

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church  
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## *May 2023 Newsletter*

### **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

#### **CONTACT US**

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Thurs. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
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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**  
**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)**

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Greetings,

At the end of May, we will once again be honoring all of our veterans. Memorial Day is a federal holiday for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have given their lives in service to their country and is observed on the last Monday of the month of May. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials to honor and mourn those who died while serving in The U.S. Military. Many cemeteries place an American flag on the graves of the veterans.

There are two other days each year celebrating those who have served, Veterans Day, November 11, and Armed Forces Day which honors those currently serving in the armed forces. As in the past we will be combining the celebrations of all three in our service. We understand the three days and we respect all who have served, who are serving, and especially those who gave their lives in service to the country.

We must never forget the sacrifices made and services rendered by those who fought gallantly and bravely to preserve life and liberty as we know it in America today. The call to preserving freedom today begins with remembering and honoring those who did so before us. Albert is the epitome of what the back bone of America Is! I find it difficult to find words that adequately express my appreciation and admiration.

I fully expect there will be a special crown awaiting those who valiantly served and fought for the cause of freedom on earth. Jesus said, "***No greater love hath a man than one who lay down his life for another.***"

It is always hard for me to express the depth of my gratitude for our veterans. We must never forget the sacrifices made and services rendered by those who fought gallantly and bravely to preserve life and liberty as we know it in America today. The call to preserving freedom today begins with remembering and honoring those who did so before us. Those who sacrificed so much for our freed the epitome of what the back bone of America Is! I find it difficult to find words that adequately express my appreciation and admiration for that feat.

May you all have a wonderful Memorial Day.

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 (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.



# ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor 361- 243-0373  
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Vice President - Mitchell Jank 361-649-8681  
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Parish Education – Rachel Nessel 361-571-9228  
Mission/Evangelism - Cathie Bettge 361-550-7274  
Property Team - Marvin Sager 361-243-1166  
Finance Team - Charles Egg 281-844-3358  
Parish Life Team - Beverly Bodden 361-570-3393  
Worship Team - Brenda Gohmert 361-649-1606



Office hours are now posted in the weekly bulletins and on the website. For immediate office 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 May 2023 Church Bell is Friday, May 19, 2023 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to [stjohnevlutheran@juno.com](mailto: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, Rylan Caskey, Lisa Phillips, Joy Meadows, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy F. Diebel, Leon Wallace.

## 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.



**NALC Warehouse** - We are collecting again for the warehouse in Rosenberg. We will be collecting paper towels and small bottles of bleach for the month of May.

## Mission of the Month of May

### Tunnel to Towers

Tunnel to Towers is building a very special, first-of-its-kind community called Let Us Do Good Village in Land O'Lakes, Florida. It will serve America's catastrophically injured veterans and first responders, as well as help the families of fallen heroes who sacrificed their lives protecting our communities and our country. The goal for the Let Us Do Good Village is to bring families with similar backgrounds together to heal and help one another.

With gratitude for our support they say: thank you for bringing help, hope, and healing to families in need!

### CAMAL House

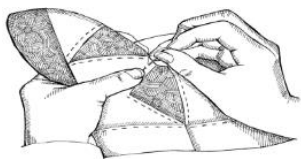
CAMAL House is now set up to receive online donations via Tithely. Just use this QR code to make secure cash donations with your cell phone.



*We keep the family of Freda Nelsson, in our prayers.*

*Mrs. Nelsson passed away April 17, 2023. She served as the Executive Director of the CAMAL House in Cuero and will surely be missed.*

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

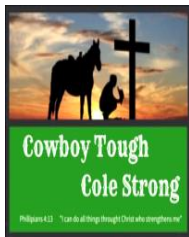


Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave on the table on the stage.



### + 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. Its' 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)*

### **Church Council Minutes ~ March 28, 2023**

By Trish Hood, Secretary

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pastor John Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt (President), Mitchell Jank (Vice President), Trish Hood (Secretary), M'Liss Moore (Financial Secretary), Charles Egg (Finance Team), Cathie Bettge (Mission and Evangelism), Beverly Bodden (Parish Life), Rachel Nessel (Parish Ed), Marv Sager (Property), Brenda Gohmert (Worship Team).

**CALL TO ORDER:** Glenn called the meeting to order.

**OPENING DEVOTION:** Mitchell led us in a devotion based on John 13, which is the betrayal speech that Jesus said to the disciples. We should never betray Jesus, but there is always forgiveness if we repent.

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

**MINUTES OF CALLED COUNCIL MEETING:** Reviewed and M'Liss made a motion to accept with one correction, which was made. Seconded by Beverly. Motion carried

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Reviewed, motion to accept by Marv, seconded by Brenda. Motion carried.

### **PASTOR REPORT**

I will be on vacation 4/17/2023 thru 4/22/2023. I will be here for services on 4/16 and 4/23.

I did a funeral on 3/10/2023 for Dorothy Meyer in Westhoff.

I did a funeral on 3/12/2023 for Joanna Le Galley, (my wife's cousin)

I did a funeral on 3/12/2023 for Kenneth Newman.

I married Milam Eckhardt and Kaitlin Hudson on



3/11/2023 in Victoria.

I have been invited to join the Ministerial Alliance in Cuero. It is a weekly meeting of pastors in Cuero and surrounding areas on Tuesdays at 11. Due to this I will need to change my office hours. I will be here on Tuesday's from 1PM – 4pm, And Thursdays from 9 AM – Noon.

A reminder that Lutheran Week, (Convocation) is August 7, through August 11 in Oklahoma City. We should be looking for someone to attend so they can plan. The schedule of events is listed below.

**Faith Formation Festival** Tuesday, 8/8/23, 8AM- to Wed. 8/9/23 12PM a.m. Cost (lunches included) \$120

**Women of the NALC Gathering** Tuesday, 8/8/23, 8:30 AM- 5 PM Cost (lunch included) \$100

**Carl E. Braaten-Robert D. Benne Lectures in Theology** Tuesday, 8/8/23 1 PM to Wed, 8/9/23 12 PM Cost: \$150 (includes Wednesday lunch and a copy of the ALPB book to be published from these lectures); \$75 (Wednesday morning only)

**Mission Festival & Convocation** Wed, 8/9/23 1:30 PM - Fri, 8/11/23 5 PM. Cost: \$275 (includes Thursday lunch and banquet dinner, and Friday lunch)

I would ask that St. John pay for my attendance for the week. If anyone else wishes to attend, they may not want to attend all of the gatherings. They may only want to attend the convocation on Wed. – Fri.

God's blessings

Pastor John

**DISCUSSION:** Pastor asked that we pay his way to the Convocation, and Marv made a motion to pay Pastor's way to the Convocation in Oklahoma City, Cathie seconded, motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Glenn reminded us of the upcoming Council Retreat on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. We discussed the agenda which Mitchell had sent out to us prior to this meeting, and the committee to set the agenda decided to meet once more before the Retreat.

**FINANCE TEAM** We reviewed the February Financials. Determined that we will stay with Church Mutual for our property Insurance. May review other options during the next renewal period. We will look into an interest bearing checking account (Navigate Business Account). Next meeting is Monday, May 15, 2023. Charles Egg

**DISCUSSION:** Finance Team recommended changing

to the Navigate Business Account, and Mitchell made a motion to change the checking account, Brenda seconded, motion carried.

**MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM** met March 15, 2023. Open with prayer: Cathie. Members present: Cathie Bettge, Obert Sagebiel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Linda Ruschhaupt, Cheryl Bramlette, Pastor Boor, Pam Haun. Old Business: Amy Little, the NALC General Secretary, is scheduled to be our Mission Feast/Reformation Sunday speaker.

Reviewed and discussed the Mission Evangelism Committee goals.

Collection Items for the Rosenberg NALC Disaster Warehouse: April—hair combs

Mission of the Month: April—Adult and Teen

Challenge of Texas in San Antonio

New Business: discussed Baptism material used for parents and sponsors

I should order one sample of Enduring Faith Beginnings for birth-3yrs old (from Concordia, \$19.99 which includes: parent booklet, sponsor booklet, 5 children's books 3 birthday cards/envelopes, 3 Baptism birthday cards/envelop)

Pastor said he would show us the parent's booklet he is using at this time plus a sponsor booklet that he will order.

Closed: Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: May 17, 2023 @ 6 PM in parish hall.

#### **PARISH LIFE TEAM**

Parish Life did not have a meeting this month. I did send out 2 Get Well Cards. I sent a message to Johnna and Rachel to see about Easter Sunrise breakfast, asking if Parish Life is to help with breakfast supplies. Also, we will be having Church Under the Trees/Grave Decoration with a meal following the service on April 23, 2023. Then on April 30, we will have a meal for the Teen Challenge Group after the church service.

Sincerely, Beverly Bodden

#### **PARISH ED**

Parish Ed met on March 18, 2023 at 1:30 pm. Present: Pastor Boor, Joey Caskey, Kathy Dunn, Trish Hood, Rachel Nessel, and Glenn Ruschhaupt  
Pastor John opened the meeting with a prayer.

Regarding *Palm Sunday*, we will incorporate Palm Sunday into a Sunday School lesson in March to increase the children's excitement about processing into church with the palm leaves during the Palm Sunday service. We will practice the procession during Sunday School on April 2.

Regarding *Easter*, Johnna has written a script for the

Sunrise Service. We will practice during Sunday School on April 2. We need to update Easter flyers so they can be sent to the congregation. On Saturday, April 8 at 9 am, we will rehearse again for the service as well as decorate the cross for Easter. At this time, we will encourage the congregation to pick/bring wildflowers, help decorate, and watch the practice. Glenn will coordinate the erection of the Easter Tomb at the basement doors. Pastor will attempt to recruit confirmands to lead a skit on Easter morning about Jesus' tomb being opened. Breakfast will be served – Rachel will reach out to Bev Bodden and Brian Diebel to make sure we're set. Kathy will order crafts and pre-filled eggs. Kathy will reach out to the Shephard's Group to share dates/events to remember (April 8 & April 9).

Regarding *future Parish Ed meetings*, the committee would like to have meetings on Saturday mornings. Our next meeting will be held **Saturday, April 29 at 9:30 am**.

Regarding *Vacation Bible School*, Rachel will research the cost of having Luther Hill counselors leading VBS this year.

Regarding *Summer Camp*, Rachel will reach out to Camp Lone Star to confirm available dates, and discuss reservation/deposit processes. Once we have dates, we can collect registration forms.

Meeting concluded at 3 pm.

Sincerely, Rachel Nessel

**PROPERTY TEAM** Meeting Date: March 12, 2023  
Members Present: Richard Bettge, Dennis Nagel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Mitchell Jank, John Boor, Vance Egg, and Marv Sager

Items Complete: Restroom supplies replenished, AC filters checked/ replaced, Parsonage cleaned by Calvo's, Country Club dues paid, Parsonage commode repaired, Home Elevator service scheduled, Repairs to two headstone in cemetery, Organ skirt removed.

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 contractor availability

Parish Hall painting – Pending availability of Tom Lodeweges to replace deteriorated woodwork  
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. Still awaiting contractor availability.

Repair of broken tombstones in cemetery – Initial repairs to two headstones performed on March 9. Currently awaiting estimates for additional work.

Flagpole painting – Awaiting probable utilization of manlift for steeple repair.

Other:

Discussed plans for April 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Easter congregational workday tasks

Discussed potential alternative contractors for current repair projects

Discussed potential updates/changes in Cemetery Guidelines

Team decided to engage plumber for maintenance work on restroom commodes that have not been recently serviced.

Home Elevator service call scheduled

Old Stone Church:

Awaiting Tom Lodeweges' availability to make needed repairs. Pastor John has prepared the long leaf pine flooring lumber for installation.

Next Old Stone Church Committee meeting is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

Items for Council Approval: None

Next Scheduled Meeting: 04/16/2023

Marv Sager

**WORSHIP TEAM** did not meet this month.

With no further business to come before Council, we 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.



**New member classes** will begin on May 7, 2023 at 7PM. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in becoming a member of St. John, please contact Pastor John at 361-243-0373 for details.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kickin It for Cole Ohrt Walk Strong 2023 - Thursday, May 4, 2023

Social hour, cup auction & meal 5:15-6:30 PM, Bingo starts at 6:30 PM ~ Friar Ag Center, Cuero, TX  
For tickets & more information call (361)648-8147 or (361)578-2257

Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley will be hosting their Annual Church Picnic on Saturday, May 13, 2023 starting at 3:00 p.m. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Ice Cream will be available at 5:00 p.m. Bingo, Silent Auction, Adult/Kids' Games all start at 3:00 p.m. Proceeds go to Zion's Playground improvements.

**PUBLIC IS INVITED!**

**STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE** – May 13, 2023 Don't miss out on your opportunity to be part of the largest one day food drive in the country! The National Association of Letter Carriers' 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for the event happening Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. All you need to do is **place a bag of non-perishable food items near your mailbox**, and your mail carrier will take care of the rest!

**Warrior's Weekend Port O'Connor, Texas**  
May 19 through 21, 2023



### Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday at St. John will be May 21, 2023. We will recognize all 2023 Kinder, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, High

School & College Graduates. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or email: [stjohnlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnlutheran@juno.com) with your graduate's information for the bulletin or drop it by the church office.

## MEMORIAL DAY



St. John will be having a **Memorial Day Service** on Sunday, May 28.

We will remember all military men & women we have lost & honor those serving. May God bless them & their families. ***If you have had a family member that served in the military and needs to be added to our list, please contact the church office with name and branch served.*** A reception

with cookies & lemonade will follow in the parish hall.

## PORTALS OF PRAYER

April thru June small and large print Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex. This publication is provided to our congregation free of charge. Also, if you know of a friend or neighbor who would like one, please take one to them.



*To all of the Wonderful Mothers at St. John!*  
*Have a Blessed Day!*



### **Wonderful Mother** by Pat O'Reilly

God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He molded her heart of pure gold;  
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses you see;  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to me.





The **CONSTITUTION FOR St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church** will be available in the near future in the Narthex or from the church office. Pick up your copy. One copy per family please.

The following explains how to become a member of St. John and retain that membership throughout the years.

### **BYLAWS of ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH PART III – MEMBERSHIP**

**A. Baptized Members** 1. A child, one or both of whose parents or guardians are members of the congregation, shall, upon receiving Baptism, become a baptized member. 2. A child, neither of whose parents or guardians is a member of the congregation, shall upon receiving Baptism, become a baptized member of the congregation; unless for good reason he is to be a baptized member of another congregation, in which case his membership shall be transferred to that congregation. 3. A child baptized in another congregation shall be received as a baptized member in the congregation when a transfer has been received. 4. An un-baptized adult who has received instruction and has given evidence of an adequate understanding and acceptance of the teachings of the work of God as confessed by the Lutheran Church, shall upon confession of faith and Baptism, become a baptized member of the congregation. 5. When one or both parents of baptized children are received into the membership of the congregation, such children should be received as baptized members with the consent of the member parent or parents. 6. Where a baptized child is an orphan or ward of someone and these people move into the area served by this congregation, the child may be received as a baptized member when it is commended to the care of this congregation by the congregation which baptized the child. 7. When the parents of a baptized child are not themselves members of the Lutheran Church but move into the area served by this congregation and desire to have their child put within the pastoral care of this congregation, the child may be received as a baptized member.

**B. Confirmed Members** 1. A baptized adult, not previously a confirmed member of a Lutheran congregation, shall become a confirmed member of this congregation after having received instruction, having given evidence of adequate understanding of the teachings of the Word of God as confessed by the Lutheran Church, and having publicly affirmed their faith. 2. A baptized member of the congregation shall become a confirmed member through the rite of confirmation; except that an adult who has become a baptized member in accordance with the provisions of Section A, (4), of this part of the bylaws shall be considered a confirmed member without participation in the rite of confirmation. 3. An applicant for membership who presents a Letter of Transfer which certifies that he is a confirmed member in good standing of a Lutheran congregation shall

become a confirmed member of the congregation upon approval by the Church Council. The acceptance of the applicant shall be reported to the congregation. 4. An applicant for membership who presents evidence of confirmation in a Lutheran congregation but does not have a Letter of Transfer shall be admitted to confirmed membership when the Church Council had determined that he meets the standards of Christian faith and life indicated in the constitution and bylaws, and when he has affirmed his faith.

**C. Voting Members** The Church Council shall determine the roster of voting members of the congregation in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws. The roster of voting members shall be available at all regularly called meetings of the congregation.

**D. Associate Members** A person holding membership in other Lutheran congregations but who wish to participate in the life and mission of this congregation as outlined in this congregation's constitution.

**E. Discontinuance of Membership** 1. The congregation shall, in the event that a member moves from the community it serves, except those in the Armed Services or those enrolled in an institution of higher learning, encourage the member to request a transfer to a Lutheran congregation which can serve him effectively. Should the member fail to request a transfer, a Lutheran congregation in the community of his residence shall be notified. 2. A confirmed member in good standing desiring to change his membership to another Lutheran congregation shall, upon request, receive a Letter of Transfer. 3. A confirmed member who does not, for a period of one year, partake of Holy Communion, support the church with his offerings, and does not appear to desire to participate in the life and worship of the congregation shall be visited by the pastor and a member of the congregation's council and encouraged by them to active membership. If during the second year, the confirmed member does not actively participate, his name shall be removed from the confirmed membership roster of the congregation, but shall be retained on a responsibility list as one who is in special need of the congregation's prayer and concern. Members outside the community shall be contacted by letter and encouraged to transfer membership to a church in their community. If that has not been accomplished in one year and the member has not fulfilled the previously mentioned criteria the person's name shall be removed from the confirmed membership roster. Extenuating circumstances may be considered on an individual basis by the church council.



Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for June 18, 2023.

## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

### May 7

**Greeters** - Dickie & Cathie Bettge  
**Reader** - Cathie Bettge

### May 14

**Greeters** - Marvin & Norrean Sager  
**Reader** - Neal Moritz

### May 21

**Greeters** - Trish Hood  
**Reader** - Trish Hood

### May 28

**Greeters** - Sunday School & Youth Group  
**Reader** - Dickie Bettge

### May Communion Assistant

Obert Sagebiel

### May Altar Guild

Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

### May Nursing Home Visitor

Virginia Abrameit

## LOOKING AHEAD...

### June 4

**Greeter** - M'Liss Moore  
**Reader** - Dwight Jander

### June Communion Assistant

Brian Wendel

### June Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

### June Nursing Home Visitor

Cathie Bettge

**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:



- 4 - Gracie Diebel
- Katrina Moritz
- 5 - May Dell Jacob
- 10 - Jason Wendel
- 11 - Maverick Eckhardt
- 15 - Beatrice Fagg
- 19 - Brian Diebel
- Cade Light
- 21 - David Diebel
- 22 - Travis Eichhorn
- 25 - Kolby Jank
- 26 - Candice Cowley
- Dianna Bartosh
- Glenn Ruschhaupt
- Grayson Schaefer
- 27 - Clay Haun
- Mason Nagel
- 28 - Ashley Ohrt
- 29 - Caden Jander
- 30 - Dianna Soliz
- Tamara Zengerle

## Anniversary Greetings to:

- 13 - Michael & Candy Cowley
- 18 - Gary & Dee Moeller
- 24 - Obert & Carol Ann Sagebiel
- 30 - Melanie & Holden Light




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# May 2023

## John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

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

Mission of the Month:  
Tunnel to Towers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Please look on our website: <a href="http://stjohnmeyersville.org/">http://stjohnmeyersville.org/</a> or our Facebook page: <a href="#">St. John Meyersville</a> for changes &amp; updates.</i></p>	<b>1</b>	9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 PM Worship Team	1:30 PM Quilters	1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours		
<p><b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>7</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 7:00 PM New Members Class</p> 	<b>8</b>	9AM – 12PM Pastor's Office Hours	1:30 PM Quilters 10AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 7 PM Women's Bible Study	1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours		<b>13</b>
<p><b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>14</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 7:00 PM New Members Class ~ <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> ~</p> 	<b>15</b>	9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	1:30 PM Quilters 6 PM Mission Evangelism Team 7 PM Men's Bible Study	<p><b>Ascension Day 18</b></p> <p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</p>	**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	<b>20</b>
<p><b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>21</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship ~ <i>Graduation Sunday</i> ~ 7:00 PM New Members Class</p> 	<b>22</b>	9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting	9AM Old Stone Church 1:30 PM Quilters	1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours		<b>27</b>
<p><b>Day of Pentecost</b> <b>28</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship ~ <i>Memorial Day Service</i> ~ Reception to follow, cookies &amp; lemonade will be served.</p>	<b>29</b>	9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	1:30 PM Quilters			<p>Office Hours: *Please see the weekly Bulletins</p> 