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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CONTACT US

Church Office: 361-277-8653 Office Hours: see weekly bulletin stjohnevlutheran@juno.com 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 Worship 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.



Holy Communion is celebrated on the first & third Sunday of each month. Welcome to all new members!

THE CHURCH BELL St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

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Greetings,

A few weeks ago in my message I asked if you hear what I hear. My point was that we are often so busy living our lives here on earth we miss many things that God is giving us. We miss the miracles that God is still performing in our presence. We fail to appreciate everything God has for us.

I recently read an article that I believe illustrates this perfectly.

In Washington, DC, at a Metro Station, on a cold January morning in 2007, this man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, approximately 2,000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. After about 3 minutes, a middle-aged man noticed that there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds, and then he hurried on to meet his schedule.

About 4 minutes later:

The violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk. **At 6 minutes:**

A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again. At 10 minutes:

A 3-year old boy stopped, but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head the whole time. This action was repeated by several other children, but every parent - without exception - forced their children to move on quickly. At 45 minutes:

The musician played continuously. Only 6 people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

After 1 hour:

He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. There was no recognition at all.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before, Joshua Bell sold-out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$200 each to sit and listen to him play the same music.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell, playing incognito in the D.C. Metro Station, was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities.

This experiment raised several questions:

*In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty?

*If so, do we stop to appreciate it?

*Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this:

If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made . . .

How many other things are we missing as we rush through life?

Do You Hear What I Hear?

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.





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Fotal Baptisms	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0		5
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Non-Members	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		2
Funerals													
Members	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0		3
Non-Members	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		1
Counseling Sessions	3	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	4	2	3		27
Fransfer Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
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ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor	(Cell) 243-0373
Council President-Obert Sagebiel 2	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 Moor	e 275-8069



Office hours are now posted in the weekly bulletins, and on the office door. 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 February 2023 Church Bell is Friday, January 20, 2023 by 9 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnevlutheran@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.

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



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:



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

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.



Sympathy goes out to Susan Egg on the loss of her brother, Ronald "Ronnie" L. Morris who passed on Dec. 5, 2022. May God comfort the family at this time of loss.

We keep the family of Billie Faye Egg in our prayers. Mrs. Egg passed on Dec. 18, 2022 and was a long-time member of St. John. She leaves behind her children, Greg & Vance Egg and Lynn Holliday, along with numerous grandchildren & great-grandchildren. May the Lord comfort her family.



Mission of the Month of January Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County

This club has a vision to provide positive life changing experiences to help empower the young. Their mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The club code is that of believing in God, the right to worship, and believing in the Constitution and Bill of Rights of America. Thank you for donating toward the future citizens of DeWitt County.



St. John will be collecting non-perishable food items to benefit CAMAL House food pantry over the holiday season. Canned meat items like Spam, Vienna sausages & chili are especially needed at this time. Thank you for all donations!

Important Dates

Annual Reports are due to the church office no later than Jan. 6, 2023.

January 22, 2023 - Annual Congregational Meeting following worship

February 5, 2023 - Installation of Council Members



<u>Youth Group</u>

St. John's Youth Group, 5th grade through high school, will meet following church services on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023 from 11:15-1:30 for Christian Fellowship and a pizza lunch. Be sure to bring a friend!

CAMAL House Food Drive - Blanket Drive

It's the season for giving & sharing. Please consider a donation of non-perishable goods, to our local food pantry! They are specifically in need of canned meats. Items are being collected in the narthex. CAMAL House is also collection new and gently used blankets, comforters, quilts or extra large throws. Items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall or Narthex now thru February 2023. Thank you!

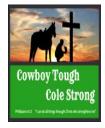
Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com library edition is now available to the public at the Cuero Municipal Library. Patrons may access ancestry library edition via the library's public computers or by connecting their wifi. Special contributions by the DeWitt County Historical Commission helped make this happen. For more information contact the Cuero Municipal Library at 361-275-2864.

+ 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 hardheaded and sometimes that serves us well! Cole has been staving 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 ~ November 22, 2022 By Trish Hood

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor John Boor, Obert Sagebiel (President), Mitchell Jank (Vice President), Trish Hood (Secretary), M'Liss Moore (Financial Secretary), Charles Egg (Finance), 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:** Brenda led a devotion on 1st Thessalonians, and The Peanuts Thanksgiving Movie, where Peppermint Patty suggested that they pray before they eat, and then, complained about everything. According to the verse in Thessalonians "We should give thanks with our heart as well as our mouth".

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

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

Pastor Report

I ask that the church would approve my going to the Pastor's Conference in San Antonio January 31-February 2, 2023. The information on the Conference is below.

Confirmation class is going very well. It is one of the best classes I have had.

Reclaiming Christian Anthropology: Gender Ideology and Our Pastoral Response January 31-February 2, 2023, Drury Plaza Hotel San Antonio Riverwalk, San Antonio, Texas "Male and female He created them." Genesis 1:27b It has become clear that NALC pastors are seeking deep and meaningful theological content, while also being provided with "on the ground — real life" application. Is there a timelier topic requiring in-depth biblical and theological reflection — as well as reasoned, faithful pastoral response — than the current issues relating to biblical/Christian anthropology? The current confusion related to gender ideology has raised questions and challenges for parents, youth and children, as well as for pastors and congregations ministering to these persons. The speaker for the 2023 NALC Pastors' Conference will first present a clear understanding of Christian anthropology and then discuss the current attack on such anthropology from the gender ideology advocates. Following the presentation will be small and large group discussions, and engagement related to real-life situations and scenarios. The keynote presenter will be Dr. John S. Grabowski, Ordinary Professor of Moral Theology and Ethics, Catholic University of America and author of the recent book, Unraveling Gender. A native of Wisconsin, Dr. Grabowski is a graduate of the University of Steubenville and Marquette. He has been on the faculty of CUA for thirty

years. His expertise includes fundamental moral theology, marriage, sexual ethics, theological anthropology, virtue theory and gender issues. He and his wife served on the Pontifical Council for the Family, appointed by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009 and has served two terms as a theological advisor on the USCCB Council on Laity, Marriage Family and Youth. In 2015, he was appointed by Pope Francis to serve as an expert at the Synod of Bishops on the Family. Dr. Grabowski has published widely in the areas of moral theology, marriage, sexuality and bioethics. Again, this year, several of our pastors and theologians will present a response to the presentations, followed by panel discussions.

In addition to plenary sessions on the theme, there will be opportunities for one-on-one meetings with NALC staff, a presentation by Hahn Financial Group, private confession and absolution and the annual meeting of the NALC Ministerium. The NALC Ministerium will include a Holy Communion service, the renewal of ordination vows and a blessing of oil which will be distributed to pastors for use in local NALC congregations.

God's blessings

Pastor John

DISCUSSION: Council discussed sending Pastor to this conference in San Antonio, and Mitchell made a motion to pay the \$100 conference fee, and Pastor's Hotel room. Beverly seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCE TEAM

Church Property insurance renewal: Church Mutual is behind on getting the new quote to us.

Online banking: Waiting on additional information from Mitchell.

Change landline to cellular: still looking at options. 2023 Budget: developed new budget to present to council. Charles Egg

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the proposed budget for 2023, and Charles made a motion to recommend it for approval by the congregation. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM MEETING

Mission Evangelism Team Report – Nov. 16, 2022 Members Present: Obert Sagebiel, Linda Ruschhaupt, Cheryl Bramlette, Pastor Boor, Pam Haun, Cathie Bettge Discussed Reformation/Mission Feast Sunday; 50 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes ordered—6 were not taken to be filled with 40 filled boxes being brought to St. John Church and then taken to First Baptist Church in Cuero for delivery to Samaritans Purse; Quilt display and litany is scheduled yearly for the 2nd Sunday in October; church member directory is on schedule for print in January of 2023.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

December-Samaritan's Purse - to be used as needed

SERVICE PROJECTS:

Nov. 23, Wed/9:30am – deco Thanksgiving Cornucopia Nov. 27, Sun/3pm – church Christmas decorating

PARISH LIFE TEAM

Parish Life sent out 2 Get-Well cards this month. We had a great turnout with the Mission Feast/Fill the Church/Reformation Sunday luncheon even without a guest speaker. Thanks to all who helped, brought food, BBQed, set up, cleaned up, and prayed about it. It is all greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Beverly Bodden

PARISH ED

Parish Ed did not meet this month. Johnna informed council that the Sunday School and Youth Group are preparing for the Bethlehem Village on the 18th of December at 6:00pm.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

The Property Team did not meet this month. However, team members unanimously agreed via email communications to seek council and congregational approval of current proposal by Victoria Air Conditioning for replacement of the failed A/C which served the parish hall side of the sanctuary.

DISCUSSSION: Council discussed the A/C proposal, and Johnna made a motion to recommend the proposal to the congregation at a congregational meeting set for December 11, 2022. Charles seconded. Motion carried.

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship team did not meet this month. Next meeting is December 6, 2022. Brenda Gohmert

NEW BUSINESS: Council discussed a nomination committee, as Obert, Trish and Johnna's terms have ended. Obert and Johnny both did not want to remain on council, but Trish said she would go another term, if no one could be found to replace her.

Council also discussed having a Council Retreat in January to maybe come up with ideas to improve to improve our attendance, and motivate everyone.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Trish Hood, Secretary



The Meyersville ISD recycle trailer is back in business. This convenience is for everyone in the community to utilize with the school maintaining the project. Please remember, all recyclables must be loose (not bagged) when being placed in the proper bin.



We keep Pastor John in our prayers as he travels to the Pastors' Conference in San Antonio Jan. 31–Feb. 2. This annual gathering is an opportunity for our pastors to gather for support, encouragement, renewal, as well as for insightful presentations that speak to the challenges and opportunities faced as the Church in the 21st century.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church 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:

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January 1 Greeters - Beverly Bodden Reader - Kathy Dunn Acolyte -
January 8 Greeters - John & Margie Swannack Reader - Wanda Hays Acolyte - Volunteer Needed
January 15 Greeters - Dickie & Cathie Bettge Reader - Neal Moritz Acolyte - Volunteer Needed
January 22 Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager Reader - Cathie Bettge Acolyte -
January 29 Greeters - Youth Group Reader - Dwight Jander Acolyte -
January Communion Assistant Pam Haun
January Altar Guild Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker
January Nursing Home Visitor Open
LOOKING AHEAD February 5 Greeters - Reader - Acolyte - Volunteer Needed
February Communion Assistant Wanda Hays February Altar Guild Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

February 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.

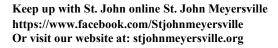
Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you

Happy Birthday to:

- 2 -**Rose Mueller**
- 6 -Havden Leist
- 7 -**Crayton Rains** Joan Wendel
- 9 -Leon Wallace
- 10 -**Jennifer Cornett**
- 12 -**Brandon Blain Nick Picard**
- 13 -**Feather Diebel**
- 14 -Jeff Zengerle **Toi Rangnow**
- 17 -Haven Treadway
- 21 -**Julianne Stiles**
- 22 -**Terri Jank**
- 23 -Nikki Carver
- 24 -MacKenna Diebel Lily Treadway
- 26 -**Billy Guenther**
- 27-William Ohrt
- 28 -John Swannack Susan Egg

Anniversary Greetings to:

- Daren & Dawn Otto 2 -Nick & Johnna Picard
- 12 -**David & Martha Diebel**
- 17 -Mitchell & Terri Jank
- 22 -**Terry & Pam Haun**
- 29 -**Ernest & Carla Metting**





January 2023

John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission of the Month: Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County

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Meyersville, TX

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Sunday after Christmas 1 10:15 AM Worship Happy New Year!	2	3 9AM – 12PM Pastor's Office Hours	4 1:30 PM Quilters 3PM – take down Christmas decor	5 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	6 Annual Reports Due	7
Epiphany of Our Lord88:00 AM Property Team9:00 AM Confirmation Class9:00 AM Sunday School10:15 AM Worship	9	10 9AM – 12PM Pastor's Office Hours	11 10AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Women's Bible Study	12 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	13	14
Baptism of Our Lord159:00 AM Confirmation Class9:00 AM Sunday School10:15 AM WorshipHotomoreCommunion	16	17 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	18 1:30 PM Quilters 6 PM Mission Evangelism Team 7 PM Men's Bible Study	19 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	20 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	21
2nd Sunday after Epiphany 22 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship followed by Annual Congregational Meeting	23	24 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting	25 1:30 PM Quilters	26 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	27	28
3rd Sunday after Epiphany 29 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Contemporary Worship 11:15-1:30 Youth Group - Parish Hall	30	31 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours				Please look on our website: <u>http://stjohnmeyersville.</u> <u>org/</u> or our FaceBook page: <u>St. John</u> <u>Meyersville</u> for changes & updates.