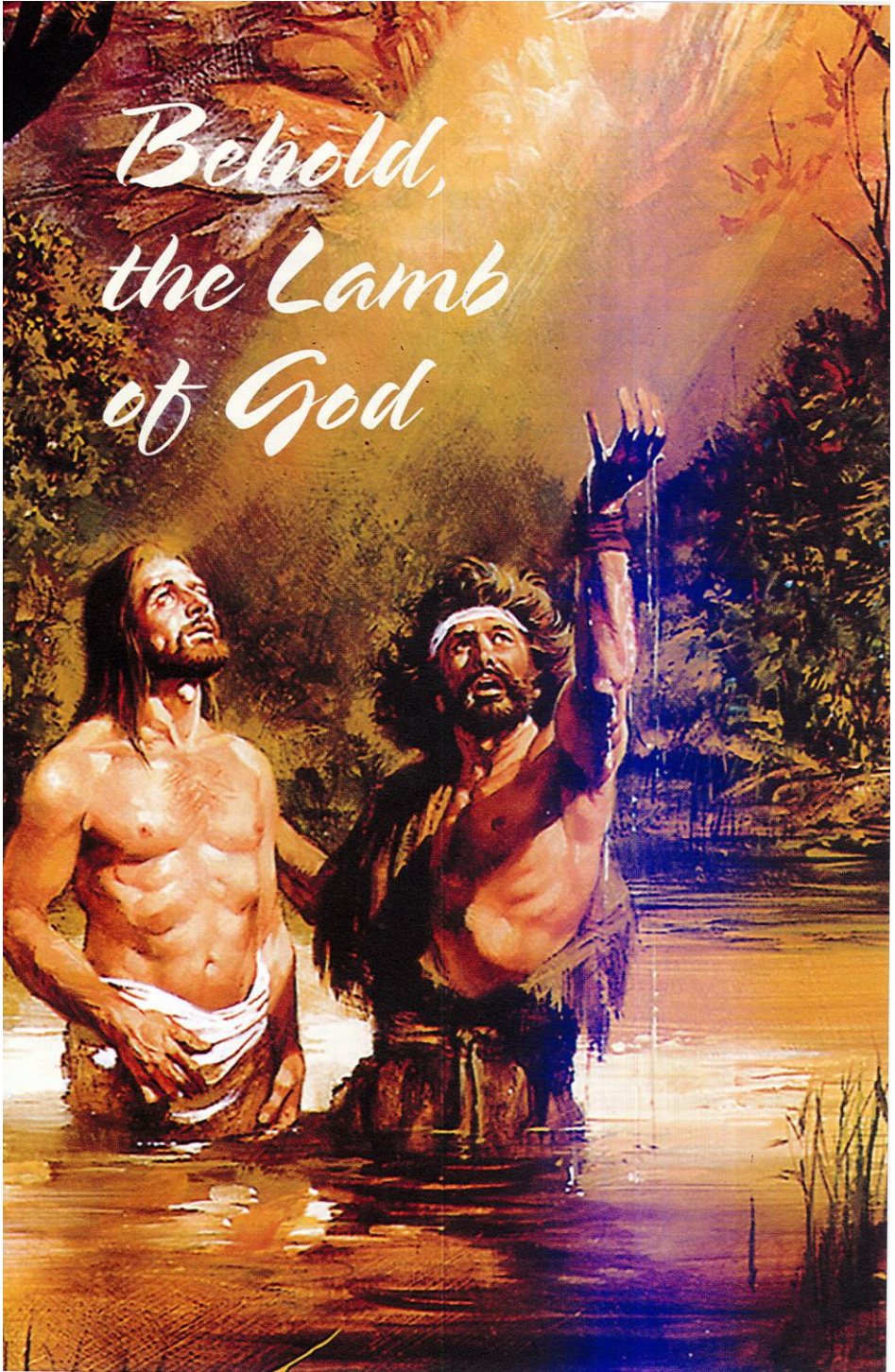


*Behold,
the Lamb
of God*



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2020

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Reader This Week: Kernell Moritz

Reader Next Week: Dawn Otto

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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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 in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

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

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #290 “*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*”

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 60: HYMN OF PRAISE “*This is the Feast*”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

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

P Let us pray:

All: Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people’s prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

The Lord’s Servant

The prophet Isaiah recounted Israel’s privileged calling as God’s servant. Israel is God’s “weapon” to bring faith to an unbelieving world. In fact, through God’s faithfulness, the servant who was once despised will be a light to all nations, bringing God’s salvation to the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 49:1-7

(Page 629-630, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” ⁵And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — ⁶he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to

bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Trust in the Lord

This song tells of the psalmist's relationship with God — the Lord heard the cry of his servant and pulled him out of trouble when he was near destruction. Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord, who is patient, loves to do God's will, and faithfully proclaims the steadfast goodness and faithfulness of God.

Psalm 40:1-11

(Page 486, RSV Pew Bible)

¹I waited patiently upon the Lord;
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

**²He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

**⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

⁵Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
How great your wonders and your plans for us!
there is none who can be compared with you.

**⁶Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
but they are more than I can count.**

⁷In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure;
you have given me ears to hear you;

**⁸Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,
and so I said, “Behold, I come.**

⁹In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:
‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’”

**¹⁰I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.**

¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great
congregation.

SECOND READING

Called to Be Saints

Paul began his letter to the church in Corinth with greetings, a sincere expression of thankfulness for the testimony of Christ confirmed among them, and a prayer that Christ would sustain them until his return. Those who have been called to be saints of Christ will not be lacking in any spiritual gift.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(Page 991, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-42a

(Page 922-923, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

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

²⁹The next day {John} saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he

looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ).^{42a}He brought him to Jesus.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #652 “*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*”

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

p. 65: 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!

p. 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 66: OFFERTORY: “Let the vineyards...”

p. 67: OFFERTORY PRAYER

p. 68: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

p. 70: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column)

p. 71: LORD’S PRAYER

p. 72: LAMB OF GOD

Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION
SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 72: POST COMMUNION: “Thank the Lord . . .”

p. 74: PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 1/19	Second Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 1/20	Office Closed
Tues 1/21	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 1/22	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church Meeting 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 1/23	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Committee reports due</i>
Fri 1/24	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Newsletter deadline</i>
Next Sun	Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Annual Congregational Meeting following worship</i> <i>*2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class</i>

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.



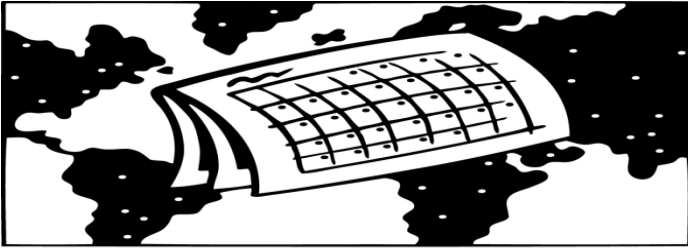
Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, January 12, 2020

General \$863.75, MOM \$525.00, Sunday School \$73.00, OSC \$110.00,
Cemetery \$3.00, Church Reno. \$10,415.00 **Total: \$11,989.75**

Attendance: Worship - 89 Sunday School - Children - 9 Adults - 15
Confirmation - 10

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 Congregational Meeting

St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 26, 2020 following worship.

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 Stew Fundraiser

St. John's youth group will be selling quarts of stew "to go" after church on Sunday, February 2nd. Price is \$10/quart and proceeds raised will go towards youth group activities held in 2020. If you are interested in purchasing some stew, please let Doug or Wendy Bishop know how many quarts you'd like. Thank you in advance for supporting St. John's youth group and bon appetit!

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!



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



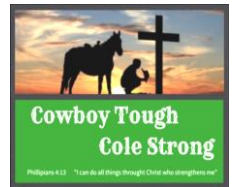
Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals are \$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 12, 2020: \$524,506

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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St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Epiphany 2

January 19, 2020

Second Sunday after the Epiphany (Year A)



John the Baptist clearly identifies Jesus as the holy “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” His testimony to those who will listen is the truth of what God is doing — offering mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation through the One in whom he is “well pleased.” In bread and wine, water and word, the Lamb offers us forgiveness and mercy and promises to be with us always. In him can we trust!

