

**I choose
to give to
this last
worker
as I give
to you**

Matthew 20:14

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation Sunday

September 20, 2020

Greeter This Week: John & Margie Swannack

Greeter Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Confirmands/Parents

Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Pam Haun

Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays



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.

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN NURTURE
A service based on the six chief parts of the Catechism

THE PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate the ministry of Christian nurture – the entire spectrum of things we do to foster Christian growth in people of all ages. As we celebrate, we are aware of the power of the Word and the Sacraments, and all the ways in which they are central to spiritual growth. But we are also aware of all the many people who are involved in these ministries of nurture, and we thank God for the way He uses these servants to personalize His message for each of us.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

(WOV) #770

**“I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are
old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to
see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a
child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to
find where demons dwell.”**

**“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you
on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to
whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your
time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from
dusk 'till rising sun.”**

**“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer
young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, Com-
plete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes
in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with
just one more surprise.”**

**“I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.”**

WELCOME

Welcome to our Confirmation Service. Thank you for coming to share this service with us. This is an important day for us, a day on which we confirm our faith in our Lord. We hope that as you participate in this worship service, you can reaffirm your faith in Him along with us. **LET US BEGIN OUR WORSHIP IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

WHY ARE WE HERE?

In Baptism, we become a child of God. We are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the Cross of Christ forever. As infants we were told to “Let our light shine before others that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven.” Now, as Confirmands, we may affirm these words. As children, we came to Sunday School to learn about God’s love and His Holy Word. Our Confirmation classes also helped us learn more about Jesus Christ. Today we are here because we know the Lord will love us no matter where we go or what we do and we love Him and want to serve Him.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Ten Commandments and Office of the Keys

Student: God says in His word, "You shall have no other gods."

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."

People: Lord, Have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy"

People: Lord, Have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, "Honor your father and your mother."

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, "You shall not murder."

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, "You shall not commit adultery."

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, "You shall not steal."

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, You shall not covet your neighbor's house."

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

People: Lord, have mercy.

(Silence for reflection)

Pastor: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said unto them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whosoever sins you remit, they are remitted unto them,. And whosoever sins you retain, they are retained,"

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name he gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

People: AMEN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

(Silence for reflection)

Pastor: Loving Father, as we gather again around the Word and Sacraments,
People: **we give you thanks for those who labor in the ministry of nurture,**

Pastor: so that through the Word and Sacraments,
People: **our faith may be strengthened, and our lives enriched.**

Pastor: Help us to live what we believe,
People: **and to reach out towards others with our nurture,**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
People: **Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN**

FIRST READING: Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' ²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:5-12

⁵For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, ¹⁰but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher. ¹²For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

VERSE (Sung)

"Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life
Alleluia, Alleluia"

Stand

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7:15-29

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 7th chapter.

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

¹⁵“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn *bushes* nor figs from thistles, are they? ¹⁷So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰So then, you will know them by their fruits.

²¹“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. ²²Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ ²³And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’

²⁴“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and *yet* it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”

²⁸When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; ²⁹for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON Pastor John Boor

HYMN

“I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY”

(WOV) #752

**“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**“I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”**

Refrain

**“I, the lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”**

Refrain

CREED

The Apostles’ Creed is a statement of what Christians believe about the triune God.

The Creed is of ancient origin, tracing its roots back to the first century.

The Apostles’ Creed is the Church’s baptismal creed; that is, it expresses the faith into which we are baptized.

When we confess the Creed, we witness to our unity with Christians of all times and all places who confess the same faith.

When we confess the Creed, we affirm that the Church of Jesus Christ transcends the limits of time and geography.

So with the whole Church on earth, and with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we confess our faith in the God who saves us.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.**

On the third day he rose again;

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

BAPTISMAL DIRECTIVE

At Baptism the following is directed to parents and Godparents and the congregation:

“In Christ’s love you presented us for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring us to the services of God’s house, teach us the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As we grow in years, you should place in our hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for our instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of our Baptism and in communion with the Church, we may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.”

GUIDANCE ALONG THE WAY TO CONFIRMATION

We would like to thank Pastor John, our families, our sponsors, our Sunday School teachers, and our friends for their guidance. We have spent much time learning to get along with each other, learning to trust in the Church, its teachings and each other. Confirmation has strengthened the bonds of love in all these things.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for making these people a part of our lives. Without them, we would not be as close to you as we are. Our parents, along with our Godparents, brought us into Your Family when we were baptized. Your teachers brought meaning into what you and Your Words are all about. They helped us understand that You will always be our friend, just like they have been. Please watch over them and let them know they are loved for everything they have done for us.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

The following people, Justin Bishop, Mackenna Diebel, Alexis Flessner, Ella Jander, Scott Motley, Caleb Nagel, Kyle Nagel, Grace Redmond, and Kendra Redmond, having been instructed in the Christian faith, now desire to make public affirmation of their faith.

In Holy Baptism you were received by our Lord Jesus Christ and made members of His Church. Now you choose to affirm the faith of the Church as your own, and to accept personal responsibility for active participation in the life and ministry of this congregation. I therefore ask you:

Do you believe in God the creator? Do you accept His Son, Jesus Christ, as your Lord and as the Savior of the world? Do you believe that this same God continues to be with you, through His Holy Spirit?

THE PLEDGE OF THE CONFIRMANDS

“I DO BELIEVE THAT God is my creator and that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that the Holy Spirit will be with me now and forever and I promise to be faithful unto Him, even unto death. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism;

To live among God’s Faithful people, to hear His word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so answer, **“YES WITH THE HELP OF GOD.”**

Do you intend to honor their unique gifts, support them with your prayers, attend to their spiritual and physical needs, and work with them in harmony, that God’s will may be done in and through this corporate body? Do you intend to grow with them and to continually confirm and reconfirm YOUR faith?

If so answer, **“YES, WITH THE HELP OF GOD.”**

LET US PRAY

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, and the spirit of joy in your presence’ through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. AMEN

THE BLESSING

Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

Student: Amen

THE PRAYER (Congregation in unison)

Almighty and merciful God, complete the work that is begun in these young people today. Let their partnership with people of faith throughout the world be such that no false doctrine, no selfish desires, and no love of any material thing will lead them away from you or from the faith which we jointly hold, in joyful obedience to You and to Your Word, enable all of us to serve You more faithfully, in both word and deed, that your name may be honored and your will be done. AMEN

THE PRAYERS

Leader: Heavenly Father, as you have given us the gift of life, and the gifts of thinking and acting, and feeling, so give us the gift of you Holy Spirit.

People: **That we may make of our lives a response of loving service in your name.**

Leader: As you have given us new birth in baptism, so gather us together as your people.

People: **That we may live as Christ to our world and witness His love to our generation.**

Leader: Gather old and young, men and women, boys and girls, into common tasks for you.

People: **For we are all your children, each with his own strength to contribute to your work.**

Leader: Forgive our frailties, and our sinning, and our blindness to doing your will.

People: **And once forgiven, strengthen us in the new life in Christ.**

Leader: We ask you to help parents be your channels of guidance and caring to their children.

People: **Building on their baptism the knowledge of you, their Lord, and your love for them.**

Leader: We ask you to help young people accept the responsibilities of loyalty and commitment to you.

People: **Strengthening our church in vitality and vision and enthusiasm.**

Leader: We ask you to help young people respect those of experience who have and are now serving your church.

People: **Preserving the wisdom and knowledge of the past as a firm foundation for change and development.**

Leader: We ask you to make all of us the means by which you reach to the needy, the troubled, the lonely, the sorrowful.

People: **That one day we may stand among those who are already welcomed into your eternal kingdom.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary....we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
That all those who believe in him should not perish,
But have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
That we may receive our Lord
With a living faith as he comes to us

In his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever, and ever. Amen**

Come for the Lord's table is ready.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with
Shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Go in peace; serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymn #565 LBW

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

POSTLUDE



Celebrating their Confirmation
Congratulations to our new Confirmands on a job well done!
May God continue to bless you always!

Justin Reed Bishop

Justin is the son of Doug & Wendy Bishop. He was born on September 14, 2006 and was baptized at Zion Lutheran on November 5, 2006.

Mackenna Gayle Diebel

Mackenna is the daughter of Lindsey Diebel. She was born on January 24, 2006 and was baptized at St. John Lutheran on April 16, 2006.

Alexis Grace Flessner

Alexis is the daughter of Randall & Melissa Flessner. She was born on January 5, 2007 and was baptized at St. Mark's Lutheran on January 13, 2007.

Ella LaMour Jander

Ella is the daughter of Dwight & LeAnn Jander. She was born on July 6, 2007 and was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran on August 12, 2007.

Scott Wendel Motley

Scott is the son of Sandy & Vicki Motley. He was born on November 21, 2005 and was baptized at First English Lutheran on January 22, 2006.

Caleb Allen Nagel

Caleb is the son of Nikki Carver & Wade Nagel. He was born on August 11, 2006 and was baptized at St. John Lutheran on October 15, 2006.

Kyle Bryan Nagel

Kyle is the son of Nikki Carver & Wade Nagel. He was born on August 11, 2006 and was baptized at St. John Lutheran on October 15, 2006.

Grace Erin Redmond

Grace is the daughter of Richard & Sandra Redmond. She was born on March 30, 2005 and was baptized at St. John Lutheran on September 19, 2020.

Kendra Ryann Redmond

Kendra is the daughter of Richard & Sandra Redmond. She was born on March 30, 2005 and was baptized at St. John Lutheran on September 19, 2020.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

- Today 9/20** **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship ~ *Confirmation Sunday* ~
- Mon 9/21** **Office Closed**
7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
- Tues 9/22** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
- Wed 9/23** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church Meeting
- Thurs 9/24** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
- Fri 9/25** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
- Next Sun** **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
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, September 13, 2020

General \$1,982.00 MOM-Lutheran Bible Translators \$390.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Sunday School \$66.02, NALC \$10.00, Building \$140.00, Reno. \$790.00 **Total: \$3,398.02**

UPDATE - Worship Team Notes - UPDATE

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 Sunday until further notice. 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.



ELECTION 2020

Over 230 years ago, in 1788 and every four years since, an event takes place that has the ability to change the course of our nation. In around two months, on November 3rd, the presidential election will take place. Whether it will result in a second term or the election of a new president, it will definitely bring about a change for our country. No matter which candidate or party one associates with, we each have a responsibility to take part in making our voice heard by voting our conscience.



Mission of the Month of September



Lutheran Bible Translators Mission Statement

LBT is an independent Lutheran mission organization.

Mission: Lutheran Bible Translators makes God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts.

Vision: God is transforming the lives of people around the world as they read and use His Word in their heart language.

The work they do is not just translating scripture but also involves language development (creating dictionaries, recording history, documenting culture) health developmentall of this to ensure that after the missionaries leave God's work will continue. In some areas they actually have to teach the people to read first, then teach them the Word so they can't just translate and move on they have to stay till the people can teach their own the way of our Lord.

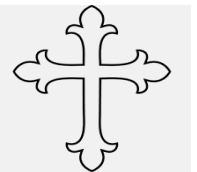
Over one Billion people in the world still do not have a Bible in their language. An estimated 165 million people do not have a single bible verse of Scripture.

They have translated the Bible in 70 languages and have impacted 20 million people.

For seven straight years they have maintained a four star rating with Charity Navigator. Only 4% of their total budget goes to overhead expenses.

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 toys for the month of September. Thank you.



Youth Group News



Today's youth group gathering has been postponed due to confirmation celebrations being held. We will update youth group families as soon as new plans have been made. In the meantime, hope everyone's school year is off to a great start!

Wendy & Doug Bishop

St. John Youth Group Sponsors



ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITY/PLEA

One of our faithful Altar Guild teams is no longer able to serve. Therefore, the Altar Guild is urgently asking for each of you to prayerfully and seriously consider being a part of a team to serve on the Altar Guild. Please contact Carol Ann Sagebiel or any Altar Guild member for more information, etc. Thank You.

Altar Flowers

The flowers are given by the Jander family to the Glory of God for blessings upon Ella Lamour Jander on her Confirmation Day.
May God continue to bless her.



Called Congregational Meeting

September 16, 2020

Members of St. John Lutheran Church,

A called congregation meeting will be held immediately after services on September 27, 2020. This meeting is being called by the church council to get approval for the addition of gravel and crushed limestone to the parking lot and drive-thru section of the church expansion project. The estimated total will exceed the authority given to the council by the constitution. This is the only item on the agenda for this meeting.

Sincerely,

Council members of St. John Lutheran Church



CALLED
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING



Quilters Service Project needs any unwanted sheets. Please put them on the table on the stage in the Parish Hall. Thank you.

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:

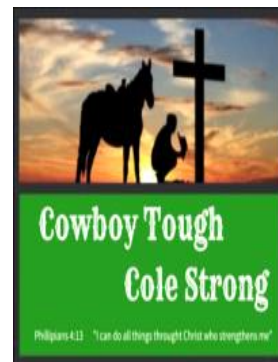
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)



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 13, 2020: \$552,805.80



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
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, San Diego, CA



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carly Waters
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Janice Turner
Sarah Cooper
Jimmy Caskey

Nursing Home: Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun
Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow



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Pentecost 16

September 20, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20 (Year A)

God's generosity to his people is beyond our human understanding. We often count and keep score of what is given to us and compare it to what others have received. This is not the way God works. God gives to each according to their need, and it is given out of love and mercy. It is not for us to compare or to cry "Unfair!" because God's ways are beyond our limited human understanding.