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August 2021 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
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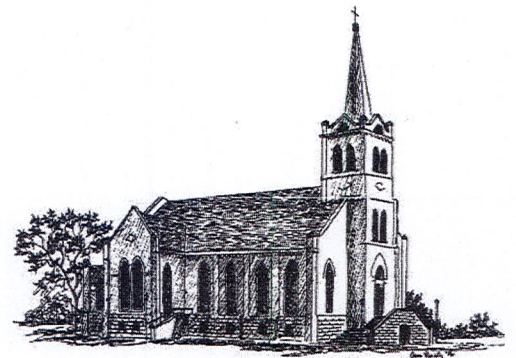
Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:

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Thurs. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Pr. John's Cell: 361-243-0373)
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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 is celebrated on the first & third Sunday of each month. Welcome to all new members!

THE CHURCH BELL

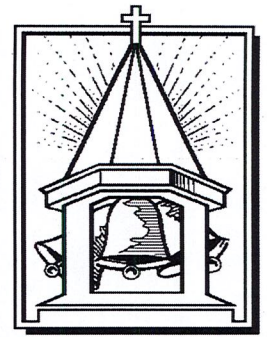
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Greetings,

I recently read an article about the declining attendance at churches across the country. It mentioned that this was not new but that the numbers had increased dramatically in the past year because of the pandemic.

As a result of the pandemic churches have turned to various methods to reach their members. One of which is live streaming, or recording the service and posting it online. While this served a purpose, we are creatures of habit. People realized they could set at home and watch the service without getting dressed and going somewhere.

However, it is important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have a community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

At church we gather as a group of believers and we come to worship together. There is a bond and we serve each other in our times of need. There is a connection as we sit in the church with other believers that we can't build on our couch.

As Christians we are contributors. We don't watch. We engage, we give, we sacrifice, we encourage, and we do life together.

The church needs you and you need the church.

No matter where you are in your life, no matter the troubles or tribulations in your life, in church you can be part of a community. You can use your gifts and talents to advance the kingdom and reach others. You can connect with others and they can use their gifts to help you in times of need.

While I'm grateful to the technology to keep us connected when we can't physically come to the church, or we need to be away, it doesn't fulfill our needs like being in the sanctuary with other believers. With your church family. It never will be.

Yes, church on the sofa is nice. But it will never be the same as church in the sanctuary.

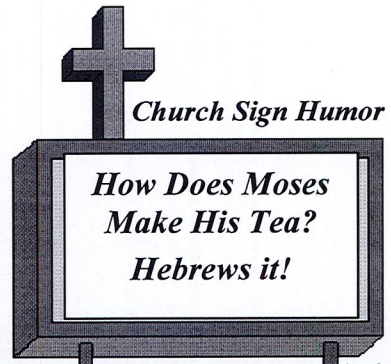
God's blessings,

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	0	0	0							1
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Total Baptisms	1	0	0	0	0	0							1
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0	1							1
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	0	1	1							2
Non-Members	1	0	0	0	0	0							1
Counseling Sessions	2	2	1	2	3	1							11
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Transfer In	0	2	0	0	0	0							2
New Members													
Adults	0	5	0	0	0	0							5
Children	0	6	0	0	0	0							6
Home Visits	0	0	0	2	2	4							8
Hospital Visits													
Members	0	0	0	2	3	4							9
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Private Communion													
Members	0	0	0	2	4	3							9
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
Release of Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0							0
Restore to Membership	0	0	0	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.

Need a Ride?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the September 2021 Church Bell is Friday, August 20, 2021 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.

ACOLYTES



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
 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
 Joy Hoy
 Marie Liner
 Bill Roeske
 Britany Jank Tomas
 Bea Fagg
 Clint Coles
 Pam Rutkowski
 Mrs. Stiles
 Ryon Preslar

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow & Marjorie Ideus

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 August



NALC Disaster Response Warehouse

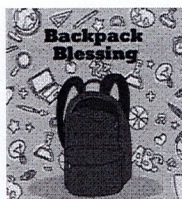
Mission Statement

The Rosenberg Warehouse needs your help! Hurricane season is here and Michael and Pat Dittrich are working hard in the warehouse to increase the number of supplies so they will be more prepared when the need arises. Through your giving you are serving and being the hands and feet of Jesus when families lose everything in a disaster. At this time some of the items needed are paper towels and cotton gloves to fill flood buckets. Please consider giving these items for the NALC collection for the month of August.



Rally Sunday & Backpack Blessing

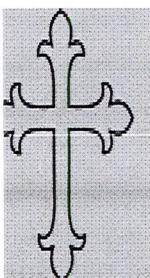
Rally Day Sunday is Sunday, August 8th starting at 9:00 am. The backpack blessing will



be during the church service that day. The counselors and VBS students will be sharing what they learned at VBS at church on Rally Sunday as well. Hope to see you all there, don't forget your backpacks! ☺

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 paper towels and cotton gloves for the month of August. Thank you!



MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

We have been discussing ways to enhance the giving process for our members even on those Sundays when you are unable to attend in person. We have come up with two methods and would like to get your feedback before we proceed.

1. For those of you who use online banking and checking services you can set up a one time or recurring check to be mailed to the church. The church would not incur any additional charges for this method.

2. We could also set up a place on the church website where you could make one time or recurring payments using a credit card. This process would use a third party service that would charge an estimated \$10 to \$30 per month to the church depending on usage.

Please send your thoughts to charlesegg99@yahoo.com or call me at (281) 844-3358.

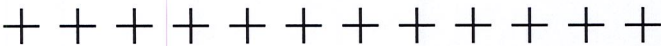


NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes

Worship services will be in the church sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. Communion will go back to the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month by stations. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. We will continue to commune those worshipping remotely "in the parking lot" in their vehicles. Please note state and local guidelines are subject to change and we will continue to attempt to follow those for the health and safety of all. Guidelines and changes in those will be posted in the bulletin, on our website & FaceBook page. Please check these for changes and updates. Please Note: The service will NO longer be videoed & posted to the church website.

WELCOME HOME SOLDIER

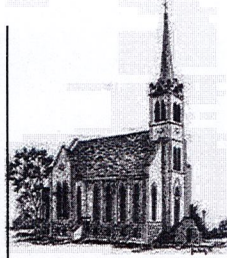
St. John would like to give a special welcome home to Jeff Zengerle, U.S. Army National Guard. Thank you for your service Jeff! He & his family are grateful for all the prayers during his time away the last 2 years while he was in Egypt & Kuwait. God bless him & all who serve.



Thank you

The family of Bette Jo Haun would like to extend our most sincere gratitude and appreciation for all of the prayers, love, and support during our recent loss. We also extend our thanks to the ladies of St. John who helped prepare and serve at the reception luncheon. The kindness shown to our family during this difficult time is such an example of Christ's love. Blessings to each of you.

Love, The Bette Jo Haun Family



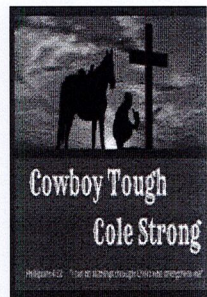
NEW Church Renovation Update

Remaining items for the construction progress are to correct construction errors related to landing elevation and drainage, modification of steps to meet original architectural plans, and elimination of flatwork ponding on approach to elevator, at contractor's cost. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched up. The current invoiced total for cost of construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, grass planting, and incidentals is \$600,850.80. Designated giving and memorials received to date total \$599,298.30.



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole

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



at his home and is now receiving therapy in Victoria on his new fabulous walking machine, the Lokomat Pro. This machine is a robotic training system that allows Cole's legs to be attached to robotic legs that assist with basic walking functions. It's an awesome machine and God has truly blessed Cole once again. Cole and his family want others, in need of this type of therapy, to share in this wonderful blessing and be able to also use this machine. God is truly at work thru Cole. 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

June 22, 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: Beverly led a devotion from the Bible. The main idea of these passages was that We have God to keep us secure! So we have no fear, because God NEVER leaves us!

MINUTES: Reviewed, motion to accept by Marv, seconded by M'Liss, motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS: The organ committee is still waiting on bids.

Pastor Report

The Nursing Homes have opened up and we will begin our monthly services at Yorktown and Cuero Nursing and Rehab in July.

On July 18 we will have the baptism of Skylar Goebel, daughter of Brandon Goebel and Stacy Towler.

As you can see from my stats report the hospitals are once again allowing visitation and I have had several opportunities to visit our members.

I plan on taking some vacation days next week to do some work around my place. I will still be available if any members need me and will also be here on Sunday.

God's blessings
Pastor John

FINANCE TEAM

Finance Team did not meet this month.
Charles Egg May 19, 2021

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM

The Mission Evangelism Team did not meet in June. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The Mission of the Month for July will be House of Palms in Victoria.

We will be asking for toothpaste and toothbrushes for NALC DISASTER RESPONSE and OPERATION SHOEBOX/SAMARITANS PURSE.

DISCUSSION: House of Palms helps Junior and Senior High School girls who need help, that are honest and sincere, to be schooled with Christian values and then to go to college in the area.

Cathie Bettge

PARISH LIFE TEAM

Parish Life did not have a monthly meeting. After the Memorial Day service on May 30, we had cookies and lemonade in the Parish Hall. We also sent one Get Well card and 1 Sympathy card. We also helped coordinate the funeral luncheon for Betty Jo Haun on June 10, 2021. Thank you to all who helped set up, for all the food, and all who helped clean up. On June 13, we celebrated Graduation Sunday with 5 High School Graduates, and 2 Eighth Grade Graduates. Each graduate was given a Spiritual Christian Book.

Sincerely, Beverly Bodden

PARISH ED COMMITTEE

I will not be able to attend this meeting because we'll be on vacation in Kerrville. I don't have an official report written up, but I met on 6/6 with Trish, Kathy and Laurie to go over VBS. That was the only topic discussed and they are working diligently on getting everything ready for the first week of August! See you all next Sunday!

Thank you, Johnna

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

JUNE, 2021

Meeting Date – June 13, 2021

Team Members Present:

Pastor John Boor, Richard Bettge, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Vance Egg, and Marv Sager

Items addressed and/or completed

- Restroom supplies replenished
- Sanctuary exterior wood and concrete sills repaired
- AC unit for parish hall side of sanctuary repaired
- Meeting with Triple D Security regarding security system;(proposal pending)
- GVEC repaired security light outside rear cemetery fence
- Flatwork caulking repaired

Ongoing Items and Discussion:

- Workday needs for cemetery to be reviewed with Cemetery Committee
- Shiner Fire & Safety annual fire extinguisher inspection/maintenance due in June
- Parsonage inspection and AC duct work in progress
- Security System – See above
- Basement restoration:

Engineer's proposal was discussed and put on hold. Immediate plans are to remove remaining stored items and to have wooden vertical columns removed.

- Organ Committee – Vance provided update on current status
- Victoria Air Conditioning annual maintenance proposal – Team consensus is to decline.
- Calvo's Janitorial Service proposal – Team consensus is to recommend for Council approval.

Renovation Progress:

Additional mediation meetings planned with both Roth Construction and RMA at offices of Dietze and Reese. Discussions will 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. A second meeting with architect and RMA owner regarding Contractor complaints about sufficiency of plan drawings and potential for litigation and/or binding mediation was held at Dietze and Reese office on June 15th.

Old Stone Church Committee:

Last meeting held My 26th at 9:00 am. Agenda items included commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of July 1921 dedication of our gothic church building and possible later hosting of ice cream social in conjunction with DeWitt County 175 year anniversary activities. Next regular meeting is scheduled for August 25th at 9:00 am.

Items For Council Approval:

Calvo's Janitorial Service proposal

Approximate Renovation Fund Donations plus Designated Memorials to date – \$596,120.00

Current Invoiced Renovation Costs to date total \$600,850.80

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

DISCUSSION: Council discussed a bid from Calvo's Janitorial, Inc. Mitchell made a motion to give them a three month trial period, and then, at the discretion of the Property Team, to continue with them as our cleaning service, and to give Maria a Two week severance. Charles seconded. Motion carried.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee had a called meeting June 7, 2021. The reason for the meeting was to discuss the screen during the service. We will temporarily have it in the pulpit, but we are working on a permanent fix.

We also discussed the July 18 service, the hundred year service, and it will go back to the committee about our discussion. We did not select songs so we will meet July 6 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: Council was advised that Clay Haun has filled the vacancy on the Cemetery Committee after Charles Egg resigned to be the Finance Committee Chairman.

The Council Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Hood



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St. John Meyersville
<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>
Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org







Name: _____

Back to School Wordsearch

Directions: Find the school words below. The words will be vertical or horizontal.

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VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

August 1

- Greeters - John & Margie Swannack
Reader - Wanda Hays
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

August 8

- Greeters - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Reader - Kathy Dunn
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

August 15

- Greeters - Candy Cowley
Reader - Cathie Bettge
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

August 22

- Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Reader - Johnna Picard
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

August 29

- Greeters - Youth Group
Reader - Dickie Bettge
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

August Communion Assistant

Obert Sagebiel

August Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

August Nursing Home Visitor

Trish Hood

LOOKING AHEAD...

September 5

- Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Caden Jander
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

September Communion Assistant

Brian Wendel

September Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

September Nursing Home Visitor

Margie Swannack

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:

- 4 - Glenda Henry
Sydney Schaefer
5 - Jaymee Rangnow
Madyx Blain
6 - Charles Baros
8 - Carol Bluntzer
Jo Beth Caskey
9 - LeAnn Jander
10 - Cali Cram
Dionis Winsauer
11 - Caleb Nagel & Kyle Nagel
Kaley Coker
Nicholas Jacobs
12 - Dawn Euton
14 - Sandy Motley
16 - Marjorie Ideus
17 - Madeline Hoy
18 - John York Graham II
19 - Linda Ruschhaupt
20 - Brett Hoy
Lauren Haun
Crosson Rains
21 - Lee Haun
Rick Garrett
Ryan Eichhorn
22 - Jonathan Albrecht
23 - Betty Diebel
24 - Clifford Diebel
25 - Dianne Moeller
Paul Wendel
27 - Zachary Hoy
28 - Jason Hoy
Lesley Diebel-Brandes
29 - Lorel Blain
31 - Bruce Brown

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 7 - John & Melinda Brewer
8 - Lloyd & Karen Copeland
15 - Paul & Shirley Wendel
Robert & M'Liss Moore
Rick & Kally Garrett
16 - Vance & Cindy Egg
18 - Jeff & Tamara Zengerle
24 - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt



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

*St. John Wishes All Students, Teachers & Staff
Great Blessings for the New School Year!*

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

