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October 2023 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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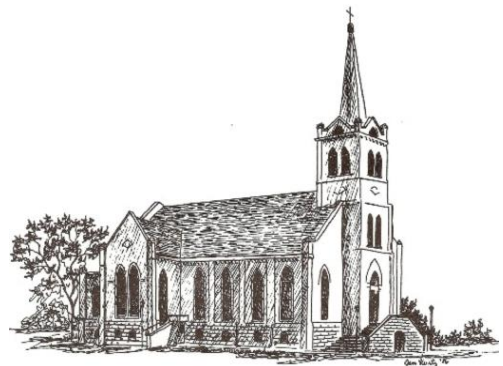
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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:
Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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Ministers - The People of St. John
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

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,

Recently I have been reflecting on how things were when I was young versus how they are today. I have focused on our values and our caring for others. Obviously, times have changed. I wish I could say one way or the other were the way we should all follow. Unfortunately, they both have positives and negatives.

When I was young if a couple got divorced, they were basically shunned by others. Their so-called friends avoided them. This led to people just staying together in unhappy marriages or believing that an open marriage was ok. And the children paid the price. If someone came out as gay or lesbian, they were often disowned by their family. There were many families that were split by someone "coming out." People were not willing to support them during this trying time in their lives. This also led to the break-down of many families. As a result, many gay and lesbian people got married and tried to hide their sexuality and snuck around on the side. None of this was good.

Today, divorce is common and is accepted without out any thought. Gay and lesbian individuals are celebrated and held up as examples of what is acceptable to our youth.

On the flip side, when I was young people were always available to help a neighbor or someone in need with no expectation of being paid. Churches were always there to help those in need. Members of the church would provide whatever was needed whether it be food, money, lodging etc. If a farmer was incapacitated for whatever reason he could be assured that all the surrounding farmers would see that his farm was taken care of until he recuperated.

I pray that we can somehow take the good from both the past and the present and expand upon them. And at the same time eliminate what is bad. People will change but our values should not. We can only accomplish this with the help of God. It is more important than ever that we share the Good News of Christ with the lost. We can change the world, one life at a time. We can set the example for others to follow with the help of Christ.

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
 Treasurer - Archie Abrameit 512-922-0975
 Financial Secretary - M'Liss Moore 361-564-4467

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.

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.

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

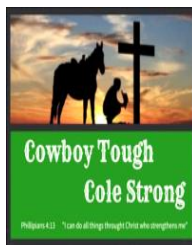
Prayer requests cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.



+ UPDATE +

Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is doing well and continues to work hard. There are two fundraisers coming up in October to help raise money for his expenses. On October 5, 2023, there will be an Iron Man Happy Hour at Aero Crafters in Victoria starting at 5:30 p.m. Also, on October 20-22, 2023 the 6th Annual Cowboy Tough – Cole Strong Team Roping Event will be held in Gonzales where donations can be made. 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)*

NALC Warehouse –

We will be collecting rubber gloves and cotton gloves for the month of October 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!

Mission of the Month of October

North American Lutheran Seminary

The North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) is committed to forming pastors and leaders for faithful ministry today. As a network of seminaries centered in Ambridge, Pennsylvania—with additional graduate schools in six states and provinces across the United States and Canada: Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA; Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, AL; Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton, AB; Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA/Houston, TX; Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC; and Sioux Falls Seminary in Sioux Falls, SD.

The NALS exists to form pastors and leaders for the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) through robust spiritual formation, rigorous and distinctive theological education, and intentional pastoral mentorship.

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 gently used prayer materials?

Our church will be collecting new and gently used Bibles and prayer books. If you have any questions, please contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt.

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

Mens's Bible Study will continue to be meeting monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 7 PM in 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.

ATTENTION: Altar Guild Members

The biannual meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. PLEASE, at least one member from each team is asked to attend for changes in procedures, reminders, discussion.

Thank you! Carol Ann

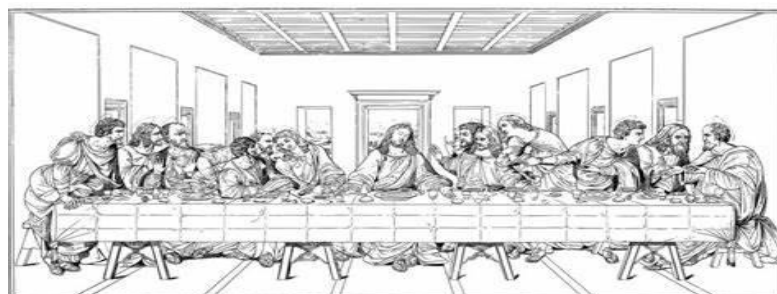


STEP RIGHT UP!

Calling all thespians, set designers, costume designers, makeup artists, sound and lighting specialists, musical directors, and anyone who has ever thought they might like to make a try at the bright lights and red carpets of Hollywood or Broadway. Unfortunately, answering this call will most likely, NOT further your career or move you any closer to the goal of being discovered or getting your big break toward stardom. But if you are willing to portray a disciple of Christ or assist in the production of a moment in time on the night of Christ's betrayal, as depicted by Da Vinci's painting, "The Last Supper", we need you.

The Worship Team is attempting to revive the production of the "Living Last Supper." This is the reenactment of the moment Jesus announced that "one of you will betray me," and the depiction of the thoughts that may have raced through the minds of each disciple as they contemplated those words. This scene was first done by men and women of St John here in Meyersville during Holy Week in 1994 and was produced again in 1995, 1996 and 1999. The play went dormant and then was revived for production in 2003 and again the following year. Next year, will be the 20th anniversary of the final production in 2004.

Please consider this calling as we will need 13 men on stage, a narrator, a sound and lighting person, numerous props and costume persons and various other support staff to make this awesome event take place. Give it prayerful consideration a say yes when you may be called to "follow me." Contact Johnny Jank and simply say, "How can I help?"





TEAM LEADERS

Planning for the 2024 Budget starts now!
Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team/Office no later than Friday, October 13, 2023. Year-to-date figures will be available for pick up from the church office the first week in October. All requests will be considered. Thank you! - St. John Finance Team

Church Council Minutes ~ August 22, 2023

Trish Hood, Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor John Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt (President), Mitchell Jank (Vice-President), Trish Hood (Secretary), M'Liss Moore (Financial Secretary), Archie Abrameit (Treasurer), 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: Trish led us in a devotion based on 1 John 4:1, Beware of false prophets, for many have gone out in the world.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Reviewed, a motion to accept made by Trish, seconded by Marv. Motion carried.

PASTOR REPORT The NALC Convocation was attended by approx. 475 people, not counting staff and representatives from other denominations. Bishop Selbo was re-elected Bishop with 75% of the vote. There were several other elections which a viewable on the NALC website. The delegates voted to disassociate with Lutheran World Relief. They contribute to several groups that do not meet the values of the NALC.

I talked with Pastor Brad Hales, who works with revitalizing older congregations. I also talked with Pastor David Wendel who has a program titled "Fresh Eyes for Mission Summits" which also works to revitalize older congregations. Both would be willing to work with us if there is a desire for such a program here at St. John.

Johnna Picard is feeling called to the ministry and I have talked with Pastor David Wendel, Assistant to the Bishop on Ecumenical affairs, about Johnna and he gave me suggestions on how to help her develop her skills and to move toward the ministry.

As you are all aware Johnna gave the message on 7/30, and I was extremely impressed with her delivery and I have had many positive remarks regarding her message. I will discuss this further with Johnna and the worship committee to achieve some guidelines and suggestions. Once this is achieved council will be updated.

God's blessings Pastor John

DISCUSSION: Council discussed Johnna's calling.

Pastor will be having Children's Sermons on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, and Johnna will be leading Children's Sermons on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

OLD BUSINESS: Council discussed the College Scholarship fund, and we decided to set up a College Scholarship Committee. We ask anyone interested in volunteering for this committee to please speak to Glenn Ruschhaupt by email, or text message.

Trish made a motion to give \$1,000 to Mackenzie Blain, as she is the recipient of the College Scholarship this year. Pastor seconded. Motion carried.

M'Liss brought up the Marriage section of the Red Book, which is where our congregation records are kept. There was a question about which marriages should be recorded. Council decided that any wedding on the church premises should be recorded, as well as any marriage of at least one member of St. John.

FINANCE TEAM:

Finance Team did not meet this month.

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM:

Mission Ev. Team did not meet this month. Next meeting is September 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Elam Ministries is the September Mission of the Month. Elam Ministries is a member of the Evangelical Alliance in the UK, and believes in the Triune God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit like we, as Evangelical Christians believe.. Monthly collection for Rosenburg Disaster Warehouse will be scrub brushes, and small bottles of bleach. Cathie Bettge

PARISH LIFE TEAM:

We sent out 3 Get Well cards, and one sympathy card. St. John Funeral Food Train helped the Waters family with sandwiches, chips, and cookies. I appreciate all who helped. We also brought juice, milk, sausage rolls, doughnuts, and cinnamon rolls for Rally Sunday. Sincerely, Bev Bodden

PARISH ED:

Parish Ed did not meet this month. Our next meeting will be September 9, at 1:30 p.m. Rally Sunday was held on August 6th. Our 13 attendees moved through stations learning about the armor of God. Big thank yous to Joie Caskey, Johnna Picard, Laurie Pokluda, Caden and Casen Jander for leading the stations.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

Meeting Date: AUGUST 13th

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

Items Complete: Restroom supplies replenished; AC filters checked/ replaced; Parsonage cleaned by Calvo's; Parish Hall painting contract approved and executed; LED alter light bulbs acquired; Parish Hall fans oiled; Large dead tree in cemetery removed; Hand sanitizers in sanctuary pews replenished

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 – Surface preparation, caulking, window glazing, etc. in progress; Church window frame repair and painting; 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. Estimates for additional work acquired; awaiting contractor availability; Flagpole painting – Awaiting probable utilization of man lift 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. Service appointment duration of 6 hours on August 17th failed to identify and resolve current issues.; Reviewed specific priorities for next basement renovation steps,

Old Stone Church: Next Old Stone Church Committee meeting is scheduled for September. Flower beds and vintage cemetery rose bush being watered with soaker hoses.

Items for Council Approval: None

Next Scheduled Meeting: 09/10/2023

WORSHIP TEAM:

Worship team met on August 2, and everyone was present. We opened with Pastor John leading us in a prayer and then went on to Old Business. We had positive feedback from the contemporary service on July 30. We also discussed that Johnny Paul would like some assistance with the sound system and screens. Anyone interested in helping him out, he would greatly we are putting it in the bulletin. We also will be holding a Fill the Church Sunday on October 29 which is also Mission Sunday. Also, we are hoping to do a Last Supper Reenactment on Maundy Thursday, so we will be looking for a few good men. Under new business there were 3 suggestions in the suggestion box, and we addressed each one:

First was to have 2 church services and one starting at 8 and more condensed and for it to be held in the Old Stone Church and after discussed may consider this at a later date but it cannot be held at the Old Stone church because it cannot handle that on a weekly basis.

Second thing was to change the Doxology to #721. We discussed and we will use this song on some services but not on a weekly basis.

Third was lighting of the altar candles. This will now be done during the prelude of the Church service instead of during the first song and extinguished during Doxology With no other business, we picked songs through Oct.15 and closed with the Lord's Prayer. We will meet on October 3.

Brenda Gohmert

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

Respectfully Submitted, Trish Hood, Secretary

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church Scholarship

In August, Mackenzie Blain was awarded a scholarship from St. John in the amount of \$1000. Mackenzie is a Junior this year and is attending Texas Lutheran University. She is a member of the TLU track and field team as a pole-vaulter and current works weekends in Shiner. Her intentions are to apply for nursing school at TLU next year and obtain her BSN to become an RN.

Congratulations and Good Luck to you, Mackenzie!

Our thoughts and prayers will be with you!

THANK YOU, JOBETH!

Our Sunday School department is no longer in need of a 1st & 2nd grade teacher.

**Jobeth Caskey has graciously accepted the position.
Praise be to God for volunteers!**

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



THANK YOU, NORREAN & MARV SAGER

A huge shout out of thanks to Norrean & Marv Sager for taking the time to refill our bottles of hand sanitizer in each pew. Thank you for taking this step to ensure our congregation stays healthy. It is greatly appreciated!



Altar Flowers

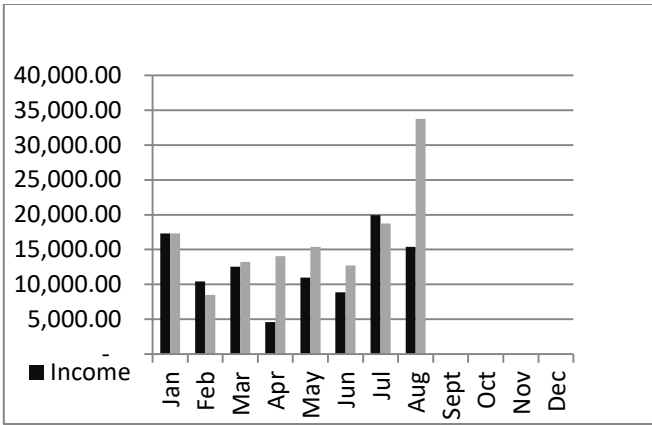
If you would like to bring fresh flowers to church for the altar on the first Sunday of any month, please let the church office recognize you in the bulletin. Flowers can also be given in memory or honor of someone. Flowers can be put on the pedestals any Sunday as long as they are not being used for 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.

Portals of Prayer: October-December Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.



Samaritans Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Our Samaritans Purse Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the narthex and the wings for pick-up. Get yours early so you can start filling it with love. More information to come at a later time.



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

St. John Lutheran Church - Westhoff

On October 15, 2023, please come join us at St. John Lutheran Church in Westhoff for our 115th anniversary celebration (1908-2023) in the Glory of God. Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. and a catered meal will follow. Please RSVP to 830-236-5800 or stjohnwl@gvtc.com. Thank you! Hope to see you there!

St. Mark's Lutheran Church - Cuero

Please join us for food, fun & fellowship on Monday, October 23, 2023 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero as we enjoy a light meal and have fun playing bunco in fellowship. Registration & a light meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. and games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by October 18, 2023 to Marlene Fromme @ 361-275-4214 or Church Office @ 361-275-2845. Hope to see you there!!!



**REFORMATION SUNDAY
SAVE THE DATE**

On October 29th, 2023, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, Pastor Amy Little of NALC. Pastor Amy Little serves as the General Secretary (COO) of the North American Lutheran Church since August 2021. The General Secretary functions as the chief operating officer of the NALC, managing its day-to-day administrative functions in Norwalk, Ohio. She is the graduate of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology; Trinity Lutheran Seminary Columbus, Ohio 2002, MDiv.; Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, DMin. 2012. Pastor Amy served in her first call for 19 years at Trinity Lutheran Church, Monroeville, Ohio. She is married to Jeff who is a High School Intervention Specialist. They have two children, Noah (married to Alyssa) and Anna. In her spare time she makes quilts and other art and makes sure to get her 10,000 steps in each day. Her mission of choice is Malawi Orphan Care Project (MOCP). She has been to Malawi three times and her and her husband are currently supporting a college student named Dickson who is studying computer science.

St. John Lutheran Church – Meyersville

Please join us for the following:

EVENT: REFORMATION SUNDAY
Guest speaker: Pastor Amy Little, General Secretary for the North American Lutheran Church
DATE: Sunday, October 29, 2023
TIME: 9 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Church Service
BBQ meal to follow
PLACE: St. John Lutheran Church
1764 Meyersville Rd
Meyersville
361-277-8653

LOVE OFFERING: Malawi Orphan Care Project



St. Peter's Lutheran Church – Ander

Please join us October 29, 2023 at the picnic area of St Peter's Lutheran Church for food, fun, fellowship, and fundraising from 3:30-6:30 p.m. We will have a country store, kid's games, a live auction, and a traditional German meal served. Plates are \$12/plate – for eating here or to go. 100% of funds raised will go to Cross Trails, the camping ministry of the ELCA's Southwestern Texas Synod, whose mission is to provide unique settings and experiences in which youth, adults, and families are strengthened in their relationship with Christ, each other, the church and the community. Hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

October 1

Greeter - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
Reader - Dickie Bettge

October 8

Greeters - M'Liss Moore
Reader - Kathy Dunn

October 15

Greeters - Marv & Norrean Sager
Reader - Johnna Picard

October 22

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden

October 29

Greeters - Youth Group
Reader - Neal Moritz

October Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

October Altar Guild

Bettie Diebel & Virginia Jank

October Nursing Home Visitor

Patricia Hood

LOOKING AHEAD...

November 5

Greeters - The Hays Family
Reader - Trish Hood

November Communion Assistant

Glenn Ruschhaupt

November Altar Guild

Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

November Nursing Home Visitor

Mary Wagner

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

Happy Birthday to:

- 3 - Justin Ficklen
- 7 - Debbie Glawson
- 8 - Cheryl Bramlette
- Evelyn Diebel
- 9 - Pam Haun
- 12 - Joan Gohmert
Lynn Lueckemeyer
- 14 - Obert Sagebiel
- 20 - Kinley Nessel
- 21 - Cole Rains
Laurie Pokluda
- 23 - Don Wendel
Dwight Jander
- 26 - Sadie Garrett
Tristan Hays
- 30 - Bobby Zengerle
- 31 - Gordon Gohmert
John Lloyd Gohmert



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Anniversary Greetings to:

- 7 - Carl & Crystal Eichhorn
- 8 - Kevin & Beverly Bodden



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY
FOR RAIN!**

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

Keep up with St. John ~ Meyersville online
<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>
or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org for weekly bulletins & monthly newsletters.

**Have a little fun as you think about God!
Many Blessings to All!**

GOD is not an option,
He is a necessity.

Once a man asked GOD...
Why don't you fulfill my wishes
if you are everywhere...?
GOD replied.. I am like Wi-Fi my Child..

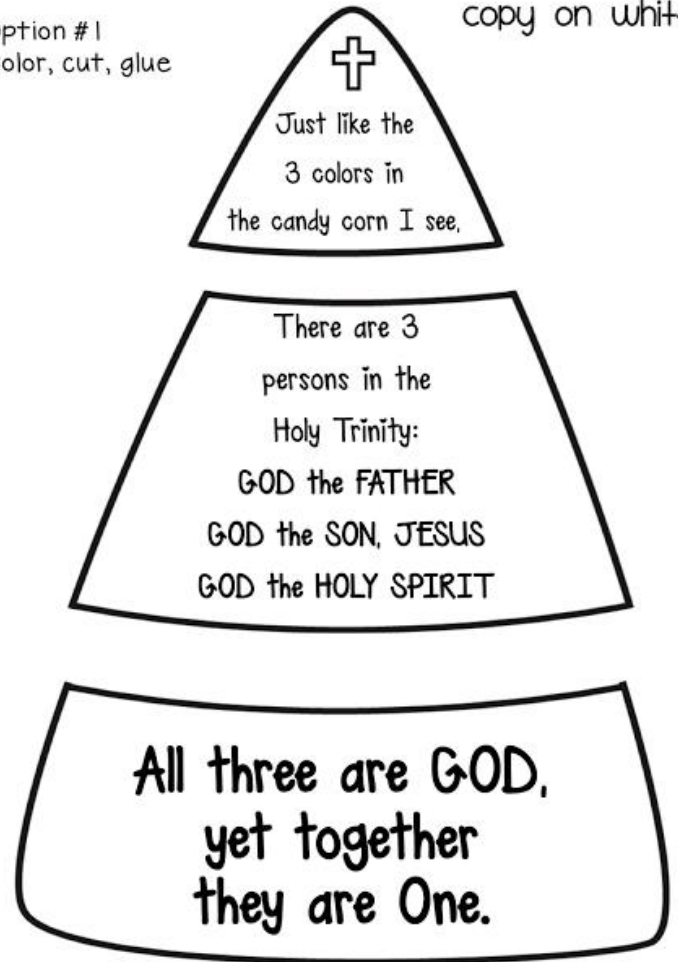
I am available everywhere and all the
time but you need to connect with
me with a Correct Password...
And the "password" is: **FAITH**

God bless!

Wishes1234.com

Option #1
Color, cut, glue

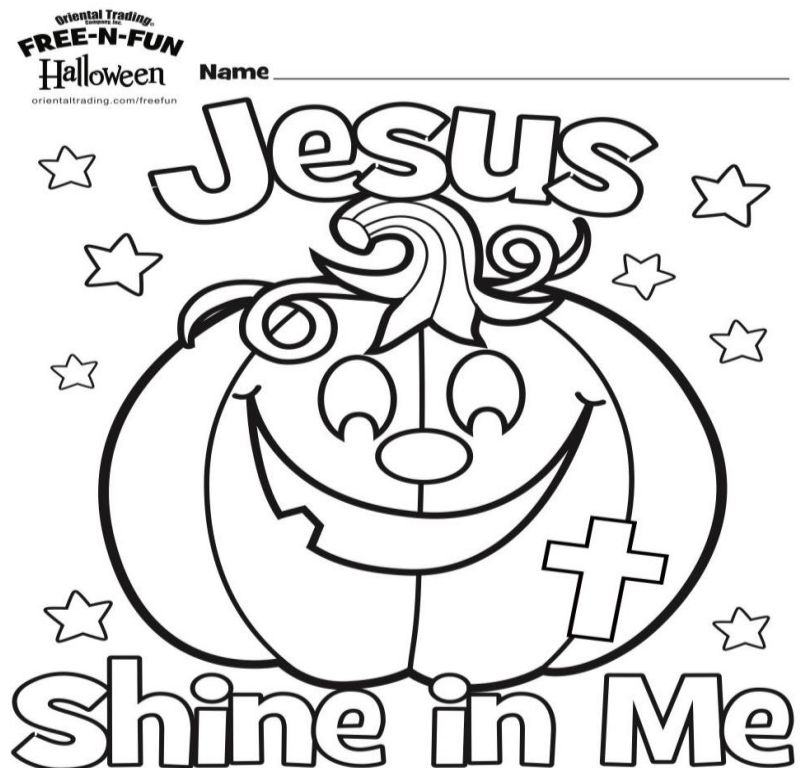
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Books of the Bible Crossword #1

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G	R	O	S	E	C	O	N	D	K	I	N	G	S	O	E	A
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GENESIS	DEUTERONOMY	FIRST SAMUEL
EXODUS	JOSHUA	SECOND SAMUEL
LEVITICUS	JUDGES	FIRST KINGS
NUMBERS	RUTH	SECOND KINGS



October 2023

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

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Mission of the Month:
North American
Lutheran Seminary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18th Sunday after Pentecost 1 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship 	2 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Worship Team Meeting <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Team Leaders need to pick-up YTD figures from the Church Office this week! </div>	3 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Worship Team Meeting	4 1:30 PM Quilters* 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	5 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	6	7
19th Sunday after Pentecost 8 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship 	9 <i>Columbus Day</i>	10 7 PM Altar Guild Meeting <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Pastor away at retreat at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton, TX </div>	11 1:30 PM Quilters* 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study*	12	13 **Team Leaders – 2024 Budget Due to the Church Office by today.	14
20th Sunday after Pentecost 15 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship 	16 6:30-7:30 PM 4-H Meeting in Parish Hall 7:00 PM Finance Team Meeting*	17 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	18 1:30 PM Quilters* 7 PM Men's Bible Study	19 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	20 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	21
21st Sunday after Pentecost 22 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship	23	24 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting*	25 1:30 PM Quilters*	26 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	27	28
22nd Sunday after Pentecost 29 Reformation Sunday – Mission Feast 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship – Guest Speaker Luncheon after service. 	30	31 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours			Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: <u>St. John Meyersville</u> for changes & updates. *meet at the parsonage	29 Office Hours: Please see the Bulletins 