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July 2020 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1764 Meyersville Road
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Office Hours: Tues. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:

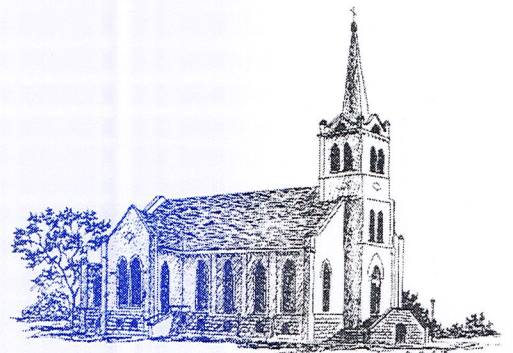
Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thurs. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Pr. John's Cell: 361-243-0373)
jboor25@yahoo.com

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

WORSHIP

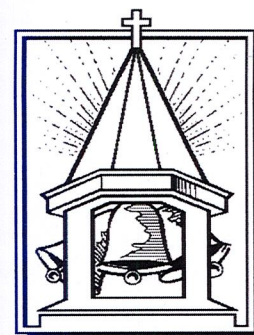
Sunday School for All Ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.

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



THE CHURCH BELL
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Greetings,

When my kids were growing up my daughter loved horror movies. She watched them whenever she got a chance, translation; when I wasn't around. I won't watch horror movies. My daughter tried to get me to watch Friday the 13th and Halloween but I wanted no part of them.

Why am I talking about horror movies? Well, it kind of feels like we're living in a strange type of horror movie right now. I'm not trying to paint a bad picture for you, but we're in scary and uncertain times. We really don't know what tomorrow will bring or what the next bit of news is going to look like.

Yet, the Bible tells us, "Do not fear." But for some of us, we feel like we're living in fear. Fear of going to the grocery store. Fear when we cough or sneeze, fear of opening our mail, there's a state of fear all around us.

But the Bible says DO NOT FEAR!! It means we are not to allow anxiety or worry rule our lives or take root in our hearts. We are not to be people of panic. We are to be a people of faith.

We know with Christ as our Shepherd, we need not fear the valley of the shadow of death. In Psalm 121, the psalmist tells us God is the Maker of heaven and earth watching over us, so we need not fear anything.

We don't want to be afraid, we want peace. We want that peace from God which surpasses all understanding. We want that peace to guard our hearts and minds. Peace seems so passive, yet, it's an extremely powerful word. Yet, here we are and many of us are struggling with fear and anxiety.

We never question the Lord's compassion and presence when things are going well. But God's compassion isn't measured by our circumstances nor is His kindness limited to our understanding. God cares just as much when the storms are raging as when the seas are calm. His mercy is not limited to the shining sun or the stillness of the waves.

Sometimes we need to go through the storms in order to discover our faith. We wish we didn't need to go through storms. We wish they didn't exist. We wish we didn't have to go through hardships to grow and mature and discover more about ourselves and life . . . but the fact is there are storms in life.

Trust that the Lord is with you! He is fighting for you! He is your redeemer and you are His child, holy and dearly loved and worth dying for. Know that Jesus is with you in the midst of the storms. The corona virus didn't shock Him, your hardships and struggles are not too much for Him! He's got this! Will you trust that ALL IS WELL and all will be well with your soul!

May God bless you all
Pastor John

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 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



Church Sign Humor



STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	0	0	0	0	0								0
Adult	0	0	0	0	0								0
Total Baptisms	0	0	0	0	0								0
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0								0
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0	0	0								0
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0								0
Funerals													
Members	0	1	0	0	0								1
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0								0
Counseling Sessions	2	1	2	4	2								11
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0								0
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	0								0
Home Visits	5	4	2	0	0								11
Hospital Visits													
Members	0	0	2	0	0								2
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0								0
Private Communion													
Members	3	2	2	0	0								7
Non-Members	25	12	12	0	0								49
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
Release of Membership	4	0	0	0	0								4
Restore to Membership	0	0	0	0	0								0

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor (Cell) 243-0373
 Council President -
 Vice President - Mitchell Jank 649-8681
 Secretary - Virginia Jank 575-6813
 Treasurer - Archie Abrameit (512)922-0975
 Financial Secretary - M'Liss Moore 275-8069

Parish Education - Laurie Pokluda 275-4232
 Mission/Evangelism - Linda Ruschhaupt 275-2059
 Property Team - Marvin Sager 243-1166
 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 August 2020 Church Bell is Friday, July 24, 2020 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to 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 prayer request please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979) Or Linda Ruschhaupt (361-275-4990) or the Pastor. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel at (361)275-5979.

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Egypt
 Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
 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 - Iraq
 Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
 Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
 Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, San Diego, CA



Please Pray for:

Nate Boehl
 Hunter Jacob
 Kenny Jacob
 Cole Ohrt
 Carly Waters
 Joy Hoy
 Marie Liner
 Bill Roeske
 Janice Turner
 Cliff Jacob

Nursing Home: Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun

Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus
 Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow

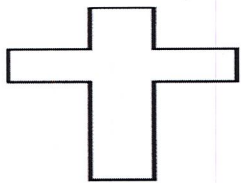
Prayer requests cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Mission of the Month of July

Our Church Mission

NALC disaster Relief/ Michigan Flood House Project Mission Statement

The NALC is refurbishing a home that was severely damaged in the floods where over 11,000 homes were destroyed. This home belongs to an 80 year old couple who have no significant means of support. The gentleman of the couple is suffering from stage 4 Lung cancer. The money will be used to feed the teams of workers who have volunteered to do the work on the project and for materials that are not donated. They have many youth teams who have signed up to work along with the other volunteers. This is the first such project for the NALC.



NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting towels for the month of July. Please bring colored towels only. Thank you.

Worship Team Notes

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. Communion will be by stations on the 1st & 3rd Sunday. Please note there are certain guidelines that have to be followed. A letter with

these specific guidelines has been mailed out, emailed, and is posted on our website & FaceBook page. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. The service will also be videoed & posted to the church website on Sundays, after noon sometime. Please continue to check the church website & FaceBook page for updates.

We keep the family of Barbara Elaine Mueller in our prayers. May God comfort her family at this time of loss.



In addition:

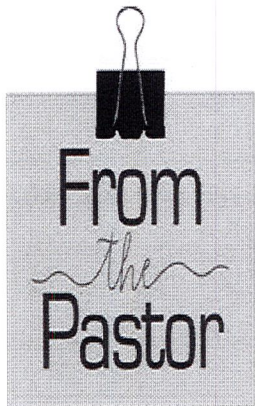
The Barbara Mueller Family would like to thank all for their thoughts and prayers, food, memorials, flowers, visits and other expressions of sympathy during the loss of our loved one.

Youth Group & Sunday School News



St. John's Youth Group is preparing for their upcoming trip to the beautiful Frio River in July. Nine youth met the attendance and fundraising eligibility requirements to go on the trip and they are: J.R. Bishop, Mackenna Diebel, Kendall Helms, Cason & Ella Jander, Caleb & Kyle Nagel, and Grace & Kendra Redmond. Chaperones for the trip are Doug & Wendy Bishop, Dwight & LeAnn Jander, and Summer Helms. The trip is scheduled for July 16-19 and will be full of outdoor fun, games, cooking lessons, life skills, tubing, kayaking, and more. Each day will open and close with devotional time sharing Scripture and thanking God for all his wonderful blessings. We are looking forward to a great time and will have more trip details going out to our youth group families in the next couple of weeks. Hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer! Sunday school does not meet in the Summer, but will hopefully resume in August. Our prayer is that when Sunday school does resume, we will have a full house! Prayers for all during this time.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has now been CANCELLED as well. Lutherhill ministries sent us this statement: After prayerful consideration, the Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel all congregational day camps for the summer of 2020.



New Office Hours for Pastor
Pastor John will have new weekly office hours at the **Parish Hall** every Tuesday & Thursday.

The hours are as follows:

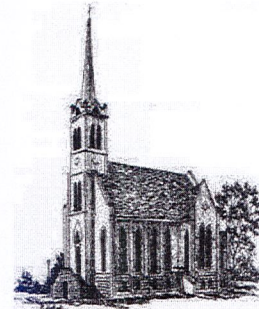
Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thursdays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Please note: Pastor's NEW email: jboor25@yahoo.com*

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.

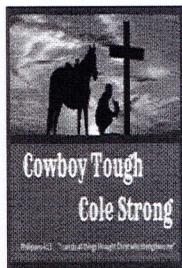


GOAL: \$599,553

RECEIVED AS OF June 21, 2020: \$547,180.80

Special Prayers for Cole
~NEW UPDATE~

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family. He continues to have therapy on a daily



basis at his home and will soon also be doing therapy in Victoria. God continues to be with Cole each and every day strengthening his faith, patience, and courage as he travels down this long and difficult journey. We thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for you to continue praying for Cole's healing and for strength and patience for him and his family. Thank you and God Bless.

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

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

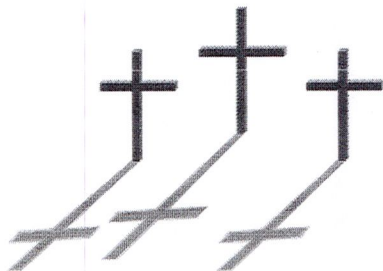
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)



Have a fun & safe 4th of July weekend!

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 26, 2020

By: Virginia Jank, Church Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor John Boor, Mitchell Jank (vice president presiding in the absence of a president), Virginia Jank (Secretary) Archie Abrameit (Treasurer) and Team leads Glenn Ruschhaupt (Finance), Linda Ruschhaupt (Mission and Evangelism), Laurie Pokluda (Parish Ed), Marv Sager (Property), and Johnny Jank (Worship).

CALL TO ORDER: Mitchell Jank called the meeting to order. Mitchell gave the opening devotion on "change", which can be a threat and a battle in our lives, which may cause anxiety as well. The one thing everyone needs to remember is that God is always constant and unchanging. God's love never changes, and He will always be there (past, present and future).

MINUTES: Reviewed, Motion to accept by Linda Ruschhaupt, 2nd by Marv Sager, and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed, Motion to accept by Laurie Pokluda, 2nd by Johnny Jank and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: A new light related circuit board card has been replaced in the church's outdoor lighted sign, and it is up and running.

PASTOR'S REPORT

I believe we need to have a discussion about reopening the Church.

I plan on finishing confirmation classes and scheduling a confirmation Sunday in June.

DISCUSSION: Reopening the Sanctuary will be discussed in the Worship Report.

Pastor's office hours were discussed. The council felt that set office hours would allow the Pastor to be more accessible with members knowing when he is available. Council suggested that the parsonage be set up as an office area and that this arrangement would make the Pastor more accessible to Sara and the church office.

FINANCE TEAM REPORT

Meeting Date - May 18th, 2020

Members Present - Glenn Ruschhaupt, Pastor John, M'Liss Moore, Archie Abrameit and Marv Sager

Opening Prayer - Given by Pastor John

REVIEW OF LATEST FINANCIAL REPORTS - Reports were reviewed and various details discussed.

OLD BUSINESS - Current estimated renovation completion costs remain at \$46,500 for the general contractor, and \$4000 for the architectural firm. M'Liss reported on work she has done on the January Checklist discussed at the March meeting. After discussion related to various recurring items with deadlines during other months throughout the year, it was decided to develop a more complete calendar type checklist to aid in timely action on those obligations as well.

Archie reported that there are still signature cards to update on a couple of less active financial accounts, and that effort is in progress.

NEW BUSINESS - None

OTHER - None

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 20th at 7:00 PM

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM REPORT

Mission of the Month June 2020 - Cuero Community Foundation/Camal House

This foundation is 501© 3 established to help strengthen the community. This organization is matching donations to area food banks such as Camal House to ensure that families receive the food they need for their families. For each dollar donated to the established fund (up to \$100,000) they will match that dollar, so it doubles the donation. They are doing it for three food banks in the area and we will designate ours for CAMAL House.

Other news from the Mission Team: We have cancelled the Ice Cream Social scheduled for June 6. The social was to kick off Vacation Bible School which has been cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

We will meet again in July to further discuss Mission Feast.

DISCUSSION: Mission Sunday will be set in September or October. Packets for new people in the community have been assembled and are being mailed out by Linda Ruschhaupt.

PARISH LIFE TEAM REPORT

There was no Parish Life meeting this month.

Beverly Bodden

PARISH ED TEAM REPORT

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DISCUSSION: Members of council discussed having a one day gathering for our Sunday School students. It was suggested that the Meyersville Country Club may be an excellent venue for this gathering once the Coronavirus issue has settled down.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

Meeting Date - May 17, 2020

Team Members Present:

Richard Bettge, Vance Egg, Pastor John, Mitchell Jank, Marv Sager

Items Complete:

- GVEC replaced light bulbs in exterior fixtures for which they are responsible
- Moon contacted for AC inspections

- Bathroom and kitchen supplies replenished
- Latch on parish hall porch door repaired
- New computer installed in church office
- New card for sign repair installed
- New bulb installed in one of sanctuary light fixtures

Old Business:

Repair crown molding strip on stage

General workday

Cemetery workday

Potential bat infestation problem:

- No new sightings
- No visible signs or odor in attic

Parsonage inspection and ac duct work:

- Pending

New Business:

Discussed items required for resumption of inside services, in accord with COVID-19 guidelines. Team recommends that Council approve purchase of applicable supplies along with associated items required to utilize and administer same.

Discussed sanctuary plaster issues. Tom Lodeweges will be contacted to review and potentially make repairs.

Renovation Progress:

Soil removal and grading in preparation for topsoil infill have been done, and a layer of topsoil has been spread over most of the construction area.

Following placement and grading of additional topsoil, the area will be ready to sod with grass. Team has received a bid from Chance Dukes to pick up and plant the grass.

The approach to the drop-off area has been graded in preparation for topping with crushed limestone.

Discussions with Roth Construction, along with RMA involvement, continue to be ongoing in efforts to resolve construction issues with elevation and grade on the elevator landing and elevator approach flatwork, as well as numerous unaddressed Punch List items.

Renovation Fund Status: \$543,195.80

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – June 14th at 8:00 am

DISCUSSION; Members of the property team are in the process of getting bids to level out the dirt at a height consistent with the level of the newly poured cement under the awning leading to the parish hall and the elevator and planting grass in that area.

WORSHIP TEAM REPORT

Worship Team members Beverly Bodden, Pastor John Boor, Johnny P Jank, Virginia Jank, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Marv Sager, Norrean Sager, and Bruce Weise attended the meeting held at 7:00PM on 5th of May 2020.

The only **Ongoing Business** to discuss was that the **Altar Candlesticks** are here and just need to be put on the altar in church. We decided to offer the current silver candlesticks to the Old Stone Church.

The main topic and the only **New Business** on the agenda was discussion on **Covid-19 Safety Concerns and when do we start services in the sanctuary?**

Discussion revolved around what we would need to do to begin holding services and how to adhere to current guidelines. Discussion and questions regarding each topic are as follows:

Current guidelines state: All attendees should sanitize their hands and put on a mask before entering the building.

* **Do we order the automatic dispensers and stands and just get volunteers to assist until then? Do we do this for only the narthex and close the wing doors? Do we close only the west wing and dispense in narthex and east wing?** Have a means of hand sanitizing as people enter. We talked about looking into the automatic dispensers you see in hospitals. To date we can get the stands to mount them on at a cost of \$130.00 each but I have not found the dispensers available until July and they cost about \$40.00 – 50.00 each. An alternative would be to have a volunteer stand and pump sanitizer for each person entering church.

Or do we ignore the guidelines and just put a pump bottle with sanitizer at each entrance and let people sanitize or not as they see fit?

Guideline states: Persons attending should put on a mask before entering the building.

* **If someone is not wearing a mask, do we supply one? Is it mandatory, if so, do we deny someone to enter if they won't put one on? ? ?** Figuring this might be a necessity at my work, we ordered some face masks and gloves and I have more than we need so we have access to both if we plan to use them and we can order more.

Guidelines state that: Social distancing of at least 6 feet should be maintained between non family members. (Writer's comment- this guideline needs to be more specific as to who are considered family members. At St John we could all probably sit bunched up like baby chicks under a brooder lamp cause we can all claim some sort of family connection to everyone in the congregation! Just saying!) Seriously though, if we intend to follow this guideline

* **Do we need to rope off every other pew, and then ask familiar groups to sit at either end of the open pews? Are we going to seat the persons or just allow them to find their own spot?** If we are going to seat them, we will need some additional volunteers. Don has his hands full with his current duties.

* **Also we need to consider what to do when we are full?** Based on every other pew usage, 6' distancing, and pre-Corona average attendance of approximately 80 people, we might be at capacity depending on who comes, who is part of the same family, are all adults or how many children. (See attached seating chart)

Guideline states: Clergy should dismiss attendees by family unit, maintaining social distancing.

* **Are we going to go back to ushering congregation out of the church to maintain distancing or let them "herd out" as they do now?** The lyrics "How you gonna keep em down on the farm after they've seen Patee" comes to mind. The back 3 or 4 pews have gotten pretty used to scooting out the back so I'm pretty sure their best "distancing practices" have them "distancing" themselves out the back with the last note of the doxology as usual!

Guideline states: Staff should sanitize seats and frequently touched surfaces between services.

* **We don't currently have staff to do that unless that is something our current cleaning person can do?** At Worship Team meeting we talked about the labor of wiping down pews and other surfaces or the cost of a commercial atomizer that one would walk around and basically "fog" the building.

These range in cost from \$750 to several thousand, so cost is a factor. In addition when using these outside to fog a garden or backyard you can get by with simply wearing a mask with filters, similar to what a painter would use. If you are using them in a confined area such as our church, because the "fog" is so fine, one would probably wear some PPE or be prepared to be sanitized head to toe. I had purchased a pump up sprayer for our shop to sanitize with, that has a pretty fine mist which works for our metal door handles, laminate countertops, and tile or commercial carpet flooring. I tried using it on a pew in the wing and even with the fine mist, it left the pew surface speckled. When I attempted to wipe it down the paper towel came back pretty dirty. This is not a negative comment on the current cleaning of the church, this is years of contact between human hands and a porous wood surface that left it's residue behind. Virginia said nothing short of a thorough cleaning with Murphy Oil Soap is going to get that build up off.

Guideline states: Encourage older (above 65) or members with underlying health risks to stay at home or hold a separate service for seniors.

* **Separate service?** The Worship Team felt this was not an option for St John Meyersville.

Guideline states: Consider how the sacraments can be administered without having to touch the same surfaces and objects.

* **How do we do communion?** The Worship Team considered several possibilities all of which dealt with using station communion. There was some discussion about using some barrier between Pastor John and those receiving communion, like the Plexiglas shields being used in most retail stores. If not, possibly just wear a mask and gloves like he did for the drive up service could be an option. Obviously the communion assistants would be have similar PPE.

All churches are navigating these same uncharted waters. We are all trying to plot a course that respects the concerns of all, follows the guidelines as close as possible, and remain faithful to our mission. Other area churches run the gambit of how they are proceeding.

Our Catholic brothers and sisters across the creek started back in church a couple of Sundays ago. They are closing every other pew and limiting the capacity to 50 attendees. The rest of the congregation is continuing to listen to the service via a broadcast. When it comes to Communion the priest is coming outside to those in the vehicles.

The ELCA coop of Arneckeville, Schroeder, and Coletoville are holding services outside under trees and broadcast with the pastor under the pavilion.

Grace Lutheran in Victoria started back having their services in their sanctuary. They have chairs instead of pews so they have removed some of the chairs. They spray the hands of each person entering the building but they are not requiring masks.

At this point we just need to come up with a plan regarding how we are going to hold our services, write the procedures down so those with concerns can feel comfortable about attending or worship in a different way, and adjust if we see ways to tweak the plan as we see it needs it.

After the discussion of the items above the Worship Team decided to plan to start holding service on the 7th of June the

first Sunday and to have a communion service in the sanctuary. We have our next meeting on the 2nd of June prior to the planned service but we welcome the input and approval of council on these issues.

After we picked songs for 31st May through 14th of June. Then we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting – Schedule as necessary Next scheduled meeting 2nd June 2020 @ 7:00PM

DISCUSSION: Here is the outcome of the Council's discussion in regard to reopening the Sanctuary: Volunteers will be at each entrance to the church to provide hand sanitizer to all that enter the church. Masks will be recommended and available at the entrance to the church. The service will still be broadcasted over the radio in the church's parking lot. Johnny will make signs for every other pew in the church and place them on the pew cushions requesting that no one sit in those pews. Ushering of people in church will start in the front of the church and released in accordance with social distancing. There will be no need for a second service in view of attendance inside the sanctuary at this time. Communion will be held as station communion at every communion service at this time and masks and gloves will be worn by all communion assistants during communion. Communion assistants will be used to distribute communion to the members who are in the parking lot listening to the radio broadcast. The service will continue to be recorded and uploaded to our Church's website for those who wish to participate in their homes. The Bulletins will be printed for all so that there will be no handling of the hymnals during this epidemic.

ADDITIONAL Discussion: The office computer has been replaced and the old one will remain for a few months. After that time our "I T" person, Chris, will have the hard drive deleted and the remains recycled. It was also brought to the attention of Council that there are several old computers in the Pastor's old office in the hallway of the parish hall that can also be taken care of at the same time. Council was also informed that Chris has done upgrading on our computer and provided technical support at no cost to the Church. It was suggested that we provide him with some form of appreciation for his much needed attention and work performed. Marv Sager volunteered to take care of this in the form of a gift card to show the Church's great appreciation for his time and help.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

July 5

- Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Johnna Kethan
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

July 12

- Greeters - John & Margie Swannack
Reader - Dickie Bettge
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

July 19

- Greeters - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Reader - Caden Jander
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

July 26

- Greeters - Candy Cowley
Reader - Kernell Moritz
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

July Communion Assistant

Brian Wendel

July Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

July Nursing Home Visitor

Dianna Bartosh

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August 2

- Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Reader - Trish Hood
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

August Communion Assistant

Dickie Bettge

August Altar Guild

Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

August Nursing Home Visitor

Virginia Abrameit

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

- 1 - Kernell Moritz
Lela Moritz
2 - Keaton Wendel
3 - Justin Albrecht
4 - Martha Diebel
6 - Ella Jander
Vicki Motley
9 - Rylan Dreier
10 - Grady Seiler
13 - Brenda Boor
Faith Chavez
15 - Stephanie Egg
16 - Chance Sanders
17 - Grace Fuchs
Morgan Zengerle
20 - Braden Parsons
21 - Molly Turner
22 - Brenda Gohmert
Archie Abrameit
23 - Jimmy Caskey
Margie Swannack
Melinda Nethery
25 - Emily Glawson
Tammy Boehl
28 - Jared Ohrt
29 - Bryan Nethery
Charlie Rangnow
Jimmy Baros
30 - Elizabeth Giles
Casen Waters
31 - Ellwood Rangnow, Jr.

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 3 - Jay & Cheryl Bramlette
6 - Buck & Toi Rangnow
7 - Donald & Dianna Hoy
Cory & Lacey Rains
10 - Dean & Kay Ohrt
13 - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
18 - Morris & Meliss Eckhardt
22 - Jason & Marigayle Ohrt
27 - Jimmy & JoBeth Caskey
Marvin & Norrean Sager

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



July 2020

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Mebersville, TX

Church Office: (361)277-8653, Pastor John's Cell: (361)243-0373

Mission of the Month:
NALC disaster Relief /
Michigan Flood House Project

*Please note: All events subject to change due to COVID-19. Please look on our website: <http://stjohnmebersville.org/> or our Facebook page: [St. John Mebersville](#) for changes & updates.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5th Sunday after Pentecost 5 10:15 AM Worship	6	7 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	8 10 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Women's Bible Study	9 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	10	11 
6th Sunday after Pentecost 12 8:00 AM Property Team 10:15 AM Worship	13	14 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	15 10 AM Comm. Service GueroNursing&Rehab 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Men's Bible Study	16 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	17	18
7th Sunday after Pentecost 19 10:15 AM Worship	20 7 PM Finance Team	21 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	22 1:30 PM Quilters	23 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	24	25
8th Sunday after Pentecost 26 10:15 AM Worship	27	28 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting	29 1:30 PM Quilters	30 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	31	Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins 

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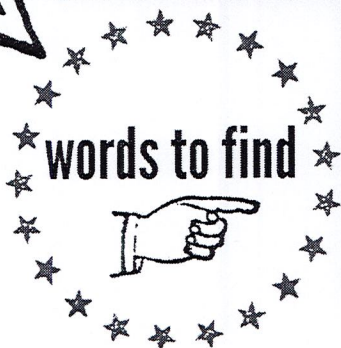
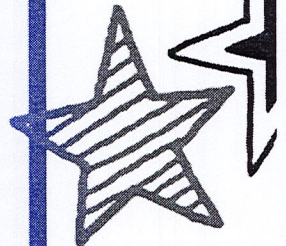
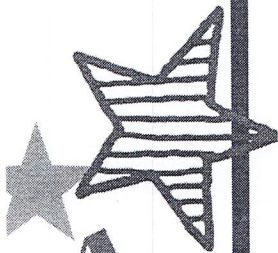
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July 4th **word search**



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