

I NEED TO BE BAPTIZED BY YOU,
AND DO YOU COME TO ME?

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Baptism of Our Lord

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 12, 2020

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

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: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Pam Haun

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

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

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: WOV #745 “Awake, O Sleeper”

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All Heavenly Father, in Jesus’ baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST READING

God’s Light Will Be Revealed

The prophet Isaiah promised that God’s Spirit shall bring justice to the nations through his servant Israel. This shall be accomplished not through the means of violence or arrogance, but through steadfast attention to God’s ways and faithful guidance. Through Israel, God’s light shall be revealed to all nations.

Isaiah 42:1-9

(Page 622, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring

out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

RESPONSIVE READING

The Power in the Lord's Voice

The psalmist extolled the majestic aspects of the Lord and his voice. The voice of the Lord upon the waters is full of glory; it is powerful and full of splendor, making all creation tremble and shake.

Psalm 29

(Page 478-479, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord
shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.**

⁹And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.**

¹¹The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

Paul instructed the Romans in a very important aspect of the faith: Sin kills, but Christ brings to life. Therefore, we are not to remain in sin simply because we have a forgiving and loving God. On the contrary, we are given the gift of new life in Christ and are called to walk in the newness of life.

Romans 6:1-11

(Page 981, RSV Pew Bible)

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

(Page 837, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #194 *“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”*

Stand page 65: APOSTLES' CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY *“Create in Me”*

page 76: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: WOV #775

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

Lord, send Your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

page 76: THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #345 *“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 1/12	Baptism of Our Lord	
	8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	<i>*Annual Reports Due to the Church Office</i>	
	<i>*2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class</i>	
Mon 1/13	Office Closed	
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
Tue 1/14	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Wed 1/15	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.	Men's Bible Study
Thurs 1/16	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Fri 1/17	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Next Sun	Second Sunday after Epiphany	
	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.



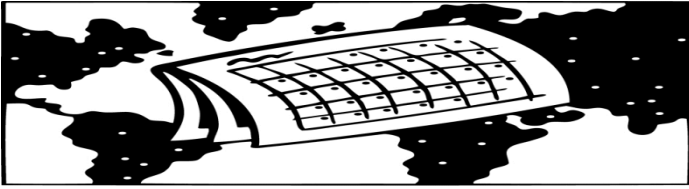
Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, January 5, 2020

General \$3,161, MOM \$550.00, Sunday School \$40.25, Youth \$20.00,
NALC \$75.00, Organ \$20.00, OSC \$40.00, Building \$50.00,
Church Reno. \$365.00 **Total: \$4,321.25**

Attendance: Worship - 77 Sunday School - 8 - Children, 15 - Adults

Mission of the Month of January



Mission of the Month

Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County

Mission Statement

In our community there are hundreds of boys and girls left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets, or who, in increasing numbers, spend many hours at home with no adult care or supervision.

These youngsters often form groups or gangs and risk getting involved with the wrong leaders, eventually finding themselves in serious trouble.

The Boys and Girls club mission is to work with youth of all backgrounds, with a special concern for those from disadvantaged circumstances, to help them develop the skills to become productive citizens and leaders.

The DeWitt county community has needed something like this for a number of years. It has been well accepted by the school districts, the City of Cuero and area church leaders. St. John's own Laurie Pokluda sits on the board of this club. If you have questions Laurie will be glad to answer them.



Annual Reports

All Annual Reports are due to the church office
TODAY. Thank you!

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.



Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County

You are invited to the BGCDC Gospel Brunch on Sunday, February 16th at the Venue in Cuero. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Entertainment by the Cuero Community Choir and Mary Poppins Ensemble. See Laurie Pokluda for tickets.





Sunday School Supplies

The Sunday School department is reaching out to the congregation for supply donations for the 2020 school year. We have several events and projects planned throughout the year and would appreciate any help from our congregation members.

The following timeline is the supply lists for the year:

For Now – February:

- Mason jars with lids, clear, any size

For Now – May:

- Medium to large clear glass jars, vases, bowls, decorative in nature, with or without lids
- Succulent plants

For the Whole Year:

- Medium to large appliance boxes, preferably not cut
- Paint, finger paint, house paint, any leftover useable paint, all colors

Please contact Johnna Kethan 361-649-4234 or leave donations in the parish hall. We thank you for all your help and donations and look forward to a great Sunday School year!

~ 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 January 5, 2020: \$514,091

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:

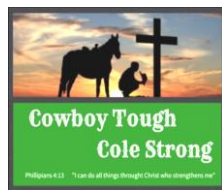
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

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, Camp Pendleton, CA
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA



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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Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2020

Baptism of Our Lord (Year A)

The voice of the Father from heaven brings fear and trembling, but also the assurance that Jesus is the chosen and beloved Son of God. The Son speaks and acts in the world, pointing the way to a new life lived in the fullness of the presence of God. Through the waters of Baptism each of us are called God's "beloved" and sent out into the world God loves to proclaim the holy reign of God.

