Youth \$20.00, Cemetery \$75.00, CAMAL House \$100.00, NALC \$800.00, Church Reno. \$7,905.00 **Total: \$10,220.00**

Attendance: Worship - 92 Sunday School - 24 - Adults, 21 - Children
6:00 p.m. Christmas Program: General \$329.30, Sunday School \$110.00, Youth \$40.00 **Total: \$479.30 Attendance: 130**

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 Christmas Eve Service

3:00 p.m. General \$640.00, Church Reno. \$60.00 **Total: \$700.00**

Attendance: 48

10:00 p.m. General \$1,270.00, Cemetery \$20.00, MOM \$125.00, Youth \$20.00, Church Reno. \$2,370.00 **Total: \$3,805.00 Attendance: 65**

Mission of the Month of December



Teen Challenge of Texas Mission Statement

Teen Challenge is a faith based SOLUTION for the drug epidemic. The scope of Teen Challenge has grown over the years, and now serves adults as well as teenagers. There are 200 Teen Challenge campuses across the United States and 1,000 world- wide in 80 countries, which provide Christian recovery services to individuals of every age and social background.

Teen Challenge came to Texas in 1968 with the opening of the San Antonio campus. Teen Challenge of Texas now operated five campuses in Texas in the San Antonio, Houston and Dallas/Ft. Worth areas. Their mission is to provide an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling drug and alcohol addiction. By applying biblical principles, Teen Challenge of Texas guides people to become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well, and spiritually alive!

TCOT is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation and all donations and gifts are tax deductible.



*St. John wishes
everyone many
blessings in 2020!
Have a safe &
Happy New Year!!!*



Sharing of the Peace

There has been some concern about sharing the peace during the cold & flu season. Those persons not wanting to take part, feel free to stay sitting or share the peace as you feel comfortable. Those of you sharing the peace, please honor the wishes of those who are not taking part.

Youth Group

There were 10 youth that participated in the live nativity scene at Christmas in the Park in Cuero on December 19th. They did a wonderful job & have already been invited back for next year! Our Christmas program was wonderful & we had 30 youth participate as well as numerous adults that assisted in the program! Thank you all for your hard work & dedication!



Readers & Greeters



If you would like to become a reader or greeter for the upcoming year please contact the office or sign-up on in the Narthex. If you are currently a reader or greeter & would like to be

removed, please contact the church office by phone or email: stjohnelutheran@juno.com. Thank you!



~ ATTENTION ~

ALL CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

YOU (lady or gentlemen) have the opportunity to become the second member of an awesome Altar Guild Team. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way. If needing more information, please contact any Altar Guild member or Carol Ann Sagebiel. Thank you.



~ ATTENTION ~

ALL ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS



On all station communion set-ups (eg. 3rd Sunday, Easter, etc.) Place the CHALICE with a small amount of wine on the table with; Ciborium with wafers, paten with large wafer, 3 purificators, Missal on Stand and 4 trays. Thank you, Carol Ann

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.



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 are \$599,553.00. 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 December 22, 2019: \$513,586

Pray

+++ *During this Holiday Season & all through the year, PRAY for all those in need. Amen.* +++

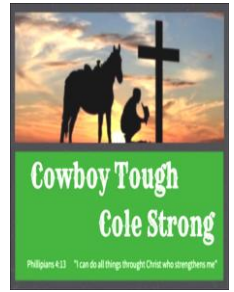
GOD
is Listening

Special Prayers for Cole ~NEW UPDATE~

Cole has returned from China after a six month treatment program for his injury. This included surgery, stem cell injections, and extensive therapy. He has also recently

recovered from a surgery done in New Jersey on his diaphragm to help him eventually get off the ventilator. Cole has now returned to TIRR Rehabilitation Hospital in Houston for continued therapy.

God has been with Cole every step of the way through this very long and difficult journey and by faith we know He will continue to carry him through. We want to thank each and everyone for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's healing and for strength and patience as he continues forward. Thanks again and God bless you.



+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)

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:

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
Andrew Washington, PFC - USMC, San Angelo, TX



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: Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun
Yorktown Nursing & Rehab. ~ Barbara Mueller
Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus



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St. John Meyersville

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Christmas 1

December 29, 2019



First Sunday after Christmas (Year A)

The capacity of the human race for darkness and evil is a reality we constantly face in this life. At times we are tempted to think that evil and darkness win. The message of Christmas still reminds us that the light of Christ cannot be extinguished. The birth of Jesus does not change the reality of our human propensity for sin, but it offers us the hope and promise that God is present with us always, even in tragedy.

