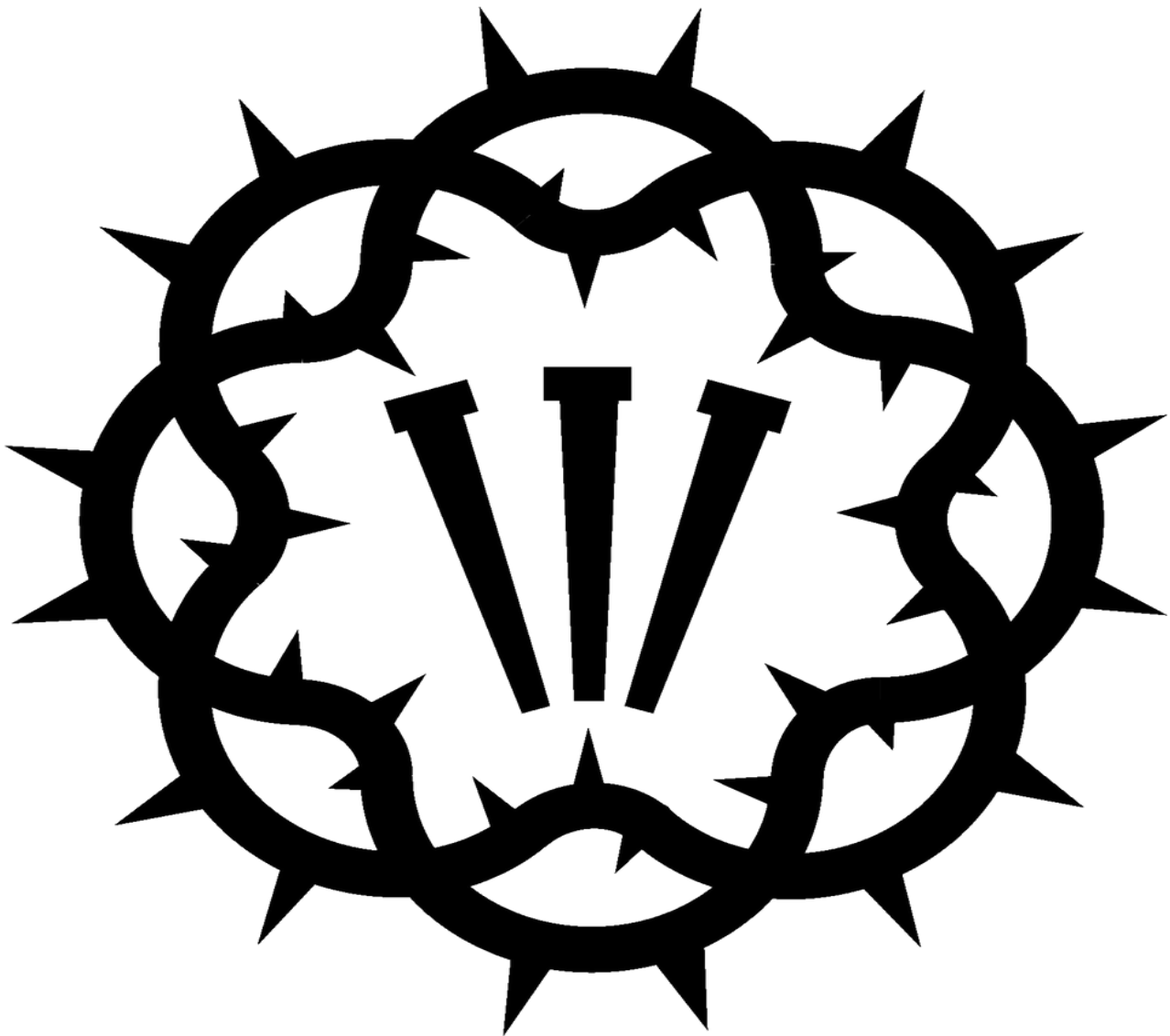


March 12, 2023

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*We are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. Psalm 95:7*

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

Greeter This Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Greeter Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen

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

C Amen

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

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

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

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

C Amen

OPENING HYMN:

“When Peace, like a River”

LBW #346

**1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this calm assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

**3 He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.**

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord have mercy.

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

C Lord have mercy.

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

C Lord have mercy.

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

C Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray;

Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Leviticus 24:13-16

¹³ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁴ “Bring the one who has cursed outside the camp, and have all who heard him lay their hands on his head; then have all the congregation stone him. ¹⁵ You shall also speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘If anyone curses his God, then he will bear *the responsibility for his sin*. ¹⁶ Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the LORD must be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The stranger as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 27:11-14

¹¹ Teach me Your way, LORD, And lead me on a level path
Because of my enemies.

¹² **Do not turn me over to the desire of my enemies, For false witnesses have risen against me,
And the violent witness.**

¹³ I certainly believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD
In the land of the living.

**¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage;
Yes, wait for the LORD.**

Second Reading: Acts 22:12-16

¹² “Now a certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law *and* well spoken of by all the Jews who lived *there*, ¹³ came to me, and standing nearby he said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight!’ And at that very moment I looked up at him. ¹⁴ And he said, ‘The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear a message from His mouth. ¹⁵ For you will be a witness for Him to all people of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins by calling on His name.’

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

**C Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 26:57-68

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 26th chapter.

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

⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. ⁵⁸ But Peter was following Him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and he came inside and sat down with the officers to see the outcome. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the entire Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. ⁶⁰ They did not find *any*, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward, ⁶¹ and said, “This man stated, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.’” ⁶² The high priest stood up and said to Him, “Do You offer no answer for what these men are testifying against You?” ⁶³ But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, “I place You under oath by the living God, to tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴ Jesus *said to him, “You have said *it* yourself. But I tell you, from now *on* you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? See, you have now heard the blasphemy; ⁶⁶ what do you think?” They answered, “He deserves death!” ⁶⁷ Then they spit in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others ^[g] slapped Him, ⁶⁸ and said, “Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: **“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

LBW # 327

**1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**2 Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.**

**3 Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eye lids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.**

Stand as you are able

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

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

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

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

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

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

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING *(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash offerings & include your name.)*

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

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

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

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!**

(after each petition "Lord in your mercy," RESPONSE "HEAR OUR PRAYER")

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

Amen

Please stand

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

LORD'S PRAYER

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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

**1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand, Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, Bells still are chiming and calling –
Calling the young and old to rest, Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.**

**2 Not in our temples made with hands
God, the Almighty, is dwelling; High in the heav'ns his temple stands,
All earthly tmeples excelling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n above
Deigns to abide with us in love, Making our bodies his temple.**

**3 We are God's house of living stones, Built for his own habitation;
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones, Granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek his face, He in their midst would show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.**

**4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing;
Hither we come to praise his name, Faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent, Making with us his covenant,
Granting his children the kingdom.**

**5 Through all the passing years, O Lord, Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear God's Word. Where he this promis is bringing:
I know my own, my own know me; You, not the world, my face shall see;
My peace I leave with you. Amen**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE DOXOLOGY:

LBW #565

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

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 3/12 **Third Sunday in Lent**

8:00 a.m. Property Team meeting
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship

Daylight Saving Time

**SPRING
BREAK 2023**

Tues 3/14 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Bi-Annual Altar Guild meeting

Wed 3/15 1:30 p.m. Quilters – at the Parsonage
6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Team meeting
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Easter lily orders are due in the office today!

Thurs 3/16 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Sat 3/18 1:30 p.m. Parish Ed

Next Sun. 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion



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

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

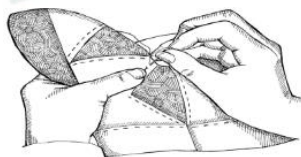
March 5, 2023 General \$2,937.00 Building \$425.00, MOM- Turkey Earthquake Response \$430.00, Sunday School Mission \$18.00, Cemetery \$100.00, Old Stone Church \$120.00, Youth Group \$60.00, Organ \$120.00

Total: \$4,210.00

Attendance: Worship – 85, Sunday School – Children 9, Adults 12

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

Altar Guild Members – The Bi-Annual meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 7PM in the sanctuary. Please, at least one member from each team is asked to attend for questions, reminders, and/or changes in procedures, etc. Thank you, Carol Ann Sagebiel



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

Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave in the Parish Hall on the table on the stage.

****The church office phone now has texting capabilities ☺ 361-277-8653 ****

March Mission of the Month

TURKEY EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE by SAMARITAN'S PURSE



Teams have been working on the ground to assess needs in southern Turkey near the border with Syria. Samaritan's Purse set up an Emergency Field Hospital and the critically needed items are airlifted in Turkey to help people as they recover. More supplies will be provided. Many 10's of 1000's are injured and the death toll exceeds 35,000.



HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON by having an Easter Lily placed in the sanctuary Easter Sunday. Cost is \$9.00 and orders are due by March 15, 2023. Order forms are in the Narthex and on the last page of this bulletin.



Applications are being accepted for the position of Bookkeeper/Secretary. If anyone is interested in this position please contact the church office, Council President Glenn Ruschhaupt or Pastor John.

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



Please note: The Old Stone Church meeting has been rescheduled to March 29, 2023 at 9AM. We always welcome new members. Come and join our history preservation committee.

CAMAL House Dish Soap

We will be collecting bottles of dish soap to be distributed in March. Please consider donating some dish soap, 20-28 oz., any brand. A designated box is in the Narthex. Thank you!

NALC Warehouse



We are collecting again for the warehouse. We will be collecting wrapped bar soap & travel size shampoo for the month of March.

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.

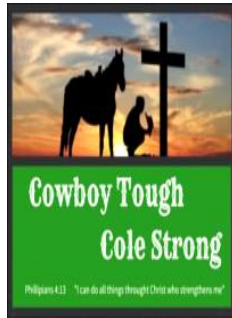


MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a pre-Easter Spring cleaning workday on April 1, 2023 from 9:00 - 12:00. Grounds, cemetery cleanup and maintenance will be on the agenda for that day. Please try to help if you can!



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole

Hello everyone! Cole is doing fine. The holidays are always a little rough on him being the anniversary of his accident is right before Christmas. It's been five years since that day. Kind of hard to believe.. In some ways it seems like yesterday. We've learned a lot in these past five years. It hasn't been easy and still isn't most days but there are just some things I feel we would have never learned if this hadn't happened. Most importantly is how much we depend on God and on each other to get through this life. Life is full of trials and if you haven't gone through any, rest assured, you will eventually. But we serve a compassionate God who loves us very



much and will see us through anything we are going through if we let Him. Cole is still faithfully going to therapy to walk use the arm machine twice weekly. He's been getting some good movement with his arms while on the machine lately. Now this is only while he's strapped in the machine. He's not able to move his arms independently – yet. But keep praying – any progress is a blessing. In closing I just want to thank all of you for helping us through this trial in our lives. Your prayers, posts, donations, meals, and kind words all help us in more ways than you know. Until next time- keep praying.

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)

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 \$1.25 ea.

1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.25 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.

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 \$1.18 ea.

1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.25

1 toothpaste (travel size) – Walmart (or for a bigger tube) 77-90 cents ea.

1 comb – Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.25

1 bath towel – Walmart \$2.97 ea.

1 drawstring bag – available to be filled in narthex or you may sew your own from an old pillow case.



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, Hawaii
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina
Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio

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.



Please Pray for: Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Marie Liner, Bea Fagg, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar, Lisa Phillips, Joy Meadows, Rylan Caskey, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Leon Wallace.

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



Visit our website at stjohnmeyersville.org to view the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER



The Holy Spirit assures us that we are God's children no matter how furiously sin may rage within us, so long as we follow the Spirit and struggle against sin in order to kill it. Because nothing is so effective in deadening the flesh as the cross and suffering.

- Martin Luther -
Commentary on Romans



The first reference to Lent dates back to 325 AD, in one of the 20 canons decreed at the council of Nicaea. By the 8th Century, Christians started observing Lent, and a 10th century monk named Aelfric connected the use of ashes and fasting during Lent to the pre-Easter period.



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ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES



HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON by having an Easter Lily placed in the Sanctuary Easter Sunday. Please complete the form below, make out a check to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, and place this form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

Please indicate the number of Easter Lilies you desire and PRINT clearly. Additional forms are available in the Narthex.

[] Number of Easter Lily(s) (cost is \$9.00 each)

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____

To the Glory of God by: _____

THE CHURCH OFFICE MUST RECEIVE ALL ORDERS NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023

All Easter Lilies may be picked up after the 10:15 a.m. Easter