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November 2023 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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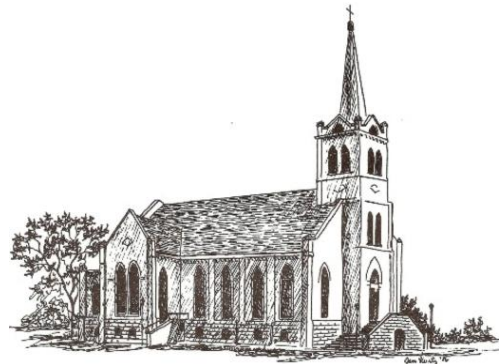
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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:
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jboor25@yahoo.com

Ministers - The People of St. John
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

WORSHIP

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first & third Sunday of each month. Welcome to all new members!



THE CHURCH BELL
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

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Greetings,

On October 7, 2023 Hamas led an abrupt offensive into Israel which resulted in countless injuries and deaths that affected many individuals, families, and communities. This conflict is spreading to other parts of the middle-east and appears to be growing rather than subsiding. This should be a concern for all of us and we should condemn the violent actions and pray for the people of Israel.

God's eternal purpose is to bless the world through Israel. In John 4:22 Jesus says to the Samaritan woman; *22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews*. The declaration that "*salvation is from the Jews*" suggests our immeasurable debt to Israel. Jews are, biblically speaking, the "chosen people of God." We also must always remember that our Savior is a Jewish Savior.

One of the United States most worthwhile accomplishments has been our constant support of Israel and our concern for the plight of the Nation of Israel. Historically, the United States has been the most reliable supporter of Israel in the world. While we have committed many sins for which we may deserve judgment, we have been a loyal supporter and friend of the Jews and the Nation of Israel. In 1948, President Harry Truman helped persuade the United Nations to recognize Israel as a nation.

As Christian believers we should give support to the chosen people of God because of the biblical declarations of God's love for His chosen people, Israel. The bible warned there would always be conflict between the descendants of Isaac and Ishmael and we have seen these conflicts throughout the centuries.

Sadly, these conflicts will continue until our Savior returns. We must continue to support Israel Until God fulfills His covenants with Israel. God has a plan, and I am confident He will fulfill his promises and covenants with Israel when the time is right. Until then we must do our part to continually pray for and support God's chosen people.

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
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 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.

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, November 22, 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, Marlene Fromme, Bobby Zengerle, Debbie Glawson, Steve Cusack, Debbie Webb, Laura Whitson, Kay Ohrt's Family, Wyatt Hassel's Family

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.

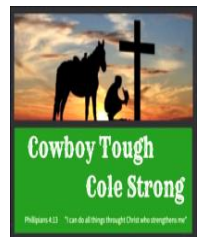


+ UPDATE + Special Cole is doing well and continues to work hard. And as always thank you all for your continued prayers for Cole - keep praying!

+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)*



Portals of Prayer

October-December Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex. We ordered more large print as well for those who may need them.



Just an FYI: It's sad to say that two pairs of sunglasses and a pair of reading glasses have not found their owners. Please if you have misplaced yours or know someone who has, check these pairs out. Who knows they may be yours! Thank you!



Another FYI: A set of keys was found outside the Parish Hall. Please contact the office if you've lost yours.

NALC Warehouse –

We will be collecting toothbrushes individually wrapped and travel size toothpaste for the month of November for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

NALC Warehouse Flood Bucket Update

We are still in need of supply filled buckets. 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 November

Christmas Families

We will be collecting items for our Christmas Families again this year. Please look/listen for additional information in the Sunday Bulletins and during announcements. Thank You!



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



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.

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.

Election Day

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 7th!!



Cornucopia

Donations of freshly harvested fruits and vegetables can be brought to the church at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22. Volunteers will assemble the cornucopia for the Thanksgiving Eve service.



Decorating of Church for Christmas

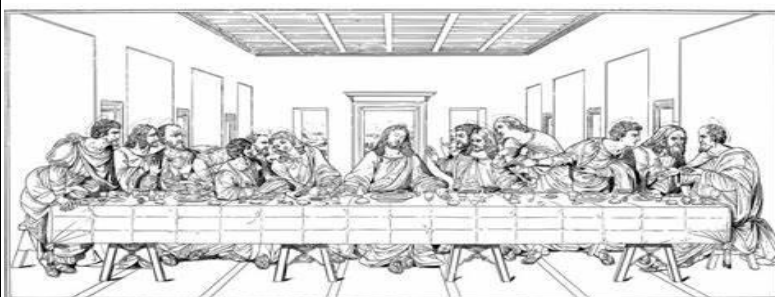
Plans are being made to decorate the church for Christmas on November 26th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m... Watch bulletins for further details. Thank you!

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?"



Church Council Minutes ~ September 26, 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: Cathie led us in a devotion from the Pogo Comic Strip, saying that "We are our worst enemy!" and found in Luke 9:23 where Jesus says His disciples must take up their crosses and follow Him.

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

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

PASTOR REPORT The annual Texas Mission Region Fall Pastors Retreat, will be held on Tuesday-Thursday, October 10-12 at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton. The Rev. Jeff Morlock, Director of Vocational Discernment for the North American Lutheran Seminary Renewal Ministries, will be our speaker. This year's price the same as last: \$275. The cost covers any reading materials, the retreat venue, a single room, and five meals (dinner Tuesday thru breakfast Thursday). It counts a CEU and I ask that the church pay the registration fee. ~ We received Debbie Glawson as a new member on 9-24-2023

DISCUSSION: Trish made a motion to pay Pastor's way for the Texas Mission Region Fall Pastor's Retreat. Bev seconded, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Glenn reported that the College Scholarship Committee consists of Rachel Nessel, Laurie Pokluda, and Dwight Jander, and Glenn, and they will have their first meeting September 28, 2023.

Also, it was decided that Council will meet in the Parsonage for our next meeting, so that we can walk through the Parsonage to determine what needs to be done with it.

NEW BUSINESS: We discussed the evaluation of church employees. And were all given an evaluation form for Pastor to fill out before our meeting in October.

FINANCE TEAM:

Members in Attendance were Archie, Laurie Wendel, Glenn, Pastor, Marv, and M'Liss. The meeting was called to order, and opened with prayer by Archie.

The financial reports were reviewed. It was noted that some more bills for Parish Hall painting will be paid in September when the project is completed. Donations to

cover the painting bid are included in this month's figures. No discrepancies were noted. Correspondence with Church Mutual is going through Marv. He is also working with other insurance companies for bids on comparable coverage to what we currently have.

Team leaders will be asked to get their 2024 church budget to the church office by Friday, October 13th, 2023.

Reminders will be put in the upcoming Bulletins and the October Newsletter. Team leaders will be able to pick up their year-to-date figures from the church office the first week in October. Next meeting will be Monday, October 16 at 7:00 in the parsonage to put the 2024 budget together to present to council no later than the November meeting. Charles Egg

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM:

PARISH LIFE TEAM:

Parish Life sent out 3 Get Well cards this month.

Also, we are getting things together for Reformation/Fill the Church Sunday on October 29th. I have our son, Trent, doing the BBQ brisket, pork butts again. We will also have a pot of red beans, bread, tea, and potato salad, with the church members bringing desserts, and side dishes. I have the table coverings, and the fall flower arrangements already done.

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the October 29th Service, and where the offerings should go. Beverly made a motion to have a Love Offering basket is the Northex for donations to the Malawi Orphan Care Project, which was suggested by Amy Little. Marv seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PARISH ED:

September 2023 ~ Present: Pastor Boor, Joie Caskey, Kathy Dunn, Trish Hood, Johnny Jank, Rachel Nessel, and Laurie Pokluda ~ Parish Ed meeting was held **September 9, 2023** at 1:30 pm. Cathie Bettge previously gave Rachel an Enduring Faith Beginnings box to see if we might want to begin using the boxes for children recently baptized.

The box contains religious children's books along with greeting cards to celebrate baptism dates and birthdays through the child's third birthday. The committee agreed that this was a great way to engage families until the children are old enough to attend Sunday School. We will begin providing these soon. ~ We need another Sunday School teacher! We'd like for Rachel to teach Pre-K/Kinder, Kathy to teach 3-5 grade, and find another teacher to cover 1-2 grade. This is being advertised in the bulletin and newsletter.

Laurie mentioned that parents/kids in the cry room in the church cannot hear the service. Johnny will purchase a radio for the cry room. ~ The children's service has been a great way to engage our youth during worship! Summer Camp registration will open soon. Should we make summer camp mandatory for confirmation students? This

will help form bonds between the confirmands. ~ Mission Feast Sunday will be held October 29. Amy Little is prepared to speak during Sunday School. ~ We will hold our Christmas program on December 17 at 6 pm. This program will be held in the church. Rachel will work on a letter to send to parents inviting their children to participate in the program. We'd like to get RSVP's so we can assign parts to practice. Curriculum was discussed. Rachel will purchase Stellar Christmas package from Simply Loved. We will begin marketing the Christmas program in November. ~ Unfortunately, it does not seem that anyone is interested in leading the youth group. Perhaps we could schedule activities every so often to encourage participation. Examples of activities mentioned include the Moulton Corn Maze or the J Welch Farms Corn Maze. ~ Johnny mentioned that the Adult Sunday School class will start a new bible study next Sunday – SOLA Scriptura. ~ Meeting concluded at 2:21 pm. Sincerely, Rachel Nessel

Additional updates following the meeting:

Stellar Christmas package was purchased. Rachel emailed the leader guide to the committee and printed a couple copies for review. We will review the script and determine what changes need to be made.

Joie Caskey has graciously agreed to teach our 1-2 grade Sunday School students! Thank you, Joie!

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT

Meeting Date: September 24th ~ Members Present: Richard Bettge, Dennis Nagel, Vance Egg, Glenn Ruschhaupt, John Boor, and Marv Sager

Items Complete: Restroom supplies replenished; AC filters checked/ replaced; Parsonage cleaned by Calvo's; Parish Hall painting completed; AT & T easement vegetation mowed

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; LED lighting in sanctuary; Basement Restoration-Awaiting contractor availability; 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. New potential contractor to review next week.; 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 additional 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 8 hours on August 18th failed to resolve current issues. Potential alternative service entity has been identified and will be contacted.; Discussed Church Mutual non-renewal notification, and potential alternative insurance entities.; Discussed potential flagpole lighting issue

Old Stone Church: Next Old Stone Church Committee meeting is scheduled for September 27th. Flower beds and vintage cemetery rose bush being watered with soaker hoses.

Items for Council Approval: None

Next Scheduled Meeting: 10/08/2023

WORSHIP TEAM:

Worship Team did not meet this month, but we will meet on October 3rd. Brenda Gohmert

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned with Lord's Prayer
Respectfully Submitted, Trish Hood, Secretary

The Following was Submitted, but Not Approved to Date Due to Omission from Minutes

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM

AGENDA ~ September 20, 2023

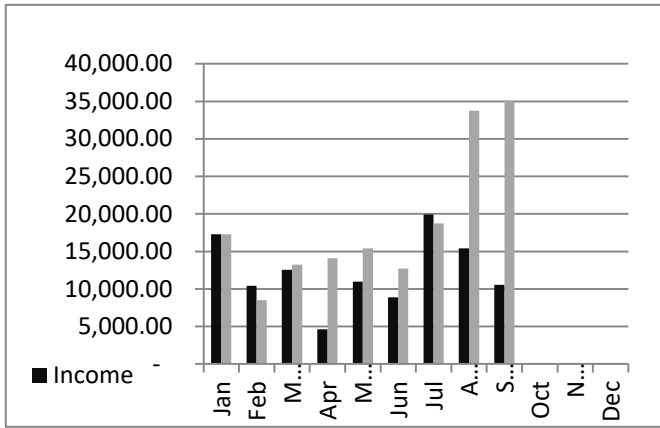
MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM

Opened with prayer ~ Members present: Pam Haun, Pastor Boor, Glen Ruschhaupt, Linda Ruschhaupt, Obert Sagebiel, Cathie Bettge (team leader)

Old business: Mission Feast/Reformation/Fill the Church Sunday, October 29, 2023 is on track; 50 Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes were ordered and are being placed in church for member's pickup; Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse presenters Michael and Pat Dittrich spoke with children's Sunday School and Adult Sunday School class prior to speaking in church. We took them to lunch following church service.

Collection: October: rubber gloves & cotton gloves
Mission of the Month: October: NALC Seminary
New business: discussed arranging for our Christmas Family outreach; discussed the letter from Shanna Burge the secretary of Westhoff & Lindenau NALC St. John Lutheran Church, involving the collection of items for disasters to be collected for DeWitt County and the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse; discussed organizing the meal for Mission Feast; discussed publicizing the visit of Amy Little for our Reformation/Mission Feast; on Wednesday, 9/13/23, quilting ladies packed up 8 boxes of health items and cleaning items, 2 filled flood buckets, and 5 boxes of quilts (10-11 quilts per box) which Mike Rangnow picked up and delivered to the Rosenberg Warehouse on Monday morning, 9/18/23. ~ Closed with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6 pm in the parish hall



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

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.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Women of the Word



Just a reminder that Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Victoria invited the men and women of our church to join them for a Bunco Party on

Sunday, November 5, 2023. Registration is at 1:00 PM, Bunco begins at 1:30 PM, and refreshments to follow. It will held in the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Multipurpose Room, 4102 N. Ben Jordan, Victoria, Texas. **Please RSVP by Sunday, October 29, 2023** to one of the following: OSL Church Office at 361-575-4305, Ann Gaskamp at 361-550-2861, or Susie Breeden at 361-573-6637.

Tax Tips for Traditional IRA Owners

Please Notice This



If you have a traditional IRA and you are 70 ½ years old and older, you are required to take a RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) annually. There is a provision in the regulations that allow you to have this distribution made directly to a qualifying non-profit (church, etc.) and not be liable for income taxes on that amount. Consult your tax advisor or financial planner for more details.

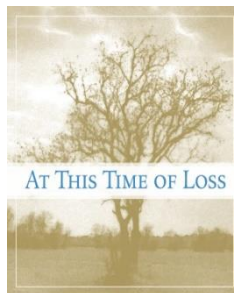
TIME TO PLAN AHEAD

The FIRST NALC NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT will be held July 1-4, 2024 in Boerne, TX! St. John's Lutheran Church in Boerne will Host this first ever Continental Youth Gathering (CYG).

This four-day gathering will provide opportunities for NALC youth to grow in faith and relationship with others as the Body of Christ. They will dig into the theme "We Belong: I Know My Own and My Own Know Me." Registration opens October 13th. For more information visit the NALC website (thenalc.org) and click on Upcoming Events.



WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY



We keep the family of Wyatt Hassel in our Prayers. Wyatt passed away on October 13, 2023. He was the son of Pastor William Bill" & Renee Hassel. May God comfort his family at their time of loss.

MAY THE
constant love
caring of friends
SOFTEN YOUR SADNESS
MAY
cherished
memories
BRING YOU
moments of comfort
MAY
lasting peace
SURROUND YOUR
GRIEVING HEART

We keep the family of Kay Ohrt in our prayers. Kay passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2023. She was the wife of Dean Ohrt. May God comfort her family at their time of loss.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

Peggy Bennett & Billy Guenther were married on October 21, 2023 at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church. May God bless their marriage for many years to come!

Marriage is perhaps the most vital of all the decisions and has the most far-reaching effects, for it has to do not only with immediate happiness, but eternal joys as well.



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

November 5

Greeter - The Hays Family
Reader - Trish Hood

November 12

Greeters - Trish Hood
Reader - Cathie Bettge

November 19

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Dwight Jander

November 26

Greeters - Cheryl Bramlette
Reader - Wanda Hays

Happy Thanksgiving



November Communion Assistant

Glenn Ruschhaupt

November Altar Guild

Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

November Nursing Home Visitor

Mary Wagner

LOOKING AHEAD...

December 3

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden

December Communion Assistant

Obert Sagebiel

December Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

December Nursing Home Visitor

Linda Ruschhaupt & Dianna Bartosh

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 - Kristine Schroeder
- 3 - Marlee Blain
Sharon Goebel
- 6 - Elizabeth Beard
- 7 - Shirley Wendel
- 9 - Brighton Blain
- 10 - Lacey Rains
- 11 - Patrick Ohrt
- 12 - Abbey Dreier
Trenton Bodden
- 13 - Daren Otto
- 14 - Buck Rangnow
- 17 - Elaine Moritz
- 18 - Meliss Eckhardt
- 19 - Wanda Hays
Bruce Weise
- 21 - Scott Motley
Cord Hanson
- 22 - Fred Mueller
- 25 - Carla Metting
- 28 - Beverly Bodden
- 29 - Kally Garrett
Kevin Bodden
- 30 - Jenny Gohmert



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Anniversary Greetings to:

- 8 - Mickey & Elizabeth Beard
- 9 - Kernell & Elaine Moritz



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Mission of the Month:
Christmas Families

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Please look on our website:</i> http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our <i>FaceBook page: <u>St. John Meyersville</u></i> <i>for changes & updates.</i></p> <p>*meet at the parsonage</p>	<p>Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins</p> 		<p>All Saints Day 1 1:30 PM Quilters*</p>	<p>2 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>23rd Sunday after Pentecost 5 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>Election Day 7 7 AM – 7 PM Voting in the Parish Hall</p> 	<p>8 1:30 PM Quilters* 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study* 7 PM Worship Meeting</p>	<p>9 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Veteran's Day 11</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Parish Hall will be used for the General Election</div>						
<p>24th Sunday after Pentecost 12 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship – Christmas Child Shoebboxes Due</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>15 1:30 PM Quilters* 6 PM Mission/Evangelism Team Meeting 7 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>16 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>25st Sunday after Pentecost 19 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>20 6:30-7:30 PM 4-H Meeting in Parish Hall</p>	<p>21 AM Camel Board Meeting</p> <p>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</p>	<p>22 9:30 AM Cornucopia 1:30 PM Quilters* 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service</p> <p>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Day 23</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> 
<p>26nd Sunday after Pentecost 26 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship 3:00 PM Church Christmas Decorating</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>		