

*You shall be called
by a new name.*

Isaiah 62:2

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Dickie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Caden Jander

Acolytes This Week: Hayden Leist

Acolytes Next Week: Madyx Blain & Peyton Diebel

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

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

Worship Notes regarding Today's Service:

Thank you for attending this morning's service. We thank God that we continue to be able to gather together and worship inside our church. We are not mandating any seating, nor do we mandate wearing a mask. However if you feel more comfortable wearing one, please feel free to do so. There is hand sanitizer available at each door as you enter and smaller bottles in each pew for your use. At the place in the service where we "Share the Peace" and we would typically move about the church sharing the peace of Christ, we would ask that you remain at your seat, where you might share the peace with immediate family members or look around the church "share the peace" at a distance or give an "air-hug" to others you see. For those uncomfortable with this amount of personal contact we welcome you to continue to take part in the service by listening in your vehicle in the parking lot. We will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5 and you can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you for your patience as we all look forward and pray for the day when we might worship without the concern for this pandemic.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *“Lord Speak to Us That We May Speak”*

LBW #403

**Lord, speak to us that we may speak
In living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let us seek
Your straying children, lost and lone.**

**Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet.
Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
Your hungry ones with manna sweet.**

**Oh, teach we us, Lord, that we may teach
The precious truths which you impart.
And wing our words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.**

**Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
Until our very hearts o'erflows
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, your praise to show.**

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks,

We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world'

Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord, You alone are the

Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that

the mouth of the Lord will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

PSALM READING

Psalm 128

Happy are they all who fear the Lord,
and who follow in his ways!

**You shall eat the fruit of your labor;
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

**The man who fears the Lord
shall thus indeed be blessed.**

The Lord bless you from Zion,
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

**May you live to see your children's children;
may peace be upon Israel.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.

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

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE: *Jason Ohrt*

SERMON HYMN:

"How Great Thou Art"

LBW #532

**O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;**

Refrain:

**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;**

Refrain:

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"**

Refrain:

Stand as you are able

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

L Let us share the peace.

OFFERING: You will be given an opportunity to share God's blessings with your offering as you exit after the service

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
Right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your
Presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from' me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen

Closing Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

LBW #448

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY:

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 1/16	Second Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship	
Mon 1/17	Office Closed 7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
Tues 1/18	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Office Hours Pastor's Office Hours Meyersville 4-H Meeting
Wed 1/19	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Hours Quilters Mission Team Meeting Men's Bible Study
Thurs 1/20	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. *Committee Reports Due	Office Hours Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 1/21	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. *Newsletter Deadline	Office Hours
Next Sun	Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Annual Congregational Meeting Following Worship	



Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

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

Sunday, January 9, 2022

General \$2,352.00, MOM-Boys & Girls Club \$550.00, Building \$120.00, CAMAL House \$50.00, OSC \$100.00, Sunday School \$65.00, Youth \$320.00, Organ \$140.00 **Total: \$3,697.00**

Attendance: Worship - 83 Sunday School - 8 - Children, 19 - Adults Confirmation - 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.



Mission of the Month of January



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Boys & Girls Club of Cuero

Mission Statement

In our community there are hundreds of boys and girls left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets, or who, in increasing numbers, spend many hours at home with no adult care or supervision.

These youngsters often form groups or gangs and risk getting involved with the wrong leaders, eventually finding themselves in serious trouble.

The Boys and Girls club mission is to work with youth of all backgrounds, with a special concern for those from disadvantaged circumstances, to help them develop the skills to become productive citizens and leaders.

The DeWitt county community has needed something like this for a number of years. It has been well accepted by the school districts, the City of Cuero and area church leaders. St. John's own Laurie Pokluda sits on the board of this club. If you have questions Laurie will be glad to answer them.

Gospel Brunch

The Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County is hosting a Gospel Brunch on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. It will be held at The Venue on Church Street in Cuero. Entertainment provided as well as a live & silent auction. Sponsorship Levels will have reserved tables for 8 & are as follows:

Soprano - \$5,000

Alto - \$2,500

Tenor - \$1,000

Bass - \$500

Individual Tickets - \$50

*Bass & individual seating will be upstairs

Please consider becoming a table sponsor.

Your money provides club members a safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, life-enhancing programs and character development experiences, HOPE & OPPORTUNITY.

Visit us at www.bgcdco.com to make an online contribution.

Please see Laurie Pokluda for tickets & send your sponsorship gift to:

Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County

P.O. Box 564, Cuero, TX 77954

NALC Warehouse

We will be collecting for the warehouse all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting 2 contractor trash bags (3mil) and 2 rags (cut up old towels) for the month of January. Thank you.



NALC Disaster Response ~ Tornado Disaster

NALC Disaster Response is ready and waiting with supplies and more to help in the areas devastated by the tornadoes. Mary Bates, national coordinator, is working to see where the NALC can do the most help.

NEEDED: Lots of prayers for the people in the affected areas.

NEEDED: Gift cards from Walmart, Target and similar stores.

Mary wants to help families with toys for their children for Christmas.

Mail gift cards to NALC Disaster Response, 16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, Ohio 43724.

God bless,

Michael Dittrich

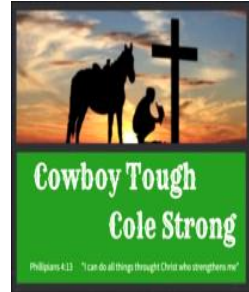
Cell: (281) 381-5588 (Call if you have questions)

Serve each other with love--Galatians 5:13b



+ 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)

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 \$70,385.35 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.

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 \$603,083.30.



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!

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, Louisiana
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Virginia
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk
Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, 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
Pastor John
B. Bagwell (*Brenda Boor's Mom*)

Nursing Home:
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Epiphany 2

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C)

The gifts of God are given for the sake of the whole faith community. God cares for all aspects of human life. We see this through Paul's teaching that all spiritual gifts are valuable and work together for the sake of the whole church. And again, Jesus, even though he was not ready to reveal his true identity to the world, changed water into wine at a wedding saving a family from the pain of certain humiliation.

