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FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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)
iboor25@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 St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

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Greetings,

The Early New Testament church was known for its love. That's why it grew so incredibly fast. People were attracted to the love which changed Christians so much.

Satan knew that thousands of people were being drawn to Christ through this love, so he attempted to destroy the church. At first, he tried to splinter it from the outside. Satan incited many powerful men to persecute, imprison and murder Christians for years. Thousands died for the faith, but the Church continued to grow; when they saw the love and dedication of Christ's followers. So, Satan tried another tactic: splinter the Church apart from the inside. If he could get Christians to fight with each other, to stab each other in the back the church would fail. He has had much more luck with that tactic.

Therefore, we must be vigilant and always seek God's guidance through prayer. Ephesians 2:15-16 reads: "by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body (Christ's body) to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility."

We must remember that the person we don't like because he thinks Dak Prescott is a putz is also God's child. As much as you may not care for that person, they are your brother in Jesus, and Jesus has made you one. You are loved; he is loved. You are forgiven; he is forgiven. You are blessed; he is blessed.

Pastor Bob Russell of Southeast Christian Church writes something interesting about this: "The twelve apostles were a diverse group. Simon the Zealot was a patriot—a kind of redneck who hated the Roman government. Matthew was a tax collector—a collaborator with Rome. That would be like Rush Limbaugh and Ted Kennedy serving on the same committee! They'd about slit each other's throat! But Jesus united them." (Russell, p. 197) Simon the Zealot and Matthew the Tax Man were both forgiven and loved by Jesus. All of us here today are forgiven and loved by Jesus. We all have peace with him; we all have access to him; be all belong to him. We are united in him.

So, Serve one another; Accept one another; Forgive one another; Bear one another's burdens; Be devoted to one another; Honor one another; Teach one another; Submit to one another; Encourage one another; Pray for one another; Listen to both sides of the story; take words and actions in the kindest possible way; be patient. Do everything on your part to restore the unity and the love. That way, our families, our friends and our community will be drawn to the love of Jesus who welcomes us all!

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.



STATISTICAL DEPONT FOR 2022													
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Infant/Child	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Baptisms	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
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Confirmations	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Weddings													
Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Members		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Funerals													_
Members	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4
Non-Members	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Counseling Sessions	3	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	4	2	3	2	29
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Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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New Members													
Adults	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Home Visits	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	3	3	0	18
Hospital Visits													
Members	0	14	13	5	3	5	3	1	0	1	4	4	53
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PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
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ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor	361- 243-0373	Parish Education – Rachel Nessel	361-571-9228
Council President-Glenn Ruschhaupt	t 361-275-2059	Mission/Evangelism - Cathie Bettge	361-550-7274
Vice President - Mitchell Jank	361-649-8681	Property Team - Marvin Sager	361-243-1166
Secretary - Trish Hood	361-212-7322	Finance Team - Charles Egg	281-844-3358
Treasurer - Archie Abrameit	512-922-0975	Parish Life Team - Beverly Bodden	361-570-3393
Financial Secretary - M'Liss Moore	361-275-8069	Worship Team - Brenda Gohmert	361-649-1606



Office hours are now posted in the weekly bulletins and on the website. For immediate assistance, call M'Liss at 361-564-4497.

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 2023 Church Bell is Friday, February 17, 2023 by 9:00 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!



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:



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.

Mission of the Month of February Warrior's Weekend



Mission Statement

Founded in 2007, Warrior's Weekend is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 Corporation dedicated to the support of veterans of The United States of America with an emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. This is accomplished through holding an annual fishing event for wounded military personnel in May in Port O'Connor, Texas as well as donations to veterans and veterans-based causes.

May 19-21, 2023

Friday night—fish fry

Saturday morning—tacos and fruit are served for breakfast at 8:30 AM approximately 200 boats are available to take them fishing

Saturday night—a bbq dinner is provided with awards for the fishing and a Poker tournament is enjoyed

Sunday morning—a full breakfast is provided with a big send off to follow



February 5, 2023 - Installation of Council Members

February 12, 2023 – Gospel Bruch fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of Cuero at 11:30

a.m. at The Venue on Church Street in Cuero. Individual tickets are \$50.00. Please see Laurie Pokluda to purchase tickets for for more details.



February 20

We would like to thank everyone who made our Bethlehem village successful this year. And like the star of Bethlehem, we can lead others to

Christ in 2023.



The position for St. John church secretary is once again open. anyone is interested in this position please contact Glenn Ruschhaupt or Pastor John

CAMAL House Food Drive - Blanket Drive

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!

CAMAL House is now set up to receive online donations via Tithe.ly. Just use this QR code below to made secure cash donations with your cell phone.





Dear Friends!

Thank you so much for the quilts and supplies that Mike delivered to We also appreciate your donation of \$200! Your support means a lot in helping us restock

the warehouse. Many families will be touched by your kindness! Thanks again & God Bless You!

Michael & Pat Dittrich



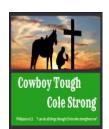
The Quilters will be meeting in the parsonage each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Come and join the bee!





+ UPDATE + Special <u>Prayers for Cole</u>

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 ~ December 27, 2022

By Trish Hood, Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor John Boor, Obert Sagebiel (President), Mitchell Jank (Vice President), Trish Hood (Secretary), Archie Abrameit (Treasurer), M'Liss Moore (Financial Secretary), Charles Egg (Finance), Cathie Bettge (Mission and Evangelism), Marv Sager (Property), Brenda Gohmert (Worship).

CALL TO ORDER: Obert called the meeting to order.

OPENING DEVOTION: Brenda led a devotion on Job 38:4-21, and about William Shatner, and his feelings about actually going up in space. He said that darkness was everywhere, and he felt helpless and afraid. God asks us questions about the darkness in Job 38, and he tells us that we cannot see the light without him.

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

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

PASTOR REPORT

I was contacted by Warren Seidel from Westhoff Lutheran Church. They are seeking ordained or Lay supply pastors as their interim accepted a full-time call to a church in Seguin. They also asked if I would visit their homebound and make hospital visits. I referred them to Johnny Jank for supply and I agreed to visit their homebound and hospital visits. Johnny contacted Warren and Johnny will do their service on Jan. 8 and once in February. They interviewed an applicant this past week for their full-time position.

A reminder that I will be in San Antonio Jan 31st through Feb 3rd for a pastor conference.

God's Blessings,

Pastor John Boor

DISCUSSION: Pastor baptized Haven and Lily Treadway on December 11, 2022.

FINANCE TEAM

Finance Team did not meet this month. Charles Egg

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM MEETING

Mission Ev. did not meet this month. They delivered the Christmas gifts to the Christmas family on the 19th of December 2022.

Cathie Bettge

PARISH LIFE TEAM

Parish Life did not have a meeting this month. We did send out 2 Sympathy cards, and 2 Christmas cards. We also supplied cookies and hot chocolate/coffee for the Sunday School Bethlehem Village Program. Sincerely,

Beverly Bodden

PARISH ED

Parish Ed did not meet this month.

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the Youth Group, or lack and it was decided that we would begin having Youth Group on the fifth Sunday of each month after Worship Service until 1:30 p.m., beginning on January 29, 2023. Trish will lead a short devotion, followed by pizza lunch. Then maybe a basketball game, or some outdoor activity, weather permitting. We hope to have a great turnout.

PROPERTY TEAM

Meeting Date: DECEMBER 11th

Members Present: Richard Bettge, Dennis Nagel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Mitchell Jank, John Boor, Marv Sager, plus Cemetery Committee member, Mike Rangnow

Items Complete:

- Restroom supplies replenished
- AC filters checked/ replaced
- Parsonage cleaned by Calvo's
- Organ tuned (Visser to return in January with parts to make several repairs)
- Proposal acquired for replacement of failed sanctuary AC unit-New unit installed 12/16
- Proposed 2023 budget approved by Council
- Shampoo of sanctuary carpet on December 20

Renovation Progress:

• Work to mitigate construction errors still awaiting contractor availability

Ongoing Discussion Items:

- Parsonage inspection and plan for necessary repairs- Still pending consultation with basement restoration contractor.
- Basement Restoration Awaiting completion of AC work for sanctuary and basement ductwork modification.
- 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 additional consultation with basement restoration contractor.
- Awning bird issue resolution Soffit installation planned along with construction error repairs.
 Currently awaiting contractor availability.
- Repair of broken tombstones in cemetery –
 Cemetery committee has engaged entity to begin initial repairs and provide estimates for additional work
 - Awaiting their availability to begin work.
- Flagpole painting Awaiting probable utilization of manlift for steeple repair.

Other:

 Discussed Worship Team exploratory committee regarding Sound System/ Screen considerations. Glenn agreed to serve as Property Team representative on that committee.

Old Stone Church

Awaiting Tom Lodeweges' availability for needed

entrance flooring repairs. Suitable long leaf pine flooring has been acquired, but needs to be planed for paint removal and smooth finish.

Items for Council Approval: None **Next Scheduled Meeting**: 01/08/2023

WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Team Meeting December 6

We started meeting with Old Business and we discussed looking for a committee to help Johnny Paul with the Sound System/Screen upgrades. Candy did agree with Johnny's help to head the committee.

We then moved into New Business and discussed the use of the Nicene creed. Pastor stated that the Worship Team had agreed to only use it on Special Occassions and Feasts. We stayed with the previous Worship Teams decision.

It was also brought up about using the Athanasion Creed on the First Sunday of Pentecost. We will research and discuss later. If you as a congregation have an opinion, please share. It is located on page 54

It was also brought up about the Organ being too loud in certain areas and Bruce will look into it because he brought up there are some issues which need to be addressed with the organ and he has talked to the company and they need to get the parts.

Christmas Day service will be at regular Sunday time 10:15 AM.

With no other business we selected songs for December 18-February 19.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting on February 7, 2023 Brenda Gohmert

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

Respectfully Submitted, Trish Hood, Secretary

Thanks from our 2022 Christmas Family-



God bless you all. I am overwhelmed with your church families' generosity. God bless y'all.
Thank you. Merry
Christmas!

Tammie Marks



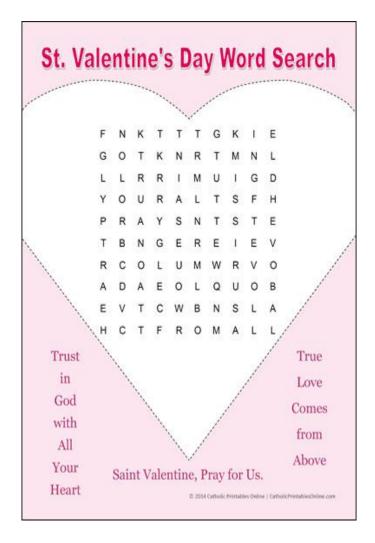
The Meyersville ISD recycle trailer is back in business. This convenience is for everyone in the community to utilize with the school maintaining the project. Please remember, all recyclables must be loose (not bagged) when being placed in the proper bin.



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

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

February 5

Greeters - M'Liss Moore

Reader - Trish Hood

Acolyte -

February 12

Greeters - Beverly Bodden Reader - Beverly Bodden

Acolyte -

February 19

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack

Reader - Dickie Bettge

Acolyte -

February 26

Greeters - The Hays Family

Reader - Kathy Dunn

Acolyte -

February Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

February Altar Guild

Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

February Nursing Home Visitor

Laurie Pokluda

LOOKING AHEAD...

March 5

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader - Trish Hood

Acolyte -

March Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

March Altar Guild

Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

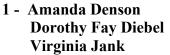
March Nursing Home Visitor

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.

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

Happy Birthday to:



3 - Clayton Constable, Jr.

4 - Ernest Metting Javce Egg

6 - Margaret Krause

8 - Harper Light

14 - Bobby Blain Phillyce Zengerle

16 - Norrean Sager

18 - Alexis Haun Robert Moeller

19 - Megan Ohrt

21 - Charles Egg

22 - Dean Ohrt Laurie Wendel

27 - Shelley Dreier

28 - Maverick Eckhardt

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Anniversary Greetings to:

1 - Gordon & Jenny Gohmert

14 - Lindsey & Pam Ficklen



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February 2023

John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission of the Month: Warrior's Weekend

Meyersville, TX

Church Office: (361)277-8653, Pastor John's Cell: (361)243-0373

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: St. John Meyersville for changes & updates.			Pastors' Conference 1:30 PM Quilters at the Parsonage	Pastors' Conference	3	4
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 5 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship- Installation of Council Members Holy Communion	6	9AM – 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 7PM – Worship Team	8 1:30 PM Quilters at the Parsonage 7PM - Women's Bible Study	9 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	10	11
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 12 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	13	9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!	10AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 PM Quilters at the Parsonage 7PM - Men's Bible Study	16 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	18
Transfiguration of Our Lord 19 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Holy Communion	Presidents Day	9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	Ash Wednesday 1:30 PM Quilters at the Parsonage 7 PM Lenten Service	23 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	24	25
9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	27	9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting				Office Hours: *Please see the weekly Bulletins OFFICE MOURS