

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church  
1764 Meyersville Road  
Meyersville, Texas 77974-4143  
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## *September 2023 Newsletter*

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

A North American Lutheran Church  
1764 Meyersville Road  
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stjohnmeyersville.org

#### **CONTACT US**

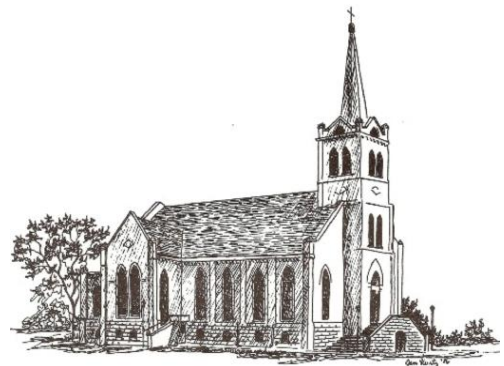
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Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
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Ministers - The People of St. John  
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor  
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

#### **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,

I attended the NALC Convocation last week and as always is the case there were several thought-provoking presentations. During the Braaten-Benne theological conference Bob Benne addressed several Ideologies that are affecting the church today and I will be talking more about this in the future.

The convocation is also a great place to have conversations with other pastors and staff of the NALC. I had several conversations discussing the issues facing the church today.

One of the issues that always arise is the issue of the need for more pastors in the future. We are fortunate that our seminary enrolment is increasing each year and we have had several pastors from other denominations transferring to the NALC due to the fact they can no longer agree with the new teachings of their prior denomination.

In the interest of providing the pastors needed the NALC is in the process of developing programs to fulfill the demand. One of the programs they are developing is Ordained Pastor Under Special Circumstances.

Over the past few months, I have been working with Johnna Picard as she is feeling called by the Lord into ministry. I had conversations with Rev. Dr. David Wendell, Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Ecumenism, regarding Johnna and her interest.

We discussed the beginning of a program to prepare her for the ministry. We talked about how we at St. John can contribute to her growth in this area and prepare her for the ministry.

As you know she gave the message the end of July and did a commendable job. I have heard many good comments and I will be working with the Worship Committee and the Church Council to develop a plan for her continued growth and hopefully you will be hearing more from her in the future.

We are truly blessed to have someone from our congregation to be on this path. I pray for her growth and success in the future and look forward to the support of the congregation for her endeavor.

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  
 Council President-Glenn Ruschhaupt 361-275-2059  
 Vice President - Mitchell Jank 361-649-8681  
 Secretary - Trish Hood 361-212-7322  
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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



St. John office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Meliss at 361-649-0413.

Please do not plan leave a message as her voice mail is not working at this time. Stop by and say Hi!

### 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 October 2023 Church Bell is Friday, September 18, 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.

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



### 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, Kay Ohrt, Marlene Fromme.

### 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 scrub brushes and small bottles of bleach for the month of September for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

### NALC Warehouse Flood Bucket Update

We are still in need of buckets and the supplies to fill them. Please see a Sunday Bulletin for a list of these supplies or contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt at the church office. Thank you!





**Rally Sunday**

The Rally Day theme was put on the *Armor of God*. Caden and Cason Jander showed the younger children how to do this. Thank you Caden, Casen, and all who were involved with our Rally Sunday!

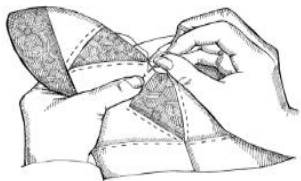
**Mission of the Month of September**  
**Elam Ministries**

Today, Elam trains and mentors emerging leaders for effective ministry at a variety of levels and to serve in multiple contexts across the Persian-speaking world. We believe that Iran is at a turning point. By God’s grace, despite increasing hostility to the church from Iran’s government, we continue to see rapid church growth as the Gospel is proclaimed to Iranians. Therefore, we believe the future holds a significant expansion of ministry efforts in evangelism, discipleship, leadership development and church planting through direct ministry, TV and media.

**Women’s Bible Study** will now be meeting monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

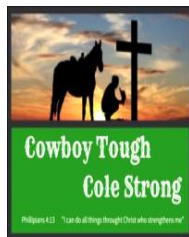
Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave on the table on the stage.



**+ 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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)*

**Church Council Minutes ~ July 25, 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/Evangelism), Rachel Nessel (Parish Ed),

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

**OPENING DEVOTION:** Pastor John opened the meeting with prayer.

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

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

**PASTOR REPORT:** I will be Baptizing Timothy Blake Schaefer, son of Sydney and Aaron Schaefer on Saturday 7-29-2023. I will be a private baptism. I will be marrying Taylor Johnson and Amanda Denson on 8-5-2023 in the church. The rehearsal will be on 8-4-2023. I will be at the Lutheran Week, Convocation, on 8-7 thru 8-12 and will be returning on 8-13. Johnny Jank will be conducting the service on 8-13. Rally Day will be 8-6 and I we will have the backpack blessing. I have asked Kelly Dunn to attend and I have sked him to give us a short update on the happenings at the school during the announcements.

**DISCUSSION:** Pastor asked Council for help with the Confirmation class. Council suggested that he have the students, and their parents sign a paper explaining the requirements that he expects them to meet to be confirmed, so there will be no question of what their responsibilities are for Confirmation. He will be

meeting with all the confirmands and their parents on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Pastor also informed us that Johnna would be giving the message on Sunday, July 30, 2023.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Council discussed the scholarship application which was handed out and it was decided that we look it over and make a decision on it at our next meeting.

**FINANCE TEAM:**

Reviewed financial reports.  
Finalize scholarship application.

**MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM:**

Discussed MET goals.  
Mission Feast speaker will be Pastor Amy Little, General Secretary of the NALC.  
Mission of the Month: August-Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse  
Collection of the Month: August-deodorant/combs

**PARISH LIFE TEAM:**

We sent out 3 Get Well cards this month. We also will be providing breakfast for Rally Sunday in August.  
Sincerely. Bev Boddin

**PARISH ED:**

Parish Ed Meeting, July 15, 2023  
Present: Pastor John, Laurie Pokluda, Kathy Dunn, Rachel Nessel, Johnna Picard  
The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm, To start the meeting, Pastor led us in a prayer.

**VBS Recap:** We had a really good turnout for having the event in the evenings. The escape room was really well received. Perhaps remove the requirement of having family attend in the future. We should also encourage confirmands to volunteer. It might be good to incorporate more music in the future. For next summer, let's set the date sooner (in early spring). We can open a conversation about having Camp Lonestar coordinate and/or partner with another church  
Regarding the extra Splashway gift card purchased for one of the campers who failed to attend the last day of camp, someone will reach out to her to see if she can come to an upcoming Sunday School. If so, she can get the Splashway gift card then. It is only good for this season.

**Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing:**

Will be held August 6. Johnny will make contact with the Meyersville School to see if they can provide an update on what's going on in the school as well as conduct a temple talk/backpack blessing. Our theme this year will be Armor of God. We will break into 4 stations – a scavenger hunt, a relay race, a song, and a

story about the Armor of God. Rachel will reach out to Bev about providing food. Kathy will research backpack blessing tags/service notes and decorations.

**Confirmation:**

Pastor is still deciding on requirements for confirmands this year. Not sure if confirmation classes will be held during Sunday School or on every other Sunday afternoon. There was discussion about making summer camp open to only confirmands. A meeting will be held for the parents of the confirmands sometime in August. We closed with the Lord's Prayer  
Meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.

**PROPERTY TEAM REPORT**

**Meeting Date: JULY 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Items Complete:** Restroom supplies replenished, AC filters checked/ replaced, Parsonage cleaned by Calvo's, New office copier installed, Bid solicited for Parish Hall painting, Parish Hall AC unit repaired and thermostat replaced, Fire Dept. dues paid

**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 – Meeting with painting contractor scheduled, 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 9<sup>th</sup>. Currently awaiting estimates for additional work, Flagpole painting – Awaiting probable utilization of manlift for steeple repair.

**Other:** Discussed items for Property Team mini-workday, Discussed potential alternative contractors for current repair projects, Reviewed current status of elevator issues and ongoing communications with manufacturer and service entity, Discussed moving piles of dirt behind Parish Hall out to location in pasture, Replacement of florescent alter light bulbs with LED bulbs, Discussed possible review of Council monetary authority along with other potential church constitutional items.

**Old Stone Church:** Next Old Stone Church Committee meeting is scheduled for September  
**Items for Council Approval: None**  
**Next Scheduled Meeting: 08/13/2023**

**WORSHIP TEAM:**

Worship Team did not meet this month

There being no other business to come before the meeting, we closed with The Lord's Prayer  
Respectfully Submitted, Trish Hood, Secretary

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



**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.

**Devastation in Maui**

Dear Friends, The devastation in Maui from the fires is extensive. Many people lost everything they had. If you or your congregation want to help our neighbors in Christ, here is what you can do. This information comes from Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator. All gift cards and donations of funds are to be sent to the national disaster response warehouse in Ohio. Please label everything for the Maui Fire. Mary is working with her contacts in Hawaii to get supplies & funds where it is needed most.

Address for warehouse:  
NALC Disaster Response  
16500 Noble Ave  
Caldwell, OH 43724

Please keep these folks in your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact me. God Bless You!

Michael Dittrich cell: 281-381-5588

*Serve each other through love--Galatians 5:13b*

**Are you in need of a home for used prayer materials?**

Our church will be collecting new and used Bibles, prayer books (like your used Portal of Prayers), bible verse cards, and other such items. If you have any questions, please contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt.



**Bunco Party**

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 11, 2023. The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley have cordially invited the ladies and friends of our congregation to come join in the fun of playing bunco and remembering 9/11 as we join in fun and fellowship. In the church rectory from 6-7 pm there will be registration & refreshments and at 7:05 pm Bunco will begin. Please RSVP by September 9, 2023 to Cass Martignoni (361-649-3138) or the church office (361-578-5447).



**Food Bank of the Golden Crescent**

Our one year anniversary in our new beautiful building is this September. Come help us celebrate on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will have live entertainment, food, drinks and lots of fun. Save the date and stay tuned for more details.



**Just an FYI:** I'm happy to say one pair of sunglasses found its owner, but there are still two pairs of sunglasses in the narthex who are looking for their owners. **And now someone left their "reading" glasses behind.** If you have misplaced yours, please check these pairs out. Who knows they may be yours!

Thank you!



**Cross Trails Ministry**

**Fall Festival**

Fredericksburg Marktplatz

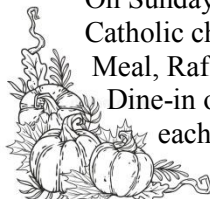
September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9 am – 3 pm

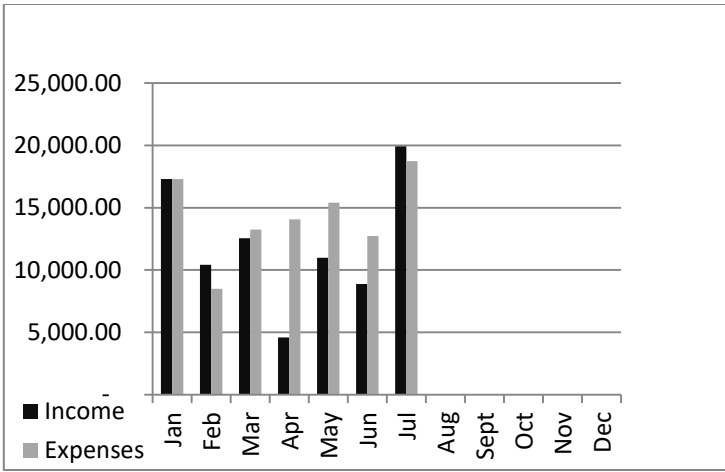
This community event is a day filled with lots of activities including a Fun Run, Raffle, Craft Fair, Food Vendors, Quilt Show, Quilt Auction, Carnival Games, Music, and much more. All funds raised go towards camp improvements and maintaining facilities year round. This year funds are being raised for the Ebert Ranch Pond. Visit [crosstrails.org](http://crosstrails.org) for more information.

**Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church**

**Fall Festival**

On Sunday, September 24, 2023, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic church will be holding their annual BBQ Meal, Raffle, & Country Store from 11 AM – 1 PM. Dine-in or to-go plates will be available for \$12 each. Please come out and join us.





**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**

**Portals of Prayer**

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



**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.



**THANK YOU!**

A sincere thank you to Ray & Linda Boyer for the beautiful altar flowers on August 6<sup>th</sup>, in loving memory of their son, Chad Michael Boyer.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
RAIN!**



**SAVE THE DATE**

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, Pastor Amy Little of NALC. More information is to come in the upcoming bulletins and newsletter.

**To My Lutheran Church Family,**



**I have been going through tough times, but your prayers, cards, and texts have given me strength. With all my heart, I sincerely thank you. Thank you, Pastor John.**

**Love in Christ, Kay Ohrt**

**Holy Baptism**



On Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we welcomed as a member by Holy Baptism Timothy Blake Schaefer. He was born March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Austin, Texas to Sydney (Moore) and Aaron Schaefer. Blake's baptismal sponsors are Katelyn & Slayton Hrcir, Lacey Rains, and Melanie Light. May God Bless Blake and his family!

**Congratulations & Best Wishes**



Amanda Denson & Taylor Johnson were married on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church. Amanda is the daughter of Pam & Lindsey Ficklen and Guy Denson. Taylor is the son of Diane & Ted Johnson.

## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

### September 3

Greeter - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt  
Reader - Kathy Dunn

### September 10

Greeters - Cheryl Bramlette  
Reader - Cathie Bettge

### September 17

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack  
Reader - Dwight Jander

### September 24

Greeters - Trish Hood  
Reader - Trish Hood

### September Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

### September Altar Guild

Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

### September Nursing Home Visitor

Margie Swannack

## LOOKING AHEAD...

### October 1

Greeters - Dickie & Cathie Bettge  
Reader - Dickie Bettge

### October Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

### October Altar Guild

Bettie Diebel & Virginia Jank

### October 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 - Robert Moore  
4 - Neal Moritz  
    Luke Moritz  
5 - Seeley Kethan  
    Slade Kethan  
7 - Patrick Hays  
9 - Mike Rangnow  
14 - Michael Light  
15 - Johnny Paul Jank  
16 - Jordan Egg  
17 - Sebastian Cornett  
19 - Carl Eichhorn  
21 - Peyton Diebel  
22 - Trevor Bodden  
23 - Terry Haun  
25 - Jeri Ficklen  
    Mackenzie Blain  
26 - Kenneth Diebel  
    Kyle Jank  
27 - Meri Cay Diebel  
28 - Michelle Wendel  
    Johnna Picard  
29 - Brian Wendel  
30 - Jason Ohrt  
    Lyanna Picard



*Our apologies if we have missed your special date.*

*Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you!*

## Anniversary Greetings to:

1 - David & Kristine Schroeder  
4 - Leon & Arlene Wallace  
7 - Johnny & Virginia Jank  
    Archie & Virginia Abrameit  
    Brent & Shelley Dreier  
17 - Brian & Laurie Wendel  
19 - Blake & Kathy Dunn



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# September 2023

## John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

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

Mission of the Month:  
Elam Ministries

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> <p>* meet at the parsonage</p>	<p>Office Hours: *Please see the weekly Bulletins</p> 					
<p><b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 3</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p><b>Labor Day 4</b> Holiday Office Closed</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9AM – 12PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p><b>6</b> 1:30 PM Quilters*</p>	<p><b>7</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>		<p><b>9</b> 1:30 PM - Parish Ed Meeting</p>
<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10</b> 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> <p>Happy Grandparents Day @</p>		<p><b>12</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p><b>13</b> 12:30PM Women's Bible Study* 1:30 PM Quilters*</p>	<p><b>14</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>		<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 17</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p><b>18</b> 7 PM – Finance Team Meeting</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p><b>20</b> 1:30 PM Quilters* 6 PM Mission Ev. Team Meeting 7 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>21</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours <b>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> 
<p><b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 24</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9 AM Old Stone Church Meeting 1:30 PM Quilters *</p>	<p><b>28</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> First Day of Autumn</p>