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1764 Meyersville Road
Meyersville, Texas 77974-4143
Pr. John Boor
Phone #361-277-8653

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September 2021 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
1764 Meyersville Road
Meyersville, TX 77974-4143
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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

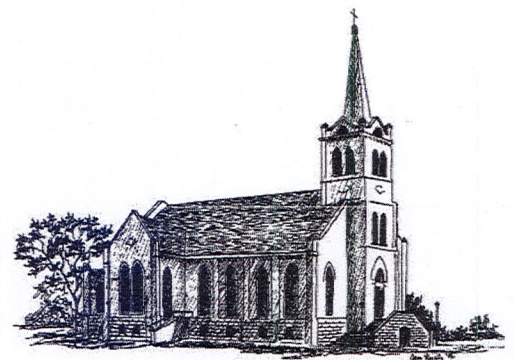
Ministers - The People of St. John

Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Bruce A. Weise

WORSHIP

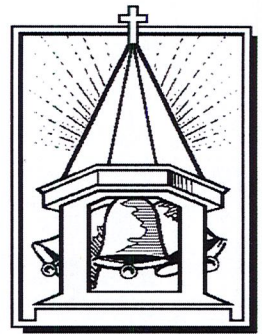
Sunday School for All Ages	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.



Holy Communion 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,

As I talk to people it becomes very evident that our country is split. People are telling me that there are family and friends that no longer speak because of differences of opinion.

This has been on my heart lately and it saddens me. We can't watch the news without hearing about how the other channels, or the other party, or the other guy, is not telling the truth. It doesn't matter the subject. If you're on Facebook you can see many different opinions posted. But if you read the comments, it is shocking. And the comments are coming from people that are supposedly your friends. I can remember when we could disagree and still be friends. I can remember when we actually listened to the opinions of others, and their facts, and sometimes change your view on something. Sadly, that doesn't happen today.

As I read the posts and responses on Facebook, and as I listen to people, I wonder where is the love of Jesus in all of this.

As I listen to people, and read posts, I hear Fake News claims so often. I don't respond to these posts, but if I see the person making the post, or the statement in a conversation, I remind them that there is only one everlasting truth.

Jesus Christ! No matter what happens tomorrow, Jesus is still King! No matter what happens next week, Jesus will still be working! No matter what happens next month, or next year, Jesus will overcome!

That's the truth we should all be dwelling on, that's the truth we should make a priority, that's the truth we should be sharing. If we believe in this truth everything else we believe and want to share should be based on this.

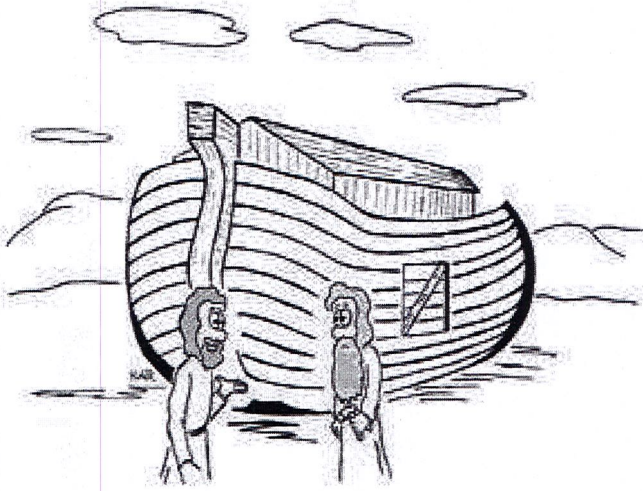
If everyone would follow this our country would heal and no longer be split. Jesus proclaimed that we should "*love one another as even as I have loved you, that you also love one another*" (John 13:34)

If everybody would follow this our country would heal the split. Once again our country would move forward in unity. In Colossians Paul tells us. "Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity."

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.



"I just love the design of your boat! Who is the Arkitect?"

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	0						1
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Total Baptisms	1	0	0	0	0	0	0						1
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0	1	0						1
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	0	1	1	0						2
Non-Members	1	0	0	0	0	0	0						1
Counseling Sessions	2	2	1	2	3	1	2						13
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Transfer In	0	2	0	0	0	0	0						2
New Members													
Adults	0	5	0	0	0	0	0						5
Children	0	6	0	0	0	0	0						6
Home Visits	0	0	0	2	2	4	2						10
Hospital Visits													
Members	0	0	0	2	3	4	2						11
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Private Communion													
Members	0	0	0	2	4	3	4						13
Non-Members	0	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						0
Restore to Membership	0	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



Notes from the Church Secretary

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!

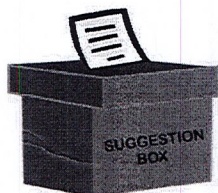
If any elderly person, or youth, needs a ride to Church or youth events, please notify the pastor so arrangements can be made to accommodate these needs.

Need a Ride?



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the October 2021 Church Bell is Friday, September 24, 2021 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnlutheran@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
 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 September



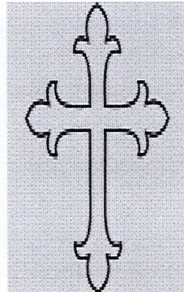
**Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas
San Antonio-Women's Campus**

Mission Statement

ATCOT is a faith-based long term residential addiction and alcoholism recovery center for adults and teens. Our MOM for September will specifically focus on the women's campus in San Antonio. At this time they are in the process of converting their corporate office into a daycare. The ATCOT program is dependent on the generous support of the community.

**NALC Warehouse and Operation
Christmas Child Shoe Boxes**

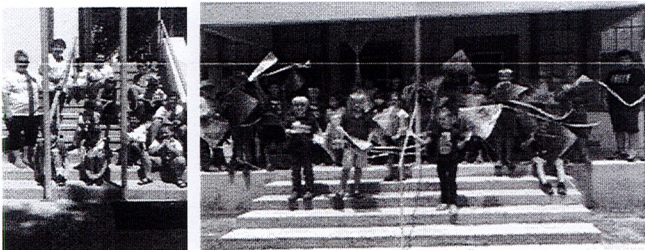
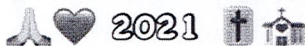
We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting scrub brushes & powdered cleansers for the month of September. Thank you!



VBS FUN!!!



St. John Vacation Bible School



Confirmation News

Confirmation Class will begin Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. All confirmation students from last year, as well as any students that just started 6th grade will need to attend this class. A parent must be present with each student, new and returning students.



Gospel Sing-a-Long

There will be an All County Church Picnic and Gospel Sing-a-Long on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at The Presbyterian Church Pavilion and Grounds on the Corner of Clinton and Courthouse in Cuero. The event starts at 1:00 pm. Bring your own picnic lunch and be ready to sing!



WANTED: Singers!

For DeWitt County's 175th Birthday Celebration

Music reading skills required

Choral experience preferred

REHEARSALS – First Baptist, Cuero

Sunday, 9/12 4-5:30

Sunday, 9/19 4-5:30

Thursday, 9/23 5:30-6:30

PERFORMANCE in Cuero

Sunday, 9/26 1-2:30

Contact Rebecca Dawson at 210-705-3911,

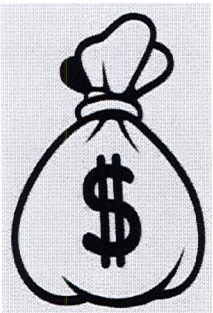
if interested BY SUNDAY 9/5

**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.

**MESSAGE FROM THE
FINANCE TEAM**

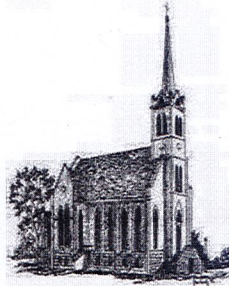


We have been discussing ways to enhance the giving process for our members even on those Sundays when you are unable to attend in person. We have come up with two methods and would like to get your feedback before we proceed.

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 Church
Renovation Update**

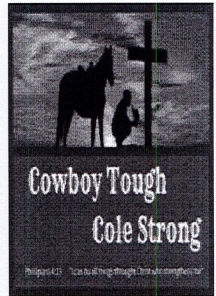


Remaining items for the construction progress are to correct construction errors related to landing elevation and drainage, modification of steps to meet original architectural plans, and elimination of flatwork ponding on approach to elevator, at contractor’s cost. After completion, a final walk through 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 \$602,378.30.



**+ 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

July 27, 2021

By: Trish Hood, Secretary

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

CALL TO ORDER: Obert called the meeting to order.

OPENING DEVOTION: Archie led a devotion based on Proverbs 21, about Jonas Salk, and how he helped many people. This verse reads: "All day long the wicked covets, but the righteous gives and does not hold back".

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed, motion to accept Brenda, seconded by M'Liss, motion carried.

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

DISCUSSION: Council discussed going back to communion at the kneeling rail, but it was decided, because of the new CDC Recommendations, to keep communion as is for the time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Team met on July 19, 2021, and reviewed the June financial reports. No abnormalities were discovered. Archie mentioned that balances in the black for the first 6 months of the year.

Will put a message in the bulletin and newsletter regarding using a service that allows giving via a credit card that will cost the church from \$10 to \$30 per month or using recurring payments via member's online checking service which can be done without any charges. They will decide at the next meeting.

Discussed whether there is a need for an external audit of the church's financial records by an independent CPA. More discussion to follow.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on September 20, 2021.

Charles Egg

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM

Members attending: Cathie Bettge, Pastor John, Obert Sagebiel

Cathie opened with a prayer.

It was decided to host a dinner for Reformation Sunday, October 31st when Bishop Selbo will be our guest speaker. This will be discussed further with council and the Parish Life Committee.

The NALC/OCC collection for the month of August will be paper towels & cotton gloves. The September collection will be scrub brushes and powdered cleansers. The NALC Disaster Response Team in Rosenberg sent a request for these types of items to replenish their stock.

Our mission for the month of August will be the NALC Disaster Response. The September mission of the month will be Teen Challenge of Texas.

A card with a cross for the pocket was given to this year's confirmand from our church.

Quilters did resume preparing quilts as scheduled on June 16th.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: Sept. 15, 2021/6PM in the Parish Hall

DISCUSSION: Council discussed having a meal on October 31st after church, and it was decided to go ahead with plans for it, and if we deem it unsafe before then, due to COVID, we can just cancel the meal.

Parish Life

Beverly reported sending 2 get-well cards and hosting the 100th Anniversary Celebration of our sanctuary.

PARISH Ed Team

Johnna reported that Parish Ed did not have a meeting in July, however, they are busy getting ready for VBS and Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing on the 8th of August.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

JULY, 2021

Meeting Date – July 11, 2021

Team Members Present:

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

Items addressed and/or completed

- Restroom supplies replenished
- AC unit for stage area in parish hall repaired
- AC filters checked/changed
- Calvo's Janitorial agreement executed
- Fire Dept dues paid
- Remaining stored items moved to garage and/or parsonage
- Agreement with Home Elevator to install security switch keys at all 3 elevator levels
- Annual fire extinguisher inspection on 07/26

Ongoing Items and Discussion:

-Parsonage inspection and AC duct work - in progress

-Security System – Pending availability of additional alternative vendors

-Elevator security – Discussed Home Elevator proposal for installation of key switches to prevent unnecessary/unauthorized operation of elevator

-Basement restoration:

Awaiting additional information from engineer

Awaiting contractor availability to remove wooden vertical columns, after which potential flex in sanctuary floor will be evaluated, and applicable project cost estimates presented

List of potential qualified general contractors was discussed

-Organ Committee – Reviewed the only written proposal received by Committee prior to meeting date

-Extent of currently needed facility repair items including:

* Replacement of rotted boards along with painting of all wood framing on sanctuary windows and exterior of basement windows

* Replacement of rotted lumber on sanctuary steeple along with applicable painting

*Repair of cracks in exterior church walls along with repainting of both these and other areas as applicable

*Repair of deteriorated flatwork where needed

*Replacement of rusted metal basement door and repair of rust on sanctuary wing entrance door along with applicable painting

* Replacement of rotted boards on parish hall exterior, including window framing, along with applicable painting/repainting

*Replacement of parish hall metal entrance doors along with applicable painting

*Replacement of broken and/or cracked asbestos siding shingles on exterior of parish hall along with applicable painting

Renovation Progress:

Awaiting availability of outside mediator to schedule formal mediation meeting which will include RMA, Roth Construction, and St John.

Old Stone Church Committee:

Last meeting held May 26th at 9:00 am. Next regularly scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, July 28 at 9:00 am.

Items For Council Approval:

None

Approximate Renovation Fund Donations plus Designated Memorials to date - \$598,620.00

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

Next regularly scheduled meeting is August 8th, 2021 at 8:00 A. M.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee met on July 6 at 7 p.m. and all members were present.

We discussed at length the 100 Anniversary celebration service.

We also discussed the screen and sound system project that is on going.

We selected hymns through September 19. The next meeting is September 7 at 7 p.m.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Brenda Gohmert

There being no further business, council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Hood, Secretary



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



Bunco Party
Fun, Food & Fellowship

The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley cordially invite you to a Bunco Party in the Fellowship Hall at 12183 FM 236, Victoria, TX 77905

Men are also invited to play dominoes or 42

When: Monday, September 13, 2021
Registration/Refreshments: 6-7 pm
Bunco & Dominoes: 7:05 pm

RSVP to Seda Weaver 649-8192 or Church Office 578-5447

MASKS OPTIONAL



STS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church BBQ & Raffle

Sunday, September 26, 2021
11220 FM 237, Meyersville, Texas
BBQ Meal To-Go Only 11 AM – 1 PM
\$10.00 per Plate

RAFFLE

- Taurus Model G₂C 9mm Pistol
- Tristar Model Setter 12 Gauge O/U Shotgun
- Savage Axis II 25-06 cal. Rifle w/scope
- SOS Radical Model P3 12 Gauge Pump Shotgun
- Savage 93RIT Model 17 HMR Rifle
- Rossi Model Gallery 22 Pump Rifle
- Box of Choice Ribeye Steaks
- \$150 VISA Gift Card
- \$150 VISA Gift Card
- \$100 VISA Gift Card



\$5.00 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20.00
DRAWING TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 26TH
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

September 5

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

September 12

- Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Trish Hood
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

September 19

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

September 26

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

September Communion Assistant

Brian Wendel

September Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

September Nursing Home Visitor

Margie Swannack

LOOKING AHEAD...

October 3

- Greeters - Candy Cowley
Reader - Wanda Hays
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

October Communion Assistant

Dickie Bettge

October Altar Guild

Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

October Nursing Home Visitor

Trish Hood

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:

- 1 - Cindy Egg
Robert Moore
William Henry Boehl, II
- 3 - Bruce Gohmert
- 4 - Karrington Haun
- 5 - Seeley Kethan
Slade Kethan
- 7 - Christine Haun
Patrick Hays
- 8 - Kyle Fuchs
- 9 - Mike Rangnow
- 13 - Kayla Egg
- 15 - Johnny Paul Jank
- 16 - Jordan Egg
- 19 - Brieson Egg
Carl Eichhorn
Dillan Jacob
- 20 - Kimberly Pare
- 21 - Daniel R. Moeller
Peyton Diebel
- 22 - Trevor Bodden
- 23 - Terry Haun
- 25 - Dana Mann
Jeri Ficklen
Mackenzie Blain
- 26 - Kenneth Diebel
Kyle Jank
- 27 - Meri Cay Diebel
- 28 - Garrett Egg
Michelle Wendel
Johnna Picard
- 29 - Brian Wendel
- 30 - Carly Waters
Jason Ohrt



Anniversary Greetings to:

- 1 - David & Kristine Schroeder
- 7 - Johnny & Virginia Jank
Archie & Virginia Abrameit
Brent & Shelley Dreier
- 17 - Brian & Laurie Wendel
Bruce & Donna Gohmert
- 19 - Blake & Kathy Dunn



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

Fall Word Search

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