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May 2021 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

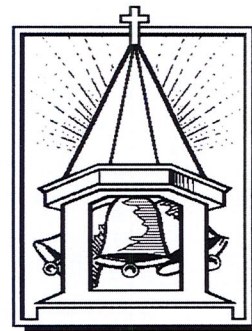
WORSHIP

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

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first & third Sunday of each month. Welcome to all new members!



THE CHURCH BELL
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)
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Greetings,

The past year has been a challenge to say the least. However, I have observed that it has brought out the best in many people. I have been pleasantly surprised at how well we have come together as a congregation to make the best of whatever was happening.

There have been many that contributed to our worship services that have allowed us to offer worship services, in various forms to meet the needs of the congregation. From broadcasting on FM to people in their cars to recording the services and putting them on the internet.

Fortunately, we are returning to normal services. Easter Sunday was well attended and we were able to gather together in the sanctuary and finally celebrate the resurrection of Christ in our sanctuary. I was a service that I and many others regretted our not being able to do last year.

This past weekend our Youth Group did the entire service. It was a modified contemporary service with Johnna giving the message. I have heard several positive comments from members and some suggesting we need to do it more often.

On Memorial Day Weekend we are once again going to have our service in recognition of our veterans. I have had many mention that they also regretted that we were unable to have this service last year.

We will again be blessed to have someone from Warriors Retreat present the message and I am hoping to have other guests as well.

With the reduction of the Covid virus in Texas the decision has been made to also have Vacation Bible School this year and we are in the process of making arrangements for our youth to attend Summer Camp.

God has truly blessed us in the past year and I am sure He will continue to do so in the coming year.

God's blessings

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



STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2021

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	1	0	0										1
Adult	0	0	0										0
Total Baptisms	1	0	0										1
Confirmations	0	0	0										0
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0										0
Non-Members	0	0	0										0
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0										0
Non-Members	1	0	0										1
Counseling Sessions	2	2	1										5
Transfer Out	0	0	0										0
Transfer In	0	2	0										2
New Members													
Adults	0	5	0										5
Children	0	6	0										6
Home Visits	0	0	0										0
Hospital Visits													
Members	0	0	0										0
Non-Members	0	0	0										0
Private Communion													
Members	0	0	0										0
Non-Members	0	0	0										0
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
Release of Membership	0	0	0										0
Restore to Membership	0	0	0										0

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor (Cell) 243-0373
 Council President - Obert Sagebiel 275-5087
 Vice President - Mitchell Jank 649-8681
 Secretary - Trish Hood 212-7322
 Treasurer - Archie Abrameit (512) 922-0975
 Financial Secretary - M'Liss Moore 275-8069

Parish Education - Johnna Picard 649-4234
 Mission/Evangelism - Cathie Bettge 275-8035
 Property Team - Marvin Sager 243-1166
 Finance Team - Charles Egg (281) 844-3358
 Parish Life Team - Beverly Bodden 570-3393
 Worship Team - Brenda Gohmert 649-1606



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

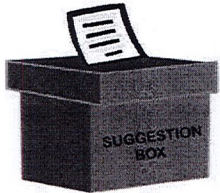
Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

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 June 2021 Church Bell is Friday, May 21, 2021 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnvlutheran@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 or wish to be on the prayer chain please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500 or Pastor John (361)243-0373. 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.

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Kuwait
 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 - Iraq
 Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
 Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
 Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina



Please Pray for:

Adam Womble
 Hunter Jacob
 Kenny Jacob
 Cole Ohrt
 Carly Waters
 Joy Hoy
 Marie Liner
 Bill Roeske
 Jimmy Caskey
 Britany Jank Tomas
 Samantha Hein
 Bea Fagg
 David Diebel
 Bette Jo Haun

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow & Marjorie Ideus
 Sodalis Senior Living ~ Bette Jo Haun

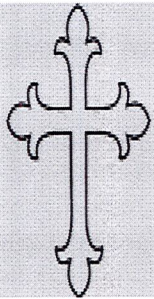
Prayer requests cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Mission of the Month of May

Our Church Mission

NALC Seminary Mission Statement

The NALC set a seminary goal in 2020 to be the denomination with the strongest and most highly respected Lutheran Seminary Training System in North America. Last year in October of 2020 Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, President of NALC Seminary Board of Regents was our mission speaker on this topic. At that time he informed us of how this could be done. With our donations we can help the NALC attain its goal to upgrade the structure, the program, and recruitment of the seminary over the next 3 years.



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 scrub hairbrushes & combs for the month of May. Thank you!

Thank You

The Meyersville 4-H Club picked up trash at the cemetery on Tuesday, April 20th in appreciation for St. John letting them use the parish hall for their meetings.



Please Help

The Old Stone Church Historical Committee is in search of vintage photographs of both the Old Stone Church and of St. John church. The current church (gothic structure) will be 100 years old in July 2021. We would ask permission to scan the images for upcoming projects and preservation purposes. Please contact M'Liss Moore at 275-8069 if you have any pictures tucked away in your treasures.

Vacation Bible School



Join Us
this Summer

Summer is near and St. John's is starting to work on Vacation Bible School! Here are the details so far:

When: August 2 - 6

Time: TBD

Ages: 6-12

For those with kids interested in attending, mark your calendars and we'll be mailing out sign up forms. We'll be taking all kids in this age range, including friends and family members of church members.

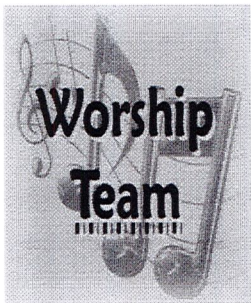
For those with kids who are older, we need as much help as possible. We need help with class leaders, song leaders, and activity leaders. Please contact Laurie Pokluda, Trish Hood, or Johnna Picard if your child is interested in helping out during camp.

And for all adults who'd like to help, we need as many volunteers as possible. We are not enlisting the help of outside councilors; we are managing all work with church members. So if you can help out the whole week, a few days, or just one day, please reach out to Laurie, Trish, or Johnna because we need all available hands!

We're looking forward to an amazing Vacation Bible School and can't wait to rejuvenate our faith this summer!



To All of the Wonderful Mothers here at St. John! Have a blessed day with loved ones!



NEW UPDATE:

Worship Team Notes

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. Communion will go back to the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month by stations. Any changes will be noted in this

article. Please note there are certain guidelines that have to be followed. These specific guidelines are 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.

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 April 25, 2021:\$575,738.30



★ ★ ★ HAPPY ★ ★ ★
MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR
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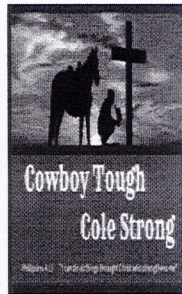
St. John will be having a Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 30, 2021.

We will remember all military men & women we have lost & honor those serving. May God bless them & their families. A reception with cookies & lemonade will follow in the parish hall.



Special Prayers for Cole

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 COUNCIL MINUTES

March 23, 2021

By: Trish Hood, Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor John Boor, Obert Sagebiel (President), Mitchell Jank (Vice-President), Trish Hood (Secretary), Archie Abrameit (Treasurer), M'Liss Moore (Financial Secretary), Charles Egg (Finance), Cathie Bettge (Mission and Evangelism), Beverly Bodden (Parish Life), Johnna Picard (Parish Ed), Marv Sager (Property), Brenda Gohmert (Worship).

CALL TO ORDER: Obert called the meeting to order.

OPENING DEVOTION: Charles read a passage from 2nd Timothy 13. Paul was talking to Young Timothy about the Church, and the importance of the Word of God as the central focus of the church.

MINUTES: Reviewed, motion to accept by Johnna, seconded by Charles, carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed, motion to accept Mitchell, seconded by Cathie, carried.

Pastor Report

I recommend that we resume offering communion twice a month, the first and third Sunday, each month. I have talked with Brenda Gohmert and she has no objections. It would remain station communion until the fears of Covid are past.

I am considering doing another New Members class in the near future.

Cathie, and Laurie, and I are working together to update our membership list. We sent letters to those who did not meet the requirements stated in the constitution, as was approved by council.

I would like to clarify the purpose for updating

our directory. It is not our desire to remove anyone from our church membership. We are hopeful that most, if not all, will take our letter as we intended it, as a reminder to return to church.

Our constitution states that we are to do this yearly. Our constitution also states that if someone has not communed and contributed for a period of two years, they are to be removed from the confirmed membership record.

Once the list is updated Laurie is working to re-establish the shepherd list that was once very active in our church.

God's blessings

Pastor John

DISCUSSION: It was decided to have station communion twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, beginning in April.

We also discussed the letters that were sent out to inactive members, and we all agreed that we hope that all of our members continue to join us for worship and communion!

FINANCE TEAM

Charles reported that they are looking into getting a donate button on the web site, that would enable members to make monthly donations to the church. It should work with a debit or credit card, and hopefully will be able to set up ACH also.

Mission Evangelism Team

March 19, 2021 Report

Water Missions, specifically Disaster Response: Texas Winter Storm, will be the April Mission of the Month. They will focus on restoring safe drinking water to the elderly, disabled, and uninsured in Texas as a result of the February weeklong freezing temperatures and power outages that caused many broken pipes.

The NALC Disaster Warehouse items for collection will be scrub brushes and scouring cleanser (ex. Comet)

We discussed how the phone prayer chain and the bulletin prayer requests could be united as one.

Pastor John had been contacted by David Snyder, Director of Program Ministries of Lutheran Bible Translators. He would like to meet with us April 23 to discuss a mission field in an Ethiopian seminary which is nearing completion.

DISCUSSION: Cathie told us that the Water Missions, based in Charleston, South Carolina, has been a 4- Star Charity for 13 years.

We also learned that the Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran Church Organization is the largest Lutheran Church Organization in the World. And this new Ethiopian Seminary, Mekane Jesus, is a part of it.

PARISH LIFE tEAM

Parish Life did not meet in March.

PARISH ED COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Sunday March 7th – 8:00 a.m.

Attendees: Johnna Picard, Kathy Dunn, Trish Hood, Laurie Pokluda, Feather Diebel, Tamara Zengerle, Johnny Jank, and Rachel Nessel.

Agenda Item 1: Breakfast for Easter Sunrise Service – It was discussed and decided to have the breakfast with provisions in place for added safety. The plates will be individually made and boxed, and tables will be spread out to provide more space for attendees. Volunteers for cooking were discussed and have been decided on.

Agenda Item 2: Sunday School Curriculum for next year – It was decided that the memorization material provided by Sola will be incorporated into the lessons for next year. New books will be bought for the 2nd – 5th

grade class. Trish is still looking into a suitable curriculum for Pre-K and Kinder class as Sola's options are not quite what we are looking for.

Meeting was adjourned.

DISCUSSION: Easter breakfast will be Pancakes and Bacon.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

MARCH, 2021

Meeting Date – March 07, 2021

Team Members Present:

Pastor John Boor, Richard Bettge, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Vance Egg, Mitchell Jank, Marv Sager, and Obert Sagebiel.

Items Addressed:

- Meeting with Tom Lodeweges on February 28th regarding basement restoration
- Meeting with Tim Westphal on March 2nd regarding upcoming renovation mediation meeting
- Upcoming mediation meeting with Roth Construction scheduled for March 9th
- Victoria AC regarding system evaluation and unit replacement (meeting held on March 12)
- Calvos Janitorial Service as resource for deep cleaning parsonage (meeting held on March 17)
- Restore caulking on church concrete flatwork and steps
- Congregational workday scheduled
- Restroom supplies replenished
- Sanctuary AC filters checked

Ongoing Items:

-Tom Lodeweges awaiting consistently warmer temperatures to address previously discussed issues.

- Installation of additional dead bolt to secure front sanctuary entrance and lockable closure on north wing entrance.

-Victoria AC evaluation and suggested repair of current heating and AC system

-Parsonage inspection, AC duct work, and deep cleaning

Renovation Progress:

Dickie, Glenn, and Marv met with Ray Reese, Errol Dietze and Roth Construction management together with their attorney on January 9th. An additional meeting was held on March 19th with Dickie, Glenn, Marv, Ray Reese, and Patrick Ohrt, in the offices of Dietze and Reese. Discussions remain ongoing in efforts to resolve construction errors related to elevation/grade on the elevator landing, ponding on the elevator approach flatwork, and cracks in the drop-off slab concrete, along with remaining unaddressed Punch List items.

Old Stone Church Committee

Did not meet in February; next scheduled meeting is March 24th at 9:00 am.

Approximate Renovation Fund Donations To Date - \$582,000

Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 11th, 2021 at 8:00 AM

DISCUSSION: After some discussion, Johnna made the motion to recommend to the congregation at a called congregational meeting on April 11th, that we accept Victoria Air's bid to replace the 7 ton a/c with a 5 ton unit for \$7300 +. Motion was seconded by Charles, and carried.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Did not meet in March. Next meeting is April 6th at 6 p.m. But we all agreed to open the whole church for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday to make room for a larger crowd than normal, and see how that goes before opening it every Sunday. We hope anyone that is

uncomfortable with this will feel free to worship with us in their cars.

OLD BUSINESS: Marv informed us that our church building will be 100 years old in July, and we discussed celebrating this in some way. It was decided to give this more thought and discuss it again at our April meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.



Keep up with St. John online

St. John Meyersville

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

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

May 2

- Greeters** - John & Margie Swannack
Reader - Beverly Bodden
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

May 9

- Greeters** - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Reader - Dwight Jander
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

May 16

- Greeters** - Candy Cowley
Reader - Neal Moritz
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

May 23

- Greeters** - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Reader - Wanda Hays
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

May 30

- Greeters** - Youth Group
Reader - Kathy Dunn
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

May Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

May Altar Guild

Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

May Nursing Home Visitor

Nicole Leist

LOOKING AHEAD...

June 6

- Greeters** - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Cathie Bettge
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

June Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

June Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

June Nursing Home Visitor

Cathie Bettge

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 to:

- 2 - Billie Egg
4 - Gracie Lynn Diebel
Katrina Moritz
Mary Moritz
5 - Bette Jo Haun
Courtney Porter
MayDell Jacob
8 - Brianna Rios
11 - Fay Froehlich
18 - Jason Wendel
19 - Brian Diebel
20 - Lindsey Diebel
21 - David Diebel
22 - Travis Eichhorn
24 - Sarah Cooper
25 - Kolby Jank
26 - Candy Cowley
Dianna Bartosh
Glenn Ruschhaupt
27 - Clay Haun
Mason Nagel
29 - Caden Jander
30 - Tamara Zengerle
31 - Gary Jacob
Isaac "Scratch" Egg



Anniversary Greetings to:

- 13 - Michael & Candy Cowley
18 - Gary & Dee Moeller
22 - Dana & Eric Mann
24 - Obert & Carol Ann Sagebiel
30 - Melanie & Holden Light



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

Mother's Day

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