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February 2024 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:
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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

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Greetings,

Romans 4:16 reads; *"16 For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all."*

In his letter to the Roman Church, Paul stressed faith as the way – the only way- to salvation. To counter any arguments from Jewish Christians in the congregation, Paul used the example of Abraham as one who was made right with God, justified by faith.

The word faith as used by Paul means a conviction in the truthfulness of God. This is the kind of faith that Abraham had, a conviction in the truthfulness of God. This faith, this conviction, is what God recognized when he, *"Credited his faith to him as righteousness."* (Romans 4:2)

Everyone has faith in something. Even a lack of faith denotes a kind of faith. We hear much said of faith. Some people have "little faith," and we feel sorry for them. Some folks have "a desperate faith," and we pray for them. Some people have a "different faith," and we fear them. Some people have "strong faith," and we admire them. Perhaps one of the best attempts to define faith, what it is and who has it, comes from The Communicator's Commentary, written by Dr. Stuart Briscoe. He writes, "The object of faith is what really matters, more than anything else. Some people who had strong faith in thin ice never lived to tell the tale but died by faith. Others who had weak faith in thick ice were as safe as if they stood on concrete." In other words, the object of faith is what really matters.

Abraham knew in whom he believed, A God powerful enough to make something out of nothing. To make the father of all nations, of all peoples who by faith believe, from a 75-year-old man and a barren wife. Abraham knew when God called him that the natural chances of his ever becoming a biological father were very slim, at best. But he trusted that the God who told him he would be a father was not lying. He trusted God. Why should we believe in God and the promises of salvation he's made to us?

The main reason is we have the scriptures, a written record of God and the promises He's made. Through the scriptures we hear God. We hear of the miracles He has performed; we hear of the promises He fulfilled and the promises He has made to us.

It is important in whom we believe, in whom we place our trust. Blind faith can get us killed. Thin ice is thin ice. Trusting in thin ice is never a good idea. Trusting in God is always a good idea.

As we face the problems of today and then tomorrow, we have only to cry out the name of Jesus and He will be with us. He made that promise and we can, like Abraham, believe the promises of God. When we've fought the good fight and the time to go home arrives, we all can look toward the light and know that Jesus waits for us. Faith is our salvation.

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	Parish Education – Rachel Nessel	361-571-9228
Council President-Glenn Ruschhaupt	361-275-2059	Mission/Evangelism - Cathie Bettge	361-550-7274
Vice President – Kyle Newman	361-220-1310	Property Team - Marvin Sager	361-243-1166
Secretary - Trish Hood	361-212-7322	Finance Team -	
Treasurer - Archie Abrameit	512-922-0975	Parish Life Team - Beverly Bodden	361-570-3393
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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 March 2024 Church Bell is Friday, February 23, 2024 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 interested in. 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, Florida
 Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, stationed overseas (location unknown)
 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, Ryon Preslar, Joy Meadows, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy F. Diebel, Marlene Fromme, Steve Cusack, Debbie Webb, Pat Hays, Robert Moeller, Joy Hoy, Johnny Paul Jank, Virginia Abrameit, Seth Wendel

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

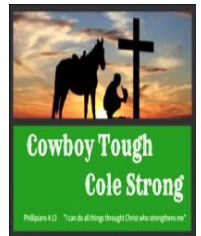
Prayer requests cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole+ Taken from Facebook

Cowboy Tough Cole Strong:

Hi everyone!! It's been a long time! I hope you are all doing well! We are all doing good. Cole is healthy as a horse and doing well. He continues to amaze me with his drive to continue his therapy diligently. He is still waling on the Lokomat and uses the Armeo robotic arm machine twice



weekly as well as working hard at home with me and his nurses. God definitely blessed him with a hardheadedness that he may or may not have gotten from his mother. For those of you who didn't know last weekend was the 6th annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong Team roping benefit. It was an awesome weekend with a very well run 3day team roping thanks to Justin Shelton as well as two days of silent auction items including some delicious homemade goods and

fall décor. We also had a gun raffle board that is still going on until we fill all the squares on the board for a nice rifle and as always shirts for sale with Cole's logo. For those of you who know Cole this is one of his favorite events of the whole year. He so looks forward to it each year. So a special thank you to Justin and all those who helped him as well as all the donors and sponsors. You all make this a wonderful event each year. Also want to send out a special thank you to Amy Burnet for announcing and keeping the books all weekend and to Shelly Marbach and Penny Pence for all their help with the shirts and silent auction. Special thank you to Britney Lesikar and KC Hats for donating her services throughout the weekend also. She does an amazing job. Special thank you to all who donated and or purchased the silent auction items and t-shirts as well. We sincerely appreciate all of you. This year was really special with one of Cole's brothers winning one of the trophy saddles! All in all it was an amazing and blessed weekend. Asking for continued prayers for Cole's health and healing as well as his and our faith. Also asking for prayers that Cole will be granted a meeting with the Governor soon to fight for changes in state funded care for the handicapped. I'll post later with more details. Thank you all and God Bless. 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

Both pocket size and large print January –March Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.



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

Mission of the Month of February

Warrior's Weekend
October 18-20, 2024

Warrior's Weekend was organized to assist combat wounded veterans with relaxing therapy for a weekend in Port O'Connor, TX. Please notice the date change. This organization was founded in 2007 as a nonprofit 501©3 and is dedicated to the support of veterans of the United States of America with emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. About 100 wounded OIF/OEF are flown in from all over the United States of America for this event. Close to 150 provide their own transportation to join in the festivities.
Friday night—fish fry

Saturday morning—tacos and fruit are served for breakfast; approximately 200 boats are available to take them fishing
Saturday night—a BBQ dinner is provided with awards for the fishing tournament and a Poker tournament is enjoyed
Sunday morning—a full breakfast is provided with a big send off to follow

NALC Warehouse –

We will be collecting string mops and straw brooms in February for the warehouse in Rosenberg. Check your local Dollar General or Dollar Tree to see if they carry these items.

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.

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 NOT be meeting in February or March, but will resume meetings in April on the 3rd Wednesday at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.



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.

Camp Lone Star

Parents - if your child is interested in attending Camp Lone Star this summer, please contact Rachel Nessel. Early registration ends February 1.

Boys & Girls Club of Cuero

Dear members of St. Johns,

Thank you for your continued support of the Boys and Girls Club of Cuero. We would like to reserve a table for 8 at the Gospel Brunch at the Friar Ag Center on February 11 starting at 11:30 am to show our appreciation. Please see me if you are interested in going to see first hand the difference we are making for our young people.

Thanks again, Laurie Pokluda



We want to wish congratulations to Meliss & Morris Eckhardt on the birth of their grandson Madden Blane Eckhardt. Madden is the son of Milam & Kaitlin Eckhardt and little brother to Maisley Eckhardt. He was born on January 12, 2024 @ 2:06 PM weighing in at 6 lbs. 8 ozs. and 19 3/4" long. May God bless Madden and his family as they welcome him as a gift from God.

Tax Tips for Traditional IRA Owners



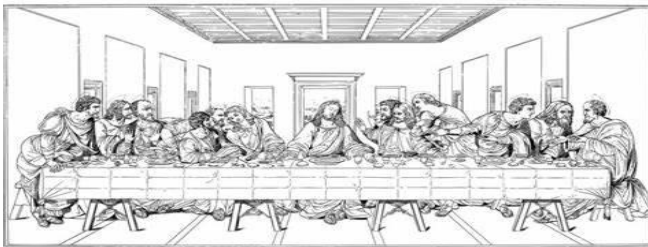
If you have a traditional IRA and you are 70 1/2 years old and older, you are required to take a RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) annually. There is a provision in the regulations that allow you to have this distribution made directly to a qualifying non-profit (church, etc.) and not be liable for income taxes on that amount. Consult your tax advisor or financial planner for more details.

Please Notice This



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



STEP RIGHT UP!



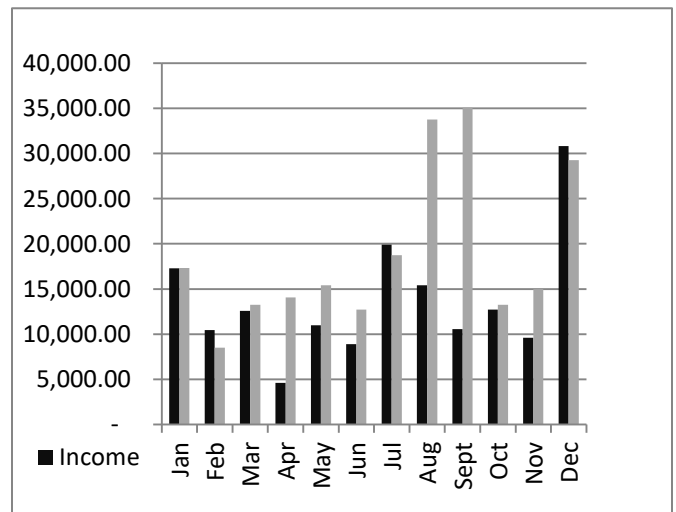
Calling all thespians, set designers, costume designers, makeup artists, sound and lighting specialists, musical directors, and anyone who has ever thought they might like to make a try at the bright lights and red carpets of Hollywood or Broadway. Unfortunately, answering this call will most likely, 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. As the Worship Team announced earlier we are planning 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. This year, 2024, will be the 20th anniversary of the final production in 2004. Some of you have already said yes and some have said you would consider a role. I will be contacting each of you to shore up the final cast. The one cast member we are still needing someone to consider is the role of Jesus. Please consider this calling. In addition, we will need 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?"

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.



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

Church Council Minutes ~ December 26, 2023

Trish Hood

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt (President), Mitchell Jank (Vice-President), Trish Hood (Secretary), Archie Abrameit (Treasurer) Charles Egg (Finance),), Rachel Nessel (Parish Ed), Marv Sager (Property).

CALL TO ORDER: Glenn called the meeting to order.

OPENING DEVOTION: Pastor led us in prayer.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING & CALLED COUNCIL MEETING: Archie made a motion, and Marv 2nd the motion to approve both minutes as presented. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mitchell made the motion to accept the financial report, and Pastor seconded. Motion passed.

PASTOR REPORT: I have agreed to do a Memorial Service for William Wendel on Jan 11 in the church. Both of his daughters live out of state. He has been cremated and there will be no burial. ~ A reminder that I will be at the Pastor's retreat Jan 15-18 in Buena Vista, Florida. ~ Jolene Wieland and LaRae Wieland Kelley have requested to transfer their membership from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Yorktown to St. John Lutheran, Meyersville. We sent a letter to St. Paul and have received a letter and information from St. Paul to transfer membership. David Kelley and Jessie Kelley have requested transfer from St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Weesatche to St. John Lutheran Church, Meyersville. We sent them a letter but have received no response. ~ We should schedule installation of council on 1/21/2024.

DISCUSSION: We discussed the William Wendel Memorial Service, and it was agreed to allow the service in the church. ~ Rachel made a motion to accept Jolene Wieland, David, LaRae, and Jessie Kelley as new members by transfer. Charles seconded. Motion carried. ~ Installation of Council officers will be January 28, 2024, as the Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2024.

FINANCE TEAM:

Finance Team did not meet this month.

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM:

Mission/Evangelism Team did not meet this month.

PARISH LIFE TEAM:

Parish Life sent out 2 Get Well cards and one Christmas card. We helped with refreshments after the Sunday School Christmas Program with cookies and hot cocoa. Sincerely, Bev Bodden

PARISH ED:

Parish Ed did not meet this month.

Stellar Christmas Youth Program was held on December 17, 2023. Although only 50 people signed in for the event, we believe the head count, including the youth, was closer to 100. Thank you to all that volunteered their talents and time to make this program a success.

DISCUSSION: Council all agreed the program was a great success.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT:

Meeting Date: DECEMBER 10th

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

Items Complete: Restroom supplies replenished; Parsonage cleaned by Calvo's; Elevator door openers reprogrammed; New elevator door opener component acquired; New dimmable LED bulbs and dimmer switches installed in sanctuary; Illuminated door exit signs installed per insurance requirements; Organ tuned and sticking pedal repaired; Church liability, workers comp, and property insurance coverage acquired

Renovation Progress: Work to mitigate construction errors still awaiting contractor availability

Ongoing Discussion Items: Timing and tree availability for tree plan approved by Council; LED lighting in sanctuary – tentative schedule for installation of LED bulbs paired to dimmer switches; Basement Restoration – Additional potential contractors to be contacted; Sanctuary steeple repair – Discussions in progress with potential contractor; Awning bird issue resolution – Soffit installation planned along with construction error repairs. Awaiting potential contractor availability; Repair of broken tombstones in cemetery – Initial repairs to two headstones performed on March 9th. Estimates for additional work acquired; awaiting Mortise Stone technician availability.; Flagpole painting – Awaiting probable utilization of man lift for steeple repair.

Other: Discussed additional potential alternative contractors for current repair projects; Reviewed current status of elevator; Currently appeared to be properly working; Discussed church insurance and pending results of recently submitted application for coverage with new carrier.; Discussed timing for organ tuning and other potential organ maintenance/repair items.; Discussed need for review of St John constitution and potential minor changes

Old Stone Church: Next committee meeting scheduled for January

Items for Council Approval: None

Next Scheduled Meeting: 01/14/24

WORSHIP TEAM:

Worship Team did not meet this month.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed Johnna's letter about baseball games. It was decided that all committees would discuss this to have a better understanding of the

suggestion, and we will discuss at the next council meeting.

Council discussed the fact that some things in our constitution may be different from our by-laws. Marv made a motion to review our constitution and by-laws, seconded by Pastor. Marv then made a motion to amend his first motion to set up a committee to review our constitution and by-laws, consisting of 2 council members 2 congregation members, Glenn, and Pastor. Mitchell seconded, motion carried. Then the first motion was voted on and carried as well.

Council discussed the letter from the Elections Administrator concerning the use of our Fellowship Hall for the election in March. Charles made a motion to allow the use of our Fellowship Hall for election in March. Archie seconded, and the motion carried.

Council discussed Summer Camp at Camp Lone Star. Rachel informed us that there are two camps offered: the Alpha Camp for 8-12 year olds and the Endeavor Camp for 9 – 14 year-olds. It was decided to get the information out to the student of the Confirmation class, and their parents to decide what they want to attend.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully Submitted, Trish Hood, Secretary

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....***

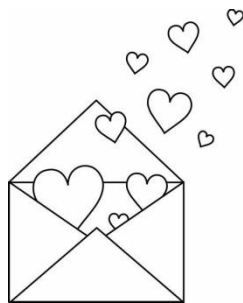
CEMETERY DECORATIONS

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



A LOVE LETTER FROM JESUS

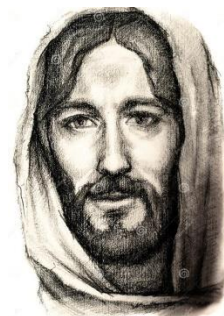
How are you? I just had to send you this letter to tell you how much I love you and care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were walking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would walk and talk with me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day, and a cool breeze to rest you. Then I waited, but you never came. O yes it hurt me, but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you fall asleep last night, and I longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight upon your pillow and your face...Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you.

You awakened late this morning and rushed off for the day. My tears were in the rain. Today you looked so sad, so alone. It makes my heart ache because I understand. My friends let me down and hurt me many times. But I love you. I try to tell you in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves and trees, and breathe it in the mountain streams, and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air. My love for you is deeper than the oceans and bigger than the biggest want or need you could ever have.

We will spend eternity together in heaven. I know how hard it is on earth. I really know. Because I was there, and I want to help you. My Father wants to help you, too. He's that way, you know. Just call me, ask me, talk to me. It is your decision...I have chosen you, and because of this I will wait... because I LOVE YOU.

Your Friend,
JESUS



*Happy
Valentine's
Day!*





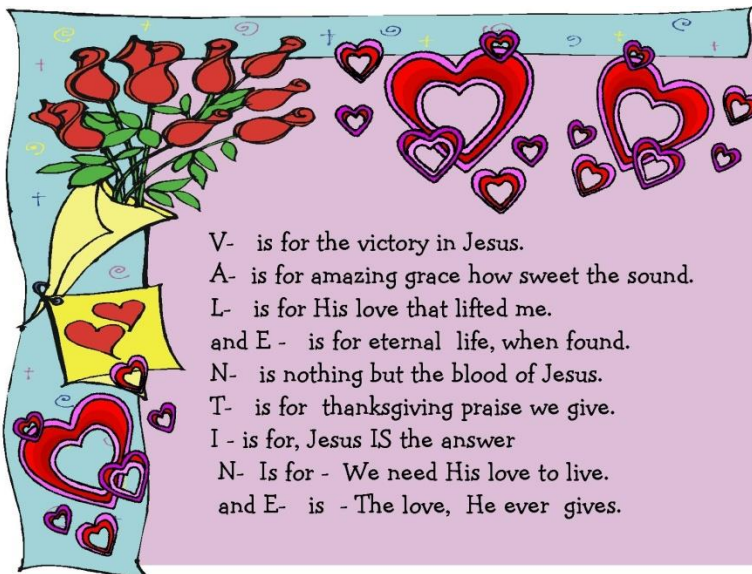
Christian Valentine Word Search



- Affection
- Believes
- Devotion
- Kindness
- Heart
- Trust
- Love
- February
- Friends
- Candy
- Dearest

- Chocolate
- Teddy
- Valentine
- Flowers
- Smooch
- Roses
- Special
- Crocus
- Christian
- Sharing
- Cherish

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VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

February 4

Greeters - Margie & John Swannack
Reader - Cathie Bettge

February 11

Greeters - Marv & Norrean Sager
Reader - Wanda Hays

February 18

Greeters - Cheryl Bramlette
Reader - Neal Moritz

February 25

Greeters - Cathie & Dickie Bettge
Reader - Dickie Bettge

February Communion Assistant

Jeff Zengerle

February Altar Guild

Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

February Nursing Home Visitor

Laurie Pokluda

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March 3

Greeters - Kathy Dunn
Reader - Kathy Dunn

March Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

March Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

March Nursing Home Visitor

Dianna Soliz

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.

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 - Amanda Denson Johnson
Dorothy Fay Diebel
Virginia Jank
- 4 - Ernest Metting
Jayce Egg
- 6 - Margaret Krause
- 8 - Harper Light
- 14 - Bobby Blain
Phillyce Zengerle
- 16 - Norrean Sager
- 18 - Alexis Haun
Robert Moeller
- 19 - Megan Ohrt
- 21 - Charles Egg
- 22 - Dean Ohrt
Laurie Wendel
Shelley Dreier
- 28 - Maverick Eckhardt



Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you!

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 1 - Gordon & Jenny Gohmert
- 14 - Richard & Pam Ficklen
- 23 - George & Dianna Soliz



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February 2024

Mission of the Month:
Warrior's Weekend

John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: <u>St. John Meyersville</u> for changes & updates.</i></p>				<p>1 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 4 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9AM – 12PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>7 10AM - Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30PM - Quilters at the Parsonage</p>	<p>8 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Transfiguration of Our Lord 11 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday 14 12:30PM - Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM - Quilters at the Parsonage 7PM - Lenten Service</p> <p><i>Happy Valentine's Day</i></p>	<p>15 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>First Sunday in Lent 18 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>19 6:30-7:30PM 4-H Meeting</p> 	<p>20 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>21 1:30 PM Quilters at the Parsonage 7PM - Lenten Service</p>	<p>22 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p> <p>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>Second Sunday in Lent 25 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM - Council Meeting</p>	<p>28 1:30 PM - Quilters at the Parsonage 7PM - Lenten Service</p>	<p>29 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>Office Hours: *Please see the weekly Bulletins</p> 	