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December 2021 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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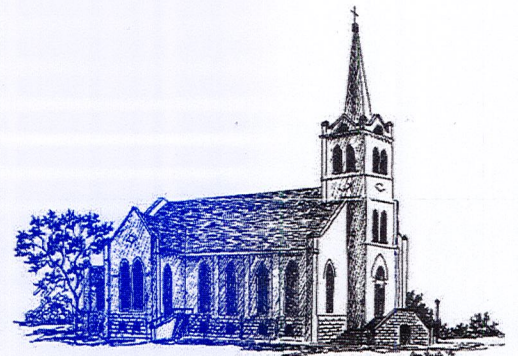
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Ministers - The People of St. John
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

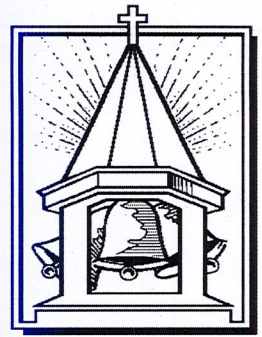
WORSHIP

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
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
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We have entered into a time when rational thinking, reasonableness, honesty, truth, and even humility is considered substandard; considered to be the enemy of progressiveness, seen as distasteful even. We live in a time where feelings, where emotions, where personal opinions trump truth, and the only way to balance the scales, if you will, is to raise up this false god, this idol called tolerance.

In other words, we cannot call a spade a spade; we cannot call sin what it is – because to do so would be intolerant, and hurting the feelings of another over something like stealing or slandering...

Rather than speak the truth, rather than say “we are wrong”, groups and organizations and individuals spend immeasurable effort on trying to make the other group, the other organization look like the villain.

Even in the church repentance has become an unpopular word. You would be surprised to know that there are a LOT of churches in this nation and throughout the world that have concluded that sin is not that big a deal; they have changed their definition of sin, of good and evil, redefining it in a culturally relevant and less offensive way.

Instead of calling people to repentance, to confession, to admitting their sinful state, church leaders will say “eh, it’s not that bad; you’re not hurting anyone; Jesus loves you and doesn’t want to pressure you or cause you any offense or make you uncomfortable.”

Thankfully, the NALC is one of the few church bodies left in the world that has not succumb to the pressures of compromise when it comes to sin, to repentance, and to God’s Word. However, this also shows in the dwindling membership in churches nationwide; the truth is a hard thing to swallow and people would rather believe a lie than face the truth.

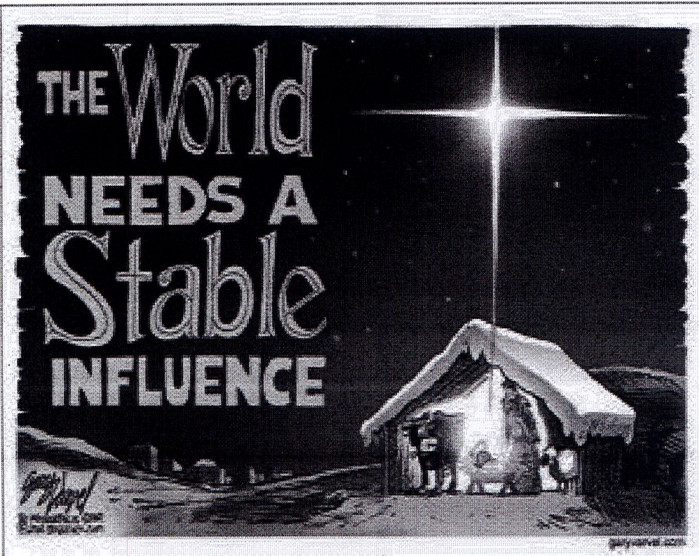
John the Baptist’s message to repent was a rejected message during his time – rejected by the proud, the powerful – and it is a message that is rejected today.

But the truth is – the reality is – God’s Word does not change. And John the Baptist’s cry to repent also doesn’t change. Just as the message of repentance called from the wilderness some 2000 years ago, the same message “repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” still cries out to us today.

The world today needs to take this to heart and repent, and turn to God. He is waiting with open arms.

Merry Christmas
Pastor John

If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (361/277-8653) or Pastor John Boor on his cell (361/243-0373). Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is seriously ill please call.



Ding-a-ling
Corner



Church Sign Humor



STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2021

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			2
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Total Baptisms	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0			1
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0			2
Non-Members	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			2
Counseling Sessions	2	2	1	2	3	1	2	2	1	0			16
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Transfer In	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			2
New Members													
Adults	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			5
Children	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			6
Home Visits	0	0	0	2	2	4	2	2	0	3			15
Hospital Visits													
Members	0	0	0	2	3	4	2	0	0	0			11
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Private Communion													
Members	0	0	0	2	4	3	4	0	0	3			16
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	7			19
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
Release of Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Restore to Membership	0	0	0	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

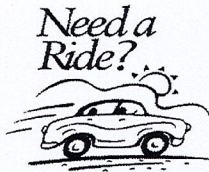


Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please see bulletins for any changes.

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES

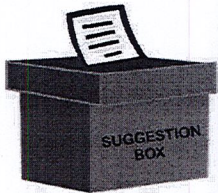
Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

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 January 2022 Church Bell is Thursday, December 23, 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
 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. ~ 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 December



This month's Mission Project

Samaritan's Purse Mission Statement

Three examples of their outreach are:

U.S. Disaster Relief: Since 1998, over 83,000 volunteers have worked with our staff to help more than 28,000 families impacted by U.S. natural disasters—hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, and ice storms—by quickly providing emergency supplies, repairing, cleaning and rebuilding homes. Five disaster relief units, tractor-trailers stocked with tools and cleanup supplies, are ready to deploy when disasters strike.

Children's Heart Project: This project brings children to North America to receive life-saving surgery not available in their home countries. To date, Samaritan's Purse has arranged surgery for more than 1,000 children with heart defects.

Operation Heal Our Patriots — This program is designed to strengthen the marriages of wounded and injured members of the U.S. Military. The primary component is Samaritan Lodge Alaska, a wilderness retreat offering outdoor activities and Biblically based marriage enrichment classes. To date, more than 500 people have been through the program.

NALC Warehouse

We will be collecting for the warehouse all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will start collecting again in January 2022. Thank you to all who donated in 2021.



Thank You

Thank you to all who filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. All together we filled 61 shoeboxes and they have been delivered! What a blessing!



St. John Lutheran Sunday School & Youth Group Christmas Program Information

Christmas is right around the corner, and it's time to prepare for our Sunday School Christmas program! "The Village of Bethlehem" will be held on Sunday December 19th at 6:00 pm outside under our new covered walkway. Each class will be assigned a booth to create and learn about for the program. These parts of the play will be practiced during Sunday school starting at the end of October. As an example, our Pre-K and Kinder class will be The Shepherds booth. They will learn in their classroom what a shepherd did, how they took care of their flocks, what the animals ate and drank, etc. They will also be working on decorations for their booth. During the program, the booths will be setup for all attendees to pass by with a list of questions you can ask the students. All the booths will be setup in a village format to allow all attendees to see and visit every booth. The Live Nativity will also be setup to complete our Bethlehem village! Each class will also learn a Christmas song to sing with their class, which will be performed at the beginning and ending of the program so all attendees can watch.

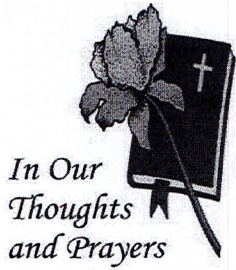
We hope you are as excited about this program as we are! We're looking forward to learning more about each of the booths in the village and seeing all the decorations the students create! It is highly important to keep attending Sunday school from now until the program. Each class will be working on their booths in addition to their daily lessons. The students will also be practicing their songs for the program in their classes. Please contact us with any questions, and we thank you so much for having your child be a part of our Sunday School program.

With God's Love,
Johnna Kethan 361-649-4234, Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322,
Laurie Pokluda 361-275-4232, Trish Hood 361-212-7322 and Lenzi Moritz 361-772-6312.



Services:

Communion Service 3:00 pm
Candlelight Service w/ Communion 10:00 pm



Notice of Passing

Charles O. Moore, Jr. (Chuck) passed away Monday, November 15, 2021 in Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Linda Silverio Moore; daughters, Jennifer (Eli) Hemphill and Elizabeth (Carl) Seiley; 3 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, and a brother, Robert (Cobb) Moore.

~ Our sincere condolences to the Moore family from the people of St. John ~

Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and also for all the food I received from family and friends during my recent knee surgery and other health problems.

I especially want to thank my family for being there for me. I could not have gotten through this without your help, also Pastor John for being at the hospital the day of surgery and I cannot forget the drivers getting me to physical therapy.

Thank you again. God bless all of you.

Joan Wendel

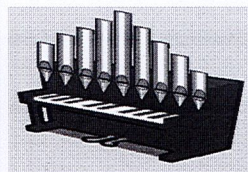


HOLY BAPTISM

On Saturday, November 20, 2021 we welcomed as a member by Holy Baptism, Lyanna Dee Picard, daughter of Nicholas & Johnna Picard Sponsors for her Baptism were Mollie Janota & Jacob Maddox.

Organ Fund

The congregation voted on October 17, 2021 to upgrade our organ which is in need of a major overhaul. The cost of the upgrade is \$69,117.00 and we have received \$62,400.35 in designated giving to the fund to date. Any contributions should be marked as Organ Fund. Thank you from the Organ Committee and Church Council.



Christmas Giving Gifts

Please have all of the gifts for the Christmas Families brought to church by Sunday, December 12th. This will be the very last day to bring your gifts. You may also drop your gifts off at the church office during office hours. Thank you.



+ 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:

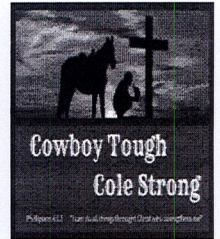
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

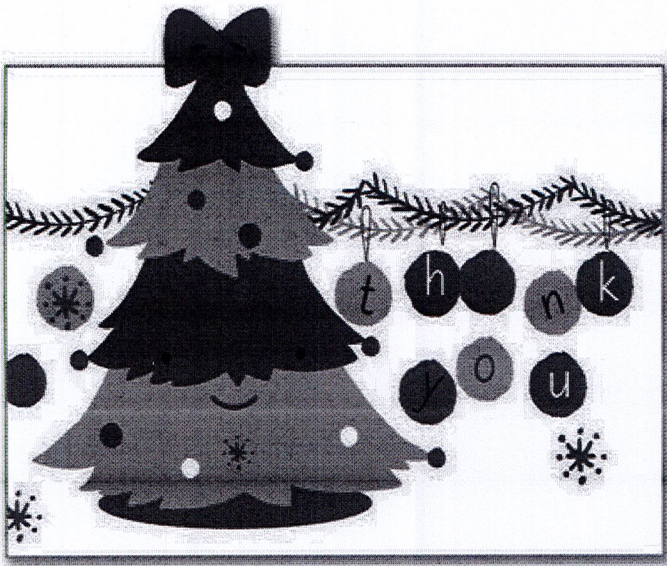
The drive to keep trying (perseverance)



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 \$602,683.30.



~ THANK YOU ~

Thank You to the Terry Haun family for donating & putting up the new artificial Christmas tree this year! It is beautiful! In addition, Thank You to them for all the years in the past when they would go and get the natural tree and put it up. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!



Jesus is the reason for the season! Prayers for many healthy blessings to all!



Fill the Warehouse!
(The cheapest place to shop for supplies!)
NALC Disaster Response

What's in a Flood Bucket?

- 1 bucket (5 gallon) with a lid – Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea. *(Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.!)*
- 1 roll paper towels – Walmart 44 cents a roll
- 1 powder cleanser – Walmart 88 cents ea.
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.
- 1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.
- 1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.
- 1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.
- 1 pair leather gloves – Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00
- 1 pair cotton gloves – Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea. Pr
- 2 contractor trash bags (3 mil) – shop around.....
- 2 rags – Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths.....

What's in a Health Kit?

- Soap: 1 regular size bar or 2-3 travel size*
 - Shampoo: 2 or 3 travel size* (or 1 small size)
 - Lotion: 1 or 2 travel size*
- *Ask for donations from people you know that stay in hotels!
- 1 deoderant – Walmart 88 cents ea.
 - 1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.00
 - 1 toothpaste (travel size) – Walmart (or for a bigger tube) 77-90 cents ea.
 - 1 comb – Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.00
 - 1 bath towel – Walmart \$1.97 ea.
 - 1 drawstring bag – Make 2 from an old pillow case!

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.



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 26, 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 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: Pastor John led us in prayer.

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

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

Pastor Report

I attended the pastor retreat last week and I thank council for paying the fee. Our speaker spoke about walking with Jesus and how it leads to evangelism. It was at Cedarbrake in Belton and it is a Catholic facility.

I currently have 7 in confirmation and classes are going well.

We also discussed the current pastor situation and discussed various ways that are being considered to meet the demand for supply and interim pastors.

God's blessings
Pastor John

DISCUSSION: There are 3 first year confirmation students, and 4 second year students in Pastor's class this year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee did not meet this month.
Charles Egg

Mission Evangelism Team

October 20, 2021

Members Present: Cathie Bettge (team leader), Obert Sagebiel, Linda Ruschhaupt, Pam Haun, Cheryl Bramlette

MISSION SPEAKER: Cheryl reported that Bishop Selbo will arrive in Cuero Friday evening. Cheryl and Linda will present him with a welcome basket from St. John Church. Saturday afternoon council members will treat him to a tour of our main sanctuary, the Old Stone Church, cemetery, church grounds, and the community of Meyersville including neighboring communities. We will close with dinner.

On Sunday we have asked that he attend our Sunday School. He will then give a temple talk during our church service. A congregational pot luck dinner has been planned with the meat and beans being provided. Congregation is asked to bring a side dish and a dessert.

COLLECTION OF THE MONTH:

December—gift packages for the Christmas family; Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due Sunday, Nov. 14

November—2 contractor trash bags (3mil) and 2 rags (cut up old towels)

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

November—Christmas Family

December—Samaritan's Purse

January—Boys and Girls Club of Cuero

Close with The Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: November 17, 20

Parish Life

Parish Life did not meet this month. We did send out 4 Get-Well cards. We are planning the Sunday luncheon for the Bishop scheduled for 10-31-2021 with BBQ brisket, pork roast, red beans, and potluck for desserts and vegetables.

Parish Ed Team

Parish Ed did not meet this month. The Christmas Program will be December 19, 2021.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

OCTOBER 2021

Meeting Date – Team did not meet in October
Ongoing items completed:

- Broken Parish Hall windowpane replaced
- Parish Hall window screen repaired
- Calvo's Janitorial agreement extended for additional 6 months from October 15th

- Trees trimmed and storage areas cleaned/reorganized on workday
- Replaced filters, bags, etc. on church vacuum cleaners

Ongoing Items To Be Addressed:

-Parsonage inspection and related repairs – Pending consultation with basement restoration contractor, once selected.

-Security System – Pending additional consultation regarding telemetry option to eliminate routing cables.

-Carpet cleaning – Will be scheduled prior to upcoming holiday season.

-Bird issue beneath elevator approach awning - Team consensus for resolution is soffit installation. Applicable discussion will be ongoing.

-Basement restoration: Awaiting additional communications/approval from engineer regarding plan submitted following initial meeting with prospective contractor.

- 2022 budgeting and 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

Consensus remains to hold discussions on above needed repairs with potential basement restoration

Contractors as applicable meetings progress.

Renovation Progress:

Outside mediator has been tentatively agreed upon by involved parties. Based on his availability, the mediation meeting will likely take place in early to mid-November at the offices of Dietze and Reese. Still awaiting notice of firm date for meeting.

Old Stone Church Committee:

Regularly scheduled meeting was held on Wednesday, September 22nd at 9:00 AM.

Items For Council Approval: None

Approximate Renovation Fund Donations plus Designated Memorials to date

- \$602,383.30

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

Worship Team

Worship team did not meet this month. Our next meeting is November 2, 2021 at 7:00.

Old Business

DISCUSSION: Obert informed us about the contract from Visser to do our organ renovation. After some discussion, council agreed to remind the congregation that since we are accepting the bid from Visser, we will need to contribute to the organ fund as soon as possible, so that the job can get started. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Hood, Secretary



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St. John Meyersville






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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

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Mission of the Month:
Samaritan's Purse

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>*Please note: All events subject to change due to COVID-19. Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: <i>St. John Meyersville for changes & updates.</i></i></p> <p>2nd Sunday of Advent 5 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship <i>*Christmas Program Practice During Sunday School</i></p> 			<p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Worship Team</p>	<p>1:30 PM Quilters 9 AM Old Stone Church Meeting</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>5:30 PM Meyersville 4-H Christmas Party</p>
<p>3rd Sunday of Advent 12 8:00 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship <i>*Christmas Program Practice During Sunday School</i></p>		<p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>10 AM Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>		
<p>4th Sunday of Advent 19 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship <i>*Christmas Program Practice During Sunday School</i> ~ 6:00 PM Christmas Program ~</p> 		<p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours <i>**Winter Begins**</i></p> 	<p>1:30 PM Quilters</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>3:00pm <i>Christmas</i> Communion Service 10:00pm Candlelight Service with Communion</p> 	<p>MERRY CHRISTMAS Office Hours: <i>*Please see the Bulletins</i> <i>Happy New Year!!!</i></p> 
<p>1st Sunday after Christmas 26 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship ~ <i>Lessons & Carols</i></p>	27	<p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>1:30 PM Quilters</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>~ <i>New Year's Eve!</i> ~</p>	

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

December 5

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Dwight Jander
Acolyte - Madyx Blain

December 12

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Wanda Hays
Acolyte - Hayden Leist

December 19

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack
Reader - Neal Moritz
Acolyte - Peyton Diebel

December 26

Greeters - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Reader - Kathy Dunn
Acolyte - Madyx Blain

December Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

December Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

December Nursing Home Visitor

Linda Ruschhaupt & Dianna Bartosh

LOOKING AHEAD...

January 2

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

January Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

January Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

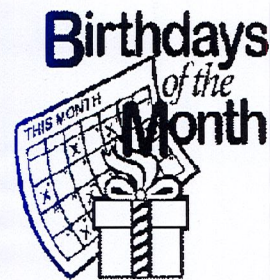
January Nursing Home Visitor

Open

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 - Gracie Giles
- 2 - Virginia Abrameit
Jayce Garcia
- 3 - Jeffery Giles
- 4 - Ronnie Moeller
- 5 - Donald Hoy
- 6 - Kristina Brewer
- 13 - Carlie Parsons
- 14 - Carol Ann Sagebiel
Vance Egg
- 20 - John Brewer
- 21 - John Otto
- 24 - Nicole Leist
- 27 - Nicole McCay
Randy Wendel
Richard Bettge
- 28 - Cathie Bettge
Joseph Varela
Randall Fuchs
- 30 - Shelly Garcia
Tara Egg



Anniversary Greetings to:

- 3 - Gregory & Tiffany Seiler
- 22 - Charles & Susan Egg
- 30 - John & Margie Swannack



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

Christmas

Birth of Jesus Word Search

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ANGEL
 BABY
 BETHLEHEM
 CENSUS
 DONKEY
 EAST
 FRANKINCENSE

GABRIEL
 GIFTS
 GOLD
 INNKEEPER
 JESUS
 JOSEPH
 KINGS

MAGI
 MANGER
 MARY
 MESSIAH
 MYRRH
 NIGHT
 SHEEP

SHEPHERDS
 SHINING
 SON OF GOD
 STABLE
 STAR
 STRAW
 WISE MEN