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July 2023 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
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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,

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus tells us to; *"¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."* This is the mission that Jesus gave to the Church. In other words, we as a church are to spread the good news of Christ to the world, to all of the lost sheep. Many times, we forget this or we are hesitant to do this because we feel we don't know what to say.

Scripture assures us that the Holy Spirit will be with us and will give us the words to say. Acts 17 tells us that Jesus sent His disciples into the world as God sent Him into the world. Armed with God's word. Acts 1:8 tells us, *"you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*

Jesus sent the disciples, ordinary people just like us, into the world to spread the good news of Christ. And in Acts 2:37-47, we read that after receiving the Holy Spirit there were 3,000 that accepted Christ as their savior and were baptized.

Ordinary people, armed with the Holy Spirit and the Word, went into the world and turned it upside down.

Earlier this year the following was the headline on the Asbury University Newsletter. "On Feb. 8, 2023, what began as a routine Wednesday morning Chapel service with the student body turned into a multiweek Outpouring that some have described as a revival. Led by students, the services attracted college students from hundreds of other colleges and universities."

Many times, people feel drawn to a church simply by the love and caring exhibited by the members of the church. If we live our lives as God would have us do, we will attract many to come to the Lord. We at St. John are blessed. On June 25th we welcomed the Newman family into our church. We welcome them and pray that they will continue to grow in God's Word, and that God will continue to bless them.

Also, Debbie Clawson has requested to transfer her membership to St. John and we will be welcoming her as a new member in the very near future.

There are many good things happening at St. John right now and I am very excited. I pray that we continue throughout the year to share the Good News and invite people to join us as we worship and praise our Lord.

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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 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 Meliss Eckhardt at 361-649-0413

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 August 2023 Church Bell is Friday, July 21, 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!

If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.



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.



Forever Stamp Price Increase

Just a quick reminder that on July 9th, 2023 forever stamps will increase in price from 63 cents to 66 cents. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Explorer website at pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index.

If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.



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:

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, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar, Rylan Caskey, Joy Meadows, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy F. Diebel, Glenn Ruschhaupt.

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.



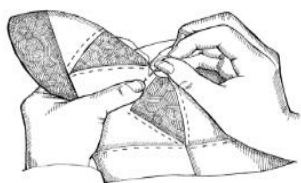
NALC Warehouse - We will be collecting deodorant in July for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

We are on the search for a **Sunday School teacher for 1-2 grade!** If you are interested, please contact Rachel Nessel or Kathy Dunn.

Mission of the Month of July **St. John Ev Lutheran Church**

It has been discussed at council meetings that our congregation has been extremely generous over the years in supporting the Mission of the Month. Many worthy causes have benefited from your donations. From time to time our church also needs a little infusion of funds into our General Fund which is used to pay all of the church's regular expenses. This is why we would like to make our church the July Mission of the Month.

Women's Bible Study will now be meeting monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the Parsonage.



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! Happy Mother's Day to all you beautiful mothers out there! Hope you all had a blessed day with your

families. I'm always behind but want to send out a huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to support the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Bingo benefit on May 4th. It was an amazing event with around 600 people attending! God was all over this event blessing us in so many ways. I don't have a final count on how much we raised for the foundation but it was a lot! This community is the most supportive and loving of any I've ever known. We are truly grateful. I also want to thank all of those that helped organize, set up, work, or donate toward this event. Without all of you this would not be possible. Cole had such an amazing time and looks forward to this event every year. So if you didn't get to join us this year we'll be doing it again next May! Hope to see you then. And as always thank you all for your continued prayers for Cole- 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)



Welcome Meliss Eckhardt as our church secretary/bookkeeper. Her first day was June 20, 2023. Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. Stop by and say Hello!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Breanna & Robbie Rhoton on the birth of their baby boy born on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 1:26 pm. They named him Jay Louis Rhoton. Little Jay weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz and was 20 in long. He is also the grandson of Dianna & George Soliz and the great-grandson of the late Milton & Helen Sievers.

Church Council Minutes ~ May 30, 2023

Trish Hood, Secretary

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

CALL TO ORDER: Glenn called the meeting to order.

OPENING DEVOTION: Pastor John presented a devotion taken from I Peter 2:15, telling us that when we are persecuted for our faith, we should do what Jesus did and continue doing God's work.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Reviewed, a motion to accept was made by Marvin, seconded by Cathie. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed, a motion to accept was made by Charles, seconded by Brenda. Motion carried.

PASTOR REPORT

The Newman family have concluded the new member class and will be accepted as new members on June 25th. The two adults will be accepted through confirmation and the three children will be baptized.

June 18 will be confirmation Sunday.

At our Mission District meeting this past Saturday several topics were discussed. The newly appointed Area Assistant to the Bishop, Mark Braaten was present and gave a presentation.

The following were discussed:

First Lutheran in Gonzales has been accepted into the NALC.

There will be a NALC youth gathering in Boerne in the summer of 2024. More information will follow.

There will be a Pastor's Retreat Oct. 10 – 12 at Cedar Brook retreat center. I plan on attending.

There continues to be a shortage of pastors. Our Mission District is not experiencing this at the moment. We are the only Mission District with a full complement of pastors.

There are several options being discussed to fill the shortage as they have calculated that in the next 10 years we will need 300 new pastors.

The Rosenberg Warehouse of the NALC Disaster Response is empty. There have been several natural disasters that have depleted the supplies.

DISCUSSION: Beverly made a motion to accept the Newman's through Confirmation, and Baptism. Mitchell seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCE TEAM Reviewed April financial reports.

General Fund expenses exceeded donations by approximately \$3,000 for the month. We are still in good financial shape since previous months showed positive gain. The CCLI copyright license has been renewed. License is posted in the church office.

Discussed the scholarship fund and if any criteria exists for applying for a scholarship. Will need to do more research and discuss at next meeting.

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the Scholarship Fund, and it was decided that we need more information, and Rachel would get a copy of a scholarship application for us to check out.

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM Members Present: Obert Sagebiel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Linda Ruschhaupt, Pastor Boor, Pam Haun, Cathie Bettge-Team Leader.

Old Business Reviewed:

ATCOT service of April 30, many positive remarks

Church Under the Trees newspaper announcement

Baptism materials for infants and older children

New member biography/photo in bulletin upon joining St. John

St. John photo directory to discuss with council

Mission Feast speaker – Amy Little, NALC General Secretary

MISSION OF THE MONTH: June-Christian

Warrior's Retreat; July-St. John Church

COLLECTION: June-bath towels; July-deodorant

NEXT MEETING: July 19, 2023, 6 p.m.

PARISH LIFE TEAM

Parish Life will be giving cards and metal Christian book marks for the 8th grade graduates for Graduation Sunday. For the High School and College graduates, we will be giving them cards and Christian key chains. We will be having cookies and lemonade after church for Memorial Day celebrating our veterans.

Beverly Bodden

At the Council meeting, Beverly told us that she also sent out one Get Well card.

PARISH ED May 2023 Present: Pastor Boor, Kathy Dunn, Trish Hood, Johnny Jank, Rachel Nessel, Laurie Pokluda, and Glenn Ruschhaupt. Parish Ed meeting was held April 29, 2023 at 9:30 am. Pastor John opened the meeting with a prayer.

To get children to Sunday School, we need to work on engaging the parents. Attendees were encouraged to brainstorm ideas to engage this group.

We need another Sunday School teacher to teach 1-2 grade. We will request this be posted in the bulletin and newsletter.

Summer Camp with Camp Lone Star offers opportunities for ages 8-18. Rachel will determine what dates are still available and contact parents.

Vacation Bible School – we need someone to take charge. It was suggested that we could hold the event in the evenings (6-8 pm) on the last week of June. We could find curriculum from Sola or Concordia. Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing will be held August 6, which is earlier than originally anticipated, because school starts earlier than usual this year.

Sunday School will continue through the summer.

Confirmation class will re-start in September in the parsonage.

Johnny offered to do a character skit with Sunday School and/or VBS as long as we give him a little lead time/direction. Johnny also mentioned the idea of a children's sermon, which will be addressed at the next worship committee meeting.

Meeting concluded at 10:30 am.

Sincerely, Rachel Nessel

Additional updates following the meeting:

Camp Lone Star – there are a few spots available in each age range/gender for the week of July 30. Rachel has messaged the parents about the opportunity and asked that details be added to the upcoming bulletins. VBS – Johnna has graciously agreed to spearhead the 2023 VBS on June 28-30 from 5:30-8 pm.

PROPERTY TEAM Meeting Date: MAY 21, 2023

Members Present: Richard Bettge, Dennis Nagel, John Boor, Vance Egg, and Marv Sager

Items Complete: Restroom supplies replenished; AC filters checked/ replaced; Parsonage cleaned by Calvo's; Rotted boards on Parish Hall replaced and primed; New front Parish Hall doors installed; Broken siding sections on Parish Hall replaced; First Aid kits checked; Engaged contractor to repair sanctuary entrance ceiling

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 applicable contractors; Basement Restoration – Awaiting contractor availability; Parish Hall painting – Bids being solicited for woodwork painting and windowpane glazing; Church window frame repair and painting - (Note “Parish Hall painting” above); Sanctuary steeple repair – Discussions in progress with potential 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 9th. Currently awaiting estimates for additional work; Flagpole painting – Awaiting probable utilization of manlift for steeple repair.

Other: Discussed potential alternatives to current insurance carrier; Discussed potential alternative contractors for current repair projects; Reviewed current status of elevator issues and ongoing communications with manufacturer and service entity; Discussed possible installation of glass barrier on elevator landing to block rainwater; Will engage electrician to resolve problem with blinking light bulb in center sanctuary aisle

Old Stone Church: New entrance flooring installed and stained; Next Old Stone Church Committee meeting is scheduled for May 24th at 9:00AM.

Items for Council Approval: None

Next Scheduled Meeting: 06/11/2023

WORSHIP TEAM Worship Team met on May 2. Johnny said he was looking for information on a sound system. Also, we discussed Graduation Sunday, and fill the church dates. In new business, we decided to have Church Under the Trees on June 25, which will be the end of Vacation Bible School also, since our other Church Under the Trees had to be canceled. We also started thinking about the reenactment of The Lord's Supper, and we will need participation and anyone's input. Rally Sunday will be August 6 and Backpack Blessing. With no other discussion, we selected songs through 8/06/23. Next meeting 8/1/23. Brenda Gohmert

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

Respectfully Submitted, Trish Hood, Secretary

Hello Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of funds to the Rosenberg Disaster Response Warehouse! It is hurricane season and we are busy gathering supplies. The funds will be used to purchase items not donated. We appreciate your continued support!! God Bless You! Michael & Pat Dittrich.

Sunday School will continue through the summer. We'd love to see all the children every Sunday at 9AM!



Camp Lone Star – July 10-Aug 4, Ages 8-18. Contact Rachel Nessel if your child is interested in attending.

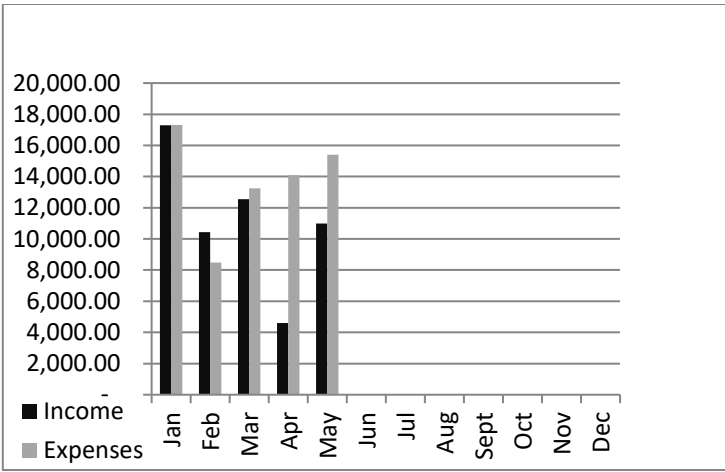
You're Invited to Lutheran Week 2023
Join us in Oklahoma City
August 7-11, 2023!

Our prayer is that this year's Mission Convocation will indeed be a mission-oriented and mission-driven gathering! We hope to see you there! Go to www.LutheranWeek.com for more information and to register.

Vacation Bible School 2023
Family-style “The Stories of Jesus”

Another exciting year of Vacation Bible School here at St. John's is in the books! We had a great time with all our campers! Our theme was “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” where each night we learned about a new parable. The parables we covered were: The Lost Lamb, The Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan, and The Seeds Falling on Good Soil. Each night we had a craft and an activity to help us learn the lesson Jesus was teaching in the story. We even had a camp mascot, Noah the Wandering Lamb, who the campers loved to go look for when he wandered off! Each night started with a family meal and ended with a rousing game of kickball. We had several campers achieve perfect attendance and were awarded Splashway gift cards! A big special thanks to Obert Sagabiel for bringing sheep up for us to pet and meet, Linda Ruschhaupt for cooking us a delicious meal Thursday night, Green Cow Creamery for donating ice cream scoops for our Escape Room winners, Meyersville Country Club for hosting our party, and all of our parents and volunteers who made this experience happen! We look forward to seeing all our campers at Sunday School!

– Johnna Picard



General Fund – 2023 Income vs Expenses
General Fund chart without Designated Giving funds.

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.

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:

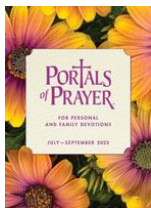
- A. In-ground vases, ornaments, figurines, statues, pictures, glass or other breakable containers, trellises, shepherd hooks, loose flowers, solar lights, or any commemorative articles of non-degradable materials are not permitted and will be removed and discarded without notice.
- B. All vases shall 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

Thrivent Members Reminder

Please remember to pre-order your 2024 calendar by July 31st.



Portals of Prayer

July-September Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.



For those going on vacation this summer, pick up your copy of **Vacation Devotions for The Family** in the narthex. Use these little daily devotions in the car, on a plane, at the beach, on a boat, in the hotel, or wherever you find yourselves. It only takes a few minutes to pause and connect the whole family with God. Safe travels!



ACOLYTES



We continue to need volunteers to acolyte on Sunday mornings. Anyone willing to help out, please let the church office know by Tuesday prior to the service. We will include your name in the church bulletin.



Altar Flowers



If you would like to bring fresh flowers to church for the altar on the first Sunday of any month, please let the church office recognize you in the bulletin. Flowers can also be given in memory or honor of someone. Flowers can be put on the pedestals any Sunday as long as they are not being used for another purpose. Flowers DO NOT have to be purchased from a florist. Summer garden flowers are beautiful and adorning. The Altar Guild does have a few guidelines as to the size and placement of the bouquet(s) and vases so just contact one of the members or call the church office.



Here is a short prayer for safe travel that you can say before any trip or vacation.

Lord, I know that You watch my coming and going. Today, I pray for You to watch over me as I travel. Keep me safe in Your loving arms. Let no harm come upon me during my trip and cover me under Your mighty wings. As I step out and start on my journey, I will choose to trust you and not give in to fear. Help me get to my destination and get home safely. Help me to experience Your greatness and love during this trip so that I may draw even closer to You. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

Psalm 121:7-8 The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

July 2

Greeter - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden

July 9

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack
Reader - Neal Moritz

July 16

Greeters - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Reader - Wanda Hays

July 23

Greeters - Marv & Norrean Sager
Reader - Dwight Jander

July 30

Greeters - Sunday School/Youth Group
Reader - Dickie Bettge

July Communion Assistant

Dickie Bettge

July Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

July Nursing Home Visitor

Karon Copeland

LOOKING AHEAD...

August 6

Greeters - The Hays Family
Reader - Johnna Picard

August Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

August Altar Guild

Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

August Nursing Home Visitor

Patricia Hood

Volunteers: If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. Please let the church office know if you have switched so the correct names can be in the bulletin. *Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you*

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 - Kernell Moritz
- 2 - Keaton Wendel
- 3 - Justin Albrecht
- 4 - Martha Diebel
- 6 - Ella Jander
Vicki Motley
- 7 - Rachel Nessel
Ty Iselt
- 10 - Richard Ficklen
- 13 - Brenda Boor
- 15 - Stephanie Egg
- 16 - Chance Sanders
- 17 - Morgan Zengerle
- 22 - Brenda Gohmert
Archie Abrameit
- 23 - Jimmy Caskey
Margie Swannack
- 29 - Summer (Dunn) Helms
- 31 - Ellwood Rangnow, Jr.



Anniversary Greetings to:

- 3 - Jay & Cheryl Bramlette
- 4 - Dennis & Kay Nagel
- 6 - Buck & Toi Rangnow
- 7 - Cory & Lacey Rains
- 10 - Dean & Kay Ohrt
- 13 - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
- 18 - Morris & Meliss Eckhardt
- 20 - Kyle & Sara Newman
- 22 - Jason & Marigayle Ohrt
- 27 - Jimmy & JoBeth Caskey
Marvin & Norrean Sager
Pat & Wanda Hays



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