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November 2022 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
1764 Meyersville Road
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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:

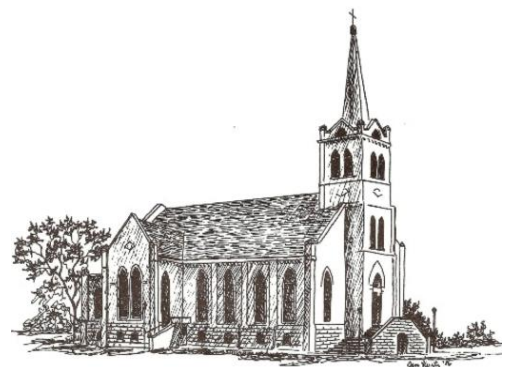
Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thurs. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Pr. John's Cell: 361-243-0373)
jboor25@yahoo.com

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
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Greetings,

In a few weeks we will be observing a day of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year.

However, Thanksgiving should not be limited to a single day each year, but rather should be a permanent occupation. As Christians we should be characterized by thanksgiving. The book of Romans states that unthankfulness is a trait of the ungodly. In II Timothy when Paul is describing the last days, we observe that unthankful is mentioned just before unholy.

Being thankful is reiterated throughout scripture. John 6:11,23 reads: ***“Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted.”*** I wonder if giving thanks didn't have something to do with the miracle.

Thanksgiving should be something that abounds in every Christian every day. Thanksgiving should adorn every Christian. Thanksgiving is not a beauty that fades when sickness overcomes the body. Nor is it lost in the withering years, but it is a beauty that grows lovelier in pain and suffering. A thankful heart shows our likeness to Christ.

We Christians have much to be thankful for. As I look back at my life there are so many occasions that God intervened in my life and accomplished what I would otherwise be unable to accomplish. I have so much to be thankful for I can never repay. Fortunately, we have a God that reached out to us and gave His Son to accomplish what we could not.

I pray that we will all remember to be thankful throughout the year and not just on the day of Thanksgiving.

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.

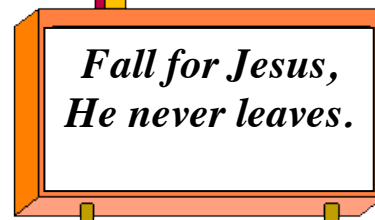


NICE WORK FELLAS ... IT'S BEEN A LONG WHILE NOW AND THEY ARE STILL REMEMBERING TO THANK ME

Ding-a-ling Corner



Church Sign Humor



STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2022

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Total Baptisms	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0				5
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Non-Members	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1				3
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Counseling Sessions	3	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	4				22
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
New Members													
Adults	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0				5
Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Home Visits	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	2				12
Hospital Visits													
Members	0	14	13	5	3	5	3	1	0				44
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1
Private Communion													
Members	0	1	3	7	3	3	1	2	2				22
Non-Members	0	15	18	11	10	11	3	12	14				94
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
Release of Membership													
Restore to Membership													

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

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 now posted in the weekly bulletins. For immediate assistance, call Trish at 361-212-7322.

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 December 2022 Church Bell is Friday, November 18, 2022 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.



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, Fort Hood
 Chase 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
 Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio

Please Pray for:



Prayer Requests

Hunter Jacob
 Cole Ohrt
 Marie Liner
 Bea Fagg
 Mrs. Stiles
 Ryon Preslar
 Lisa Phillips
 Joy Meadows
 Billie Egg

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 November



Christmas Family

All donations to the Christmas Family gift are due no later than Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Operation



Shoeboxes, labels and packing instructions are available in the narthex. Deadline to turn in the shoeboxes is Sunday, Dec. 13, 2022.

St. John would like to give a warm welcome to our new Church Secretary, Patricia (Trish) Hood. Trish started her office duties on October 17, 2022. Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins.



Corucopia

Donations of freshly harvested fruits and vegetables can be brought to the church at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. Volunteers will assemble the cornucopia for the Thanksgiving Eve service.



Election Day

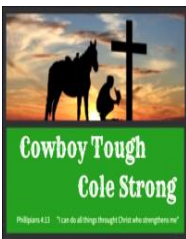
Don't forget to vote in on Tuesday, November 8th!!



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole

Hello everyone! Hope you are all enjoying this cooler weather! Cole not so much. He hates the winter time daily because he burns all

over when he gets cold. He loves to be outside so this makes it miserable for him when it's cooler. He pushes through it like he does everything else but maybe pray this burning will stay away. Cole has reached a cool milestone recently. He has officially walked over 100,000 steps on his Lokomat machine! He faithfully goes twice a week to work an hour on the Armeo are machined then walks on the Lokomat even though he really doesn't feel like it some days. That on top of all the therapy he does at home. He's hard-headed and sometimes that serves us well! Cole has been staying



healthy otherwise so we are always Thankful for that. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support. Also, please pray for another boy, Holden, who sustained some very serious injuries in an ATV accident recently. In addition, please pray for his parents and doctors as they move forward in the care and needs of Holden. 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

September 27, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor John Boor, Obert Sagebiel (President), Mitchell Jank (Vice President), Trish Hood (Secretary), Archie Abrameit (Treasurer), Charles Egg (Finance), Cathie Bettge (Mission and Evangelism), Beverly Bodden (Parish Life), Johnna Picard (Parish Ed), Marv Sager (Property).

CALL TO ORDER: Obert called the meeting to order.

OPENING DEVOTION: Beverly led a devotion on Matthew 16-26, "Seek ye first the kingdom of the Lord."

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed, motion to accept by Trish, seconded by Johnna. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

I will be marrying Brandon Goebel and Summer Cadell on October 8, 2022 in Austin, Texas.

I will be on vacation 10/16/22 – 10/23/22.

God's blessings

Pastor John

DISCUSSION: Johnny Jank and Jason Ohrt will cover for Pastor on the Sundays that he is gone.

FINANCE TEAM

Reviewed financial reports. Haven't received new premium notice for property insurance. Will discuss at Nov. mtg. Decided to cancel church landline (if a lower rate can be found) and switch to cell phone in church office due to rising landline fees. The number

will remain the same.
2023 budget will be developed at our Nov. meeting.
We will get info to each team lead. Proposed team budgets are due back no later than Nov. 1, 2022.

MISSION/EVANGELISM

No meeting this month.

DISCUSSION: The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba will be our guest speaker on October 30, 2022 which is Reformation Sunday, Mission Feast, and Fill The Church Sunday. We will have a lunch after worship.

PARISH LIFE TEAM

I sent 2 get well cards, and 4 sympathy cards. We are planning for 100 people on October 30, 2022 for Reformation, Mission Feast, and Fill the Church Sunday's luncheon. We are providing Barbeque, sauce, beans, and potato salad. Everyone should bring side dishes and desserts.

Sincerely, Beverly Bodden

PARISH ED

A meeting was not held for Parish Ed.
Joie is coming back to help teach in the middle of October.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

Meeting Date: SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Members Present: Richard Bettge, Dennis Nagel, John Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Vance Egg, Marv Sager, plus Cemetery Committee members, Clay Haun and Mike Rangnow

Items Complete:

- Restroom supplies replenished
- AC filters checked/ changed
- Elevator repairs on August 26th
- Additional elevator emergency key acquired

Renovation Progress:

- As St John is now at liberty to move forward with mitigation measures related to construction issues, tentative priorities are being identified in conjunction with aspects of basement restoration, and other facility repair and maintenance needs. Work to mitigate construction errors anticipated to begin within several weeks.

Ongoing Discussion Items:

- Parsonage inspection and plan for necessary repairs- Still pending consultation with basement restoration contractor.
- Basement Restoration – Agreement executed for installation of structural beams. Victoria AC completed work on basement AC system. Awaiting arrival of ordered structural lam beams.
- Parish Hall painting – Pending consultation with basement restoration contractor(s) along with additional potential entities.
- Church window frame repair and painting - (Note “Parish Hall painting” above)
- Sanctuary steeple repair – Pending consultation with basement restoration contractor.
- Awning bird issue resolution – Soffit installation planned along with construction error repairs.
- Fall congregation workday in advance of Mission Feast Sunday
- Repair of broken tombstones in cemetery – Cemetery committee working to get repair cost estimates

New Discussion Item:

- Consideration of eventual Columbarium addition to cemetery

Old Stone Church:

Awaiting Tom Lodeweges' availability for needed entrance flooring repairs. Next regular meeting scheduled for September 28th at 9:00 am.

Items for Council Approval: None

Next Scheduled Meeting: 10/09/2022

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

No Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed the church secretary situation. Beverly made a motion to accept applications for the job until October 7, 2022. Cathie seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Hood, Secretary

Called Council Meeting

10/16/2022 after church services

Submitted by: M'Liss Moore

Present: Obert Sagebiel, Archie Abrameit, Cathie Bettge, Marvin Sager, Beverly Bodden, Mitchell Jank and M'Liss Moore. Absent: Charles Egg, Brenda Gohmert, Johnna Picard, Pastor John and Trish Hood.

With a majority of members present, Council president Obert Sagebiel called the meeting to order.

The sole item on the agenda was to go over the report and recommendation from the committee assigned to interview candidates for the position of secretary for St. John. The committee consisted of Archie Abrameit, M'Liss Moore, Marvin Sager and Obert Sagebiel. It was reported there were 3 very capable applicants that were interviewed. The committee recommended hiring Patricia "Trish" Hood for the position. Mitchell Jank moved and Cathie Bettge seconded the motion to hire Ms. Hood as secretary. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lesser Festivals of the Church for November

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November 1: All Saints' Day The Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, in the Church of Christ, especially those who have died in the faith in the past year and have gone on to the Church Triumphant. The Protestant definition of saint is a bit different than the Roman Catholic definition. Luther called all the baptized simul justis et peccator, or at the same time saint and sinner. All the baptized are saints by virtue of what God has done for us, not by virtue of anything we have done. *Bible Readings: Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17; Psalm 34:1-10; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12*

November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle Andrew was one of Jesus' twelve disciples and the brother of Simon (Peter). Both were fishermen by vocation. In Greek he is called the protokletos, or first-called, because Jesus called Andrew to come and follow, and then Andrew called his brother. Andrew was first a follower of John the Baptist; when John saw Jesus, John said to Andrew and another disciple, "Behold, the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). Those two followed Jesus, who said to them,

"What are you seeking?" They answered by asking where he was staying, and Jesus invited them to "Come and you will see" (John 1:39). Andrew told his brother Simon (Peter) that they had found the Messiah and brought Simon to Jesus.

Bible Readings: Ezekiel 3:16-21; Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 10:8b-18; John 1:35-42a

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Meyersville, TX
Cemetery Regulations - Adopted 04/23/2019

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CEMETERY AND ADJACENT GROUNDS LOOKING THEIR BEST....

CEMETERY DECORATIONS

In respect of those buried in this cemetery, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church feels responsible for keeping our cemetery presentable and well maintained into perpetuity. In order to accomplish this at a sustainable cost, all users must abide by the following rules concerning decorations:

- A. In-ground vases, ornaments, figurines, statues, pictures, glass or other breakable containers, trellises, shepherd hooks, loose flowers, solar lights, or any commemorative articles of non-degradable materials are not permitted and will be removed and discarded without notice.
- B. All vases shall be attached permanently to the headstone or slab or be of sufficient weight to resist windy conditions. All flowers shall be adequately secured in the previously described vases to keep them from blowing out. Loose flowers on graves will not be permitted.
- C. White solar powered decorations are allowed (one per grave) if they are attached to the headstone or base and not placed in the grass.
- D. Funeral flowers and wreaths placed on fresh graves shall be removed within two weeks of the funeral.
- E. Flags look impressive on a cemetery, but they fade quickly and usually do not stay upright long if placed directly into the ground. If flags are used, they shall be placed in a small diameter pvc plastic pipe driven into the ground next to the headstone as to not impede mowing. Only one flag per grave is permitted.

The cemetery committee at their discretion shall remove and discard any decorations that they deem inappropriate.

THANK YOU

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

November 6

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

November 13

Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Reader - Trish Hood
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

November 20

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Neal Moritz
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

November 27

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Dwight Jander
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

November Communion Assistant

Brian Wendel

November Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

November Nursing Home Visitor

Mary Wagner

LOOKING AHEAD...

December 4

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack
Reader - Johnna Picard
Acolyte - Volunteer Needed

December Communion Assistant

Dickie Bettge

December Altar Guild

Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

December Nursing Home Visitor

Linda Ruschhaupt & Dianna Bartosh

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.

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

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 - Kristine Schroeder
- 3 - Marlee Blain
Sharon Goebel
- 6 - Elizabeth Beard
- 7 - Shirley Wendel
- 9 - Brighton Blain
- 10 - Lacey Rains
- 11 - Patrick Ohrt
- 12 - Abbey Dreier
Trenton Bodden
- 13 - Daren Otto
- 14 - Buck Rangnow
- 17 - Elaine Moritz
- 18 - Melissa Eckhardt
- 19 - Wanda Hays
Bruce Weise
- 21 - Scott Motley
- 22 - Fred Mueller
- 25 - Carla Metting
- 28 - Beverly Bodden
- 29 - Kally Garrett
Kevin Bodden



Anniversary Greetings to:

- 8 - Mickey & Elizabeth Beard
- 9 - Kernell and Elaine Moritz



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St. John Meyersville






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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

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St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

Missions of the Month:
Christmas Family

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints Day <i>2023 Budget requests due to Finance Team</i>	2 1:30 PM Quilters	3	4	5
6 All Saints Sunday 9 AM Confirmation Class 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship  <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	7	8 Election Day Voting in Parish Hall 7AM- 7PM	9 10 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Women's Bible Study	10	11 Veteran's Day 	12
13 23rd Sunday After Pentecost 8 AM Property Team 9 AM Confirmation Class 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship <i>Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes due!</i>	14 7 PM Finance Team Meeting	15	16 9 AM Old Stone Church 1:30 PM Quilters 6 PM Mission / Evangelism Team 7 PM Men's Bible Study	17 **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members	18 <i>Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office by noon.</i>	19
20 Christ the King Sunday 9 AM Confirmation Class 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Polka Sunday 	21	22 7 PM Council	23 9:30 AM Cornucopia 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service 	24 Thanksgiving Day  Thanksgiving	25	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9 AM Confirmation Class 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 3:00 PM Church Christmas decorating	28	29	30 1:30 PM Quilters	Office Hours: *Please see the bulletins for office hours. 