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February 2022 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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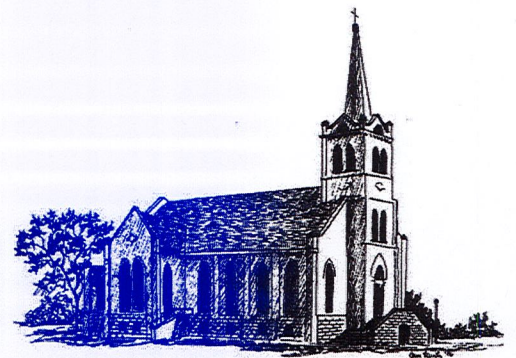
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Ministers - The People of St. John
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

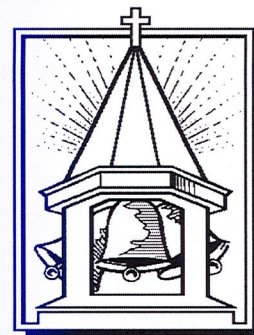
WORSHIP

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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Greetings,

We truly live in the age of self and ego. When you stop to think about it, a good part of our day every day is spent trying to look good. We get up in the morning and we shower and shave. For the ladies among us you have the further distinction of make-up. We choose our clothes mostly based on what others might think of us, not how we actually feel in them. We strive to impress and cater to those around and above us.

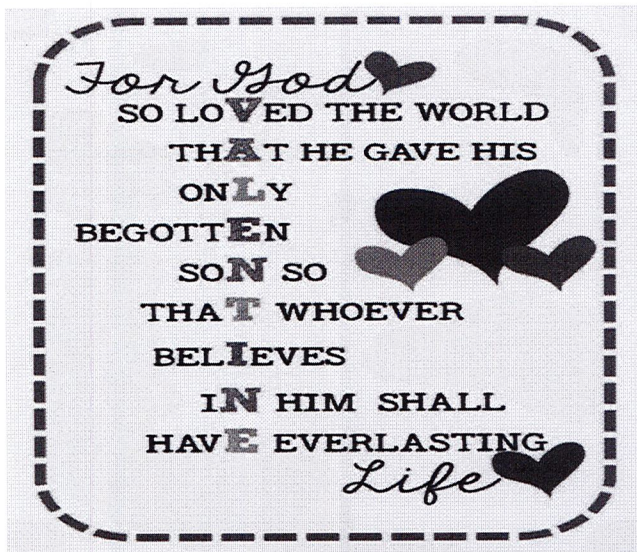
It truly seems to be all about “me” and less about “you.” Each day is one more day of self-absorption and getting to know “who we really are.” Our flesh would surely be comfortable in that it is best served when all attention is focused upon it. Satan has always elevated “self” to its very highest level; for it was with “self” that he first tempted Eve and it was for “self” that Adam consented to sin. It is only natural that our days would be filled with “self” as steeped in sin as we are.

In 1 Samuel 15 Saul faced a conundrum. While talking to Samuel Saul says, “Saul replied, ‘I have sinned. But please honor me before the elders of my people and before Israel; come back with me, so that I may worship the Lord your God.’”

Looking good at all costs is something that all of us are subject to. Saul, the King of Israel, was as much afflicted by a sense of needing to look good at all costs as anyone. There was a lot at stake and Saul had to choose between looking good in the eyes of his peers or looking good in the eyes of his God. Unfortunately, he chose the former over the latter. He just couldn’t bear to be humiliated or in any way diminished in the eyes of the elders of Israel. He was even willing to abandon his eternal relationship with God just in order to save face in Israel. Saul failed to understand that God didn’t just want some of his time and attention. For that matter, God didn’t even want all of his time and attention. No. God wanted Saul, all of him—his very self. When Saul sinned against God, he was given an opportunity to repent and return to the Lord in humility and selflessness. Saul chose to compromise and given God an apology but keep his self-esteem. That he wouldn’t abandon for anyone, not even God. In so doing, he chose to deny God the very thing that God desires, the self. God accepts no compromise when it comes to ourselves. He wants all of us so that what we have as “our” self can be destroyed and replaced with “His” self. A pretty good trade when you think about it.

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	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Baptisms	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Non-Members	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Counseling Sessions	2	2	1	2	3	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	20
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer In	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
New Members													
Adults	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Children	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Home Visits	0	0	0	2	2	4	2	2	0	3	1	0	16
Hospital Visits													
Members	0	0	0	2	3	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	13
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private Communion													
Members	0	0	0	2	4	3	4	0	0	3	2	0	18
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	7	0	0	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	0	0
Restore to Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor (Cell) 243-0373
 Council President - Obert Sagebiel 275-5087/243-6116
 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

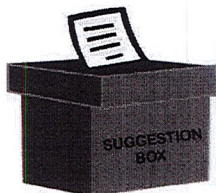
Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

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 March 2022 Church Bell is Friday, February 18, 2022 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnelutheran@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, Louisiana
 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
 Pastor John
 B. Bagwell (*Brenda Boor's Mom*)
 Lisa Phillips

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 February



Warrior's Weekend Mission Statement

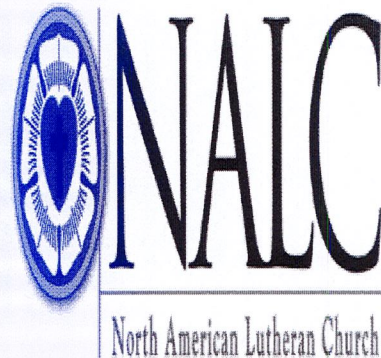
It is the mission of Warrior's Weekend to touch the lives of as many heroes as possible and remind them that we have not forgotten their service and sacrifice. The group has been doing this for the last 16 years. This project began in 2007 to host veterans who gave of themselves so that we can enjoy the freedoms our founding fathers established.

The Annual Patriot's Cup in Port O'Connor hosts over 100 veterans. Over 8,000 combat wounded from Iraq/Afghanistan Wars and 600 from other eras and over 100 Purple Heart Recipients have been hosted in previous years. Annually they honor these heroes with a Veteran's Day Appreciation Luncheon in Victoria. They also donate to local Veterans in need.

The Warrior's Weekend Field of Honor in May and the First Responder's Field of Honor in October is also funded by this organization. Yearly on 9/11 a breakfast is served for all First Responders of Victoria County.

NALC Warehouse

We will be collecting for the warehouse all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting wrapped bar soap & travel size shampoo for the month of February. Thank you.



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.

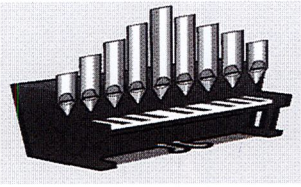
Your money provides club members a safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, life-enhancing programs and character development experiences, HOPE & OPPORTUNITY.

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





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 \$70,420.35 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.

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!



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.

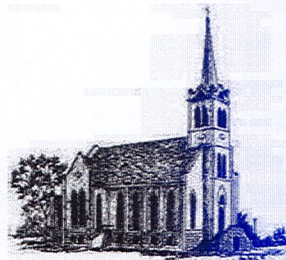
God bless,

Michael Dittrich

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

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

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 \$603,183.30.



NEW UPDATE:

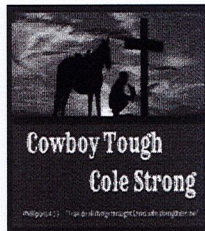
Worship Team Notes

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.



+ 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:

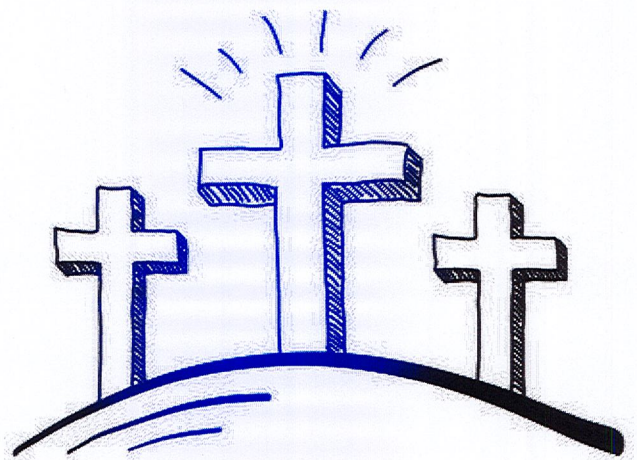
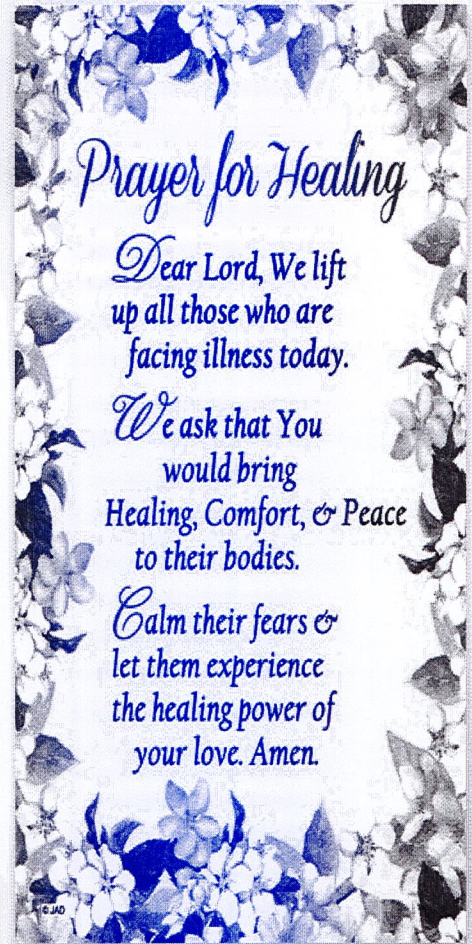
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 28, 2021

By: Trish Hood, Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor John Boor, Obert Sagebiel (President), Mitchell Jank (Vice-President), Trish Hood (Secretary), M'Liss Moore (Financial Secretary), Charles Egg (Finance), Johnna Picard (Parish Ed), Marv Sager (Property), Brenda Gohmert (Worship).

CALL TO ORDER: Obert called the meeting to order.

OPENING DEVOTION: Brenda led a devotion about Joy, telling us that we should keep the joy of Jesus Birth with us and show that joy all year!

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

OLD BUSINESS: Organ Repair will begin sometime in January, so the piano in the church and the one in the Parish Hall will both be tuned before that starts.

Pastor Report

I will be taking off January 13-16, 2022 to attend by brother's funeral in Ohio.

I will have an update on confirmation classes.

God's blessings Pastor John

FINANCIAL TEAM

Finance Team did not meet this month. Next meeting will be January 17, 2022.

Charles Egg

Mission Evangelism

Mission Evangelism did not meet in December. Gifts were delivered to each Christmas family. Mission of the Month for December was Samaritan's Purse. The

January MOM will be the Boys and Girls Club of Cuero. Next meeting will be January 19, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Cathie Bettge

Parish Life

Parish Life did not have a meeting this month. I was not able to help with the hot cocoa for the Sunday School Program, however, Terri Jank was able to. I did send out a Christmas Card to Nursing Home, and a Sympathy Card to Mr. Alfred Rangnow family. We also sent sandwiches, cookies, and chips with Trish for the funeral luncheon.
Beverly Bodden

Parish Ed Team

Parish Ed did not meet this month, but Johnna told us about the Sunday School Bethlehem Village Program. She said it was well attended, and that everyone seemed to enjoy it, even though it had to be moved inside due to the weather.

She also told us that she is working on sending children to Lone Star Bible Camp this summer. Students ages 8 – 12 can attend the Alpha Group, and students 13 – 18 the Omega Group. The cost is \$600 per student. Marv made a motion to pay the money over and above \$100 per camper, and the money that is raised from fund raisers. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

December 2021

Property Team did not meet in December. Ray Reese, in our behalf, is still awaiting response from Roth Construction regarding acceptance of a most recently recommended third party mediator for the mutually agreed upon mediation meeting.
Property Team is continuing to explore

engineering related alternatives that would permit removal of the wooden uprights in the basement renovation floor plan without incurring significant additional costs.

Power Clean has cleaned the sanctuary carpets in advance of Christmas services.

There have been no changes or updates regarding the ongoing needed building maintenance/repair items as listed in previous monthly reports.

Old Stone Church Committee met on Wednesday, December 1st at 9:00 am. Officers for 2021 were re-elected to serve an additional term for 2022. They are as follows:

President – M'Liss Moore

Vice President – Bruce Weise

Secretary – Carol Sagebiel

Treasurer – Norrean Sager

Current Items For Council Approval: None

Worship Team

Worship Team had a called meeting to discuss the Christmas tree in church. Council approved the purchase of an artificial tree.

Brenda Gohmert

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the extra time and energy that Johnny Paul has put in to help with our worship services, etc. Johnna made the motion to gift Johnny Paul Jank with a VISA gift card for \$500 for his extra donations of time and energy at our Annual Congregation Meeting. Brenda seconded. Motion carried.

Council set the Congregational Annual Meeting for Sunday, January 23, 2022, immediately following the worship service.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Hood, Secretary



To Everyone at St. John!!!



Keep up with St. John online

St. John Meyersville

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

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

February 6

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

February 13

- Greeters** - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Reader - Dwight Jander
Acolyte - Madyx Blain

February 20

- Greeters** - Cheryl Bramlette
Reader - Wanda Hays
Acolyte - Hudson Zengerle

February 27

- Greeters** - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Kathy Dunn
Acolyte - Peyton Diebel

February Communion Assistant

Glenn Ruschhaupt

February Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

February Nursing Home Visitor

Laurie Pokluda

LOOKING AHEAD...

March 6

- Greeters** - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Cathie Bettge
Acolyte - Madyx Blain

March Communion Assistant

Obert Sagebiel

March Altar Guild

Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

March Nursing Home Visitor

Virginia Abrameit

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 - Amanda Denson
Dorothy Fay Diebel
Kendra Mayfield
Virginia Jank
2 - Rebecca Dreier
3 - Wade Nagel
Clayton Constable, Jr.
4 - Ernest Metting
- Jayce Egg
8 - Harper Light
9 - Ronnie Bennett
13 - Dalton Ray Eckhardt
14 - Bobby Blain
Robert Egg
Phillyce Zengerle
15 - Jenny Sanders
16 - Norrean Sager
18 - Alexis Haun
Robert Moeller
19 - Megan Ohrt
20 - Katheryne Freeman
21 - Charles Egg
22 - Dean Ohrt
Laurie Wendel
23 - Lacey Paul
26 - Ty Johnson
27 - Allan Parsons
Shelley Dreier
28 - Maverick Eckhardt



Anniversary Greetings to:

- 1 - Gordon & Jenny Gohmert
14 - Lindsey & Pam Ficklen



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

February 2022

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Mission of the Month:
Warrior's Weekend

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: https://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: St. John Meyersville for changes & updates.</i></p> <p>5th Sunday after Epiphany 6</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship ~ <i>Installation of Council</i></p> 		<p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>1:30 PM Quilters </p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>		
<p>6th Sunday after Epiphany 13</p> <p>8:00 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> <p><i>Super Bowl Sunday</i></p> 	<p><i>Happy Valentine's Day</i></p> 	<p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 6:30 PM Meyersville 4-H Meeting</p>	<p>1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>		
<p>7th Sunday after Epiphany 20</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> 		<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>Transfiguration of Our Lord 27</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p>						<p>Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins</p> 



St. Valentine's story

Let me introduce myself. My name is Valentine. I lived in _____ during the 3rd century. At that time, Rome was ruled by an emperor named _____. I didn't like the Emperor, and I wasn't the only one!

Claudius wanted to have a big army. He expected men to volunteer to join. Many men just did not want to fight in _____. They did not want to leave their wives and _____. This made Claudius furious. So what happened? Claudius decided not to allow any more marriages.

Did I mention that I was a _____? One of my favorite activities was to marry couples. Even after Emperor Claudius passed his law, I kept on performing marriage ceremonies... secretly, of course.

One night, we heard _____. It was scary! Thank goodness the couple I was marrying escaped in time. I was caught. I was thrown in _____ and told that my punishment was death.

I tried to stay cheerful. And do you know what? Wonderful things happened. Many young people came to the jail to visit me. They threw flowers and notes up to my _____. They wanted me to know that they, too, believed in love.

One of these young people was the _____ of the prison guard, Augustine. Her father allowed her to visit me in the cell. Sometimes we would sit and talk for hours. On the day, February 14, I was to die, I left Augustine a little note thanking her for her friendship. I signed it, "_____."

Fill in the story with the missing words:

wars, footsteps, Rome, window, families, Claudius, priest, daughter, jail, LOVE from your Valentine