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April 2024 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

WORSHIP

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

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



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

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Greetings,

Jesus' words to the disciples, after Peter had identified him as the Christ, the Son of God, shocked them to the very core of their beings. Jesus told them that the Son of God had to suffer and die, but he would be raised again. He also told the disciples that in order to be a true follower of him people had to deny themselves and take of their cross. The word he used was "cross bearer," which at that time was the filthiest name a person could call another. There was to be no glory in discipleship. These were not only shocking words, but they were also life-changing words.

The truth began to dawn on the disciples, that the Christian life was more than power demonstrated in casting out demons and healing the sick. The Christian life was more than comfort – enjoying the feeding of the 5,000 or the stilling of the storm.

We know that as Christians we are called to follow the example of Jesus. We strive to do this – up to a point. We attempted to love others, even our enemies. We try to allow the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control, to be a part of our lives. When it comes to imitating Jesus' suffering and sacrifice, most of us draw the line.

We are called by Jesus to take up our cross. This is much more than a physical ailment or an obnoxious person of whom we can't rid ourselves. The cross is a symbol of sacrifice; a willingness to pay the price and to do whatever needs to be done in order to accomplish God's will.

The disciples may not have answered the call of Jesus to the extent that either they or Jesus would have wanted. Still, they continued to seek to live out their faith and be as truthful to God's call as they could be. Their lives give us clues as to how we can live out our lives as disciples of Jesus.

We can hear Jesus' call to discipleship and offer our lives every day as a living sacrifice. We respond to that call for the same reason that the disciples did – Jesus' love. God's love motivates us to discipleship. We can live in God's mercy and grace – confess, repent, and receive forgiveness. Peter repented of his denial of Christ. Paul turned away from his persecution of Christians. We can learn from our mistakes and be sensitive to the movement of the Spirit. We can change – not for the sake of change, but in obedience to God's call. Peter realized that salvation was open to the gentiles. We can take the next small step of faith. We do not need to be satisfied with the status quo – we can grow and mature. As Scripture says, we can fight the good fight and run the race.

The Bible portrays a life of constant decisions – decisions day to day and moment to moment. Today I chose to follow Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and empowered by the Holy Spirit live my life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Tomorrow, I hope to do the same. Every day we respond to God's grace and say "Yes," to Jesus. Every day we open ourselves up to the power of the Holy Spirit. Every day we chose to live beyond ourselves in big and little ways.

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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Notes from the Church Secretary

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 May 2024 Church Bell is Friday, April 19, 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.



PHONE PRAYER CHAIN

(immediate or long term needs)

If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500. We ask that when placing a name on the prayer chain, you would please call back weekly with an update on the person's condition. In case of long term prayer needs, please give monthly updates. 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



CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Please remember these individuals in your prayers:

Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy F. Diebel, Steve Cusack, Virginia Abrameit, Seth Wendel, Bea Bagwell, Charlie Baros, Cindy (Randy) Wendel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Robert Moeller, Ryler James Jacob, Jason Frederick, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen, The Family of Joy Hoy



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

Prayer requests cards are available in the pews

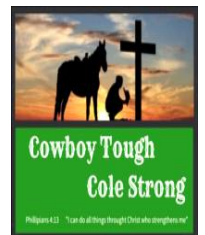
and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.



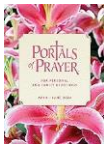
Prayer Requests

+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole+

Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong: Hello everyone. As usual I will start this post with an apology for my absence. I have no excuse other than I'm a really bad Facebooker. But I should be better for no other reason than I owe it to all of you



praying for Cole to give you regular updates. Cole is doing well other than a swollen, purple big toe he recently acquired while his crazy parents drove his wheelchair into the back of the church pew (I won't mention which one of us it was). Other than that I am so happy to say Cole has been staying very healthy. This in itself is a huge blessing considering all the complications that can come with this injury. I give all the credit to the amazing care he receives from his nurses. He really has the best we could have ever asked for. Cole and I were talking the other day to one of our newer nurses about some of the benefits that have been thrown for Cole since his accident. By the time I got through telling her about the first team roping fundraiser and the big benefit at Schroeder and the bidding on Cole's Stock show heifers the year he got hurt we were both in tears. I was completely overwhelmed again by the generosity that has been shown and continues to be shown to us by family, friends, and this community. When I let myself think about it I just can't stop the tears—tears of joy, sadness, and gratefulness all at the same time. So I really don't like to cry so I rarely let myself ponder on this for too long but maybe that's selfish. So tonight as tears are freely flowing I just want to thank everyone in this amazing community again from the bottom of my heart. No words can I say to express my gratitude to each and every one of you who have helped us on this journey. We can never repay you for all you have done. The only thing we know to do is pay it forward by helping others through Cole's foundation, offering a helping hand wherever we can, or just offering our prayers for all of you when you need it. I only hope we can do half as good a job as all of you have. God bless you and keep praying for Cole's healing—it's coming. P.S. – I promise to try and be better about posting more regularly. **+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 April-June Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.

Mission of the Month of April

HUNTSVILLE HOSPITALITY HOUSE
a non-profit located in Huntsville, Texas

It was built by volunteers to meet the needs of the increasing number of prison offender families that arrive without funds for lodging and food. It was the first overnight facility of its kind in Texas. Up to 64 guests can be accommodated overnight in 18 private bedrooms. Hot meals such as supper and breakfast are offered. They provide a pathway of hope beyond the shadow of crime for families of the incarcerated.

NALC Warehouse –

We will be collecting FILLED FLOOD BUCKETS (see Cathie for a bucket to fill) in April for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

NALC Disaster Response What's in a Flood Bucket?

- 1 bucket (5 gal.) with a lid – Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea. (Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.!)
 - 1 roll paper towels – Walmart 44 cents a roll
 - 1 powder cleanser – Walmart 88 cents ea.
 - 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
 - 1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
 - 1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
 - 1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
 - 1 pair leather gloves – Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00
 - 1 pair cotton gloves – Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea.
 - 2 contractor trash bags (3 mil) – shop around.....
 - 2 rags – Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths.....

NALC Disaster Response

If you would like to give a monetary donation to those affected by the Texas Panhandle Fires, please send a check to the following address: NALC Disaster Response, ATTN: Mary Bates, 16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, OH 43724. Make sure to mark it for the Texas Panhandle Fires. If you have any questions, see Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt.

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.

CHURCH & OTHER HAPPENINGS



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.



St. John wishes Pastor John Boor a very happy birthday on April 7th! May your day be filled with many blessings!

Church Workday

Property Team has scheduled a short workday for Saturday, April 6th from 8:30 am to 10:30 am for general cleanup and cemetery maintenance prior to Decoration Day/ Church Under the Trees Sunday. Please come out and help if, your schedule allows.

Prayer Chain

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex of the Church. Please sign up to renew your desire to continue on the prayer chain and/or to join the prayer chain. We need you to help us to continue to make changes through prayer in people's lives. Thank You!



Service Project Committees

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex of the Church if you would like to be a part of our Service Project Committees. There are just a few vacant spots. Please consider how you could serve St. John Church. If you have any questions, please speak to Cathie Bettge. Thank you!



Camp Lone Star

Parents - if your child is interested in attending Camp Lone Star this summer, please contact Rachel Nessel ASAP at (361) 571-9228.

2024 Spring Gathering for the Women of the NALC of the South Texas Mission District

The gathering will be held Saturday, April 20th, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Three Rivers. The theme for the day will be "The Fruit of the Spirit" based on Galatians 5:22-23. They will have guest speakers, a bible study, worship with Holy Communion, lots of fellowship, door prizes, and lots to eat. Registration & hospitality will start at 8:30 AM, gathering with begin at 9:30 AM, and end around 3:00 PM. Registration cost is \$20/person, which includes morning refreshments and lunch. Registration form must be returned to Our Savior Lutheran Church by Friday, April 5, 2024, so plans can be made for the meal. Please make checks payable to Our Savior Lutheran Church Women. A monetary offering will be received and presented to Live Oak County Chld Welfare Board, who are the guest speakers. They would also like to request a physical offering of throw blankets (any size, rolled up) to go to NALC Disaster Relief. Please call or text Sandra Liska at 361-449-7196 with any questions you may have about the gathering. Please send registration fees to Sandra Liska, Treasurer, 101 CR 305, George West, TX 78022. See the Narthex for registration forms.

Kickin It For Cows Purse and Camo Bingo Benefiting the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Non-Profit

Bingo Date May 9, 2024 at the Friar Ag Homemaking Building Sponsorship Form-Please see attached forms to be a Premier Sponsor this year for the Bingo-these tables will be sold first and are only on sale now. Public tables go on sale March 10th. Get premier seating, special recognition, servers, and additional perks. Don't wait these will go fast. Want to help underwrite different parts of the bingo, please see the underwriting page and return that form to us. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the following people: Amanda Luddeke 361-648-8147; Julie Ohrt 361-550-8856; Leslie Crews 361-645-4808.

Tax Tips for Traditional IRA Owners

If you have a traditional IRA and you are 72 (70 ½ before January 1, 2020) 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." **Along with learning and connecting through the word of God, youth will also get to participate in activities such as serving local missional needs, attending a rodeo, watching a spectacular fireworks display on July 4th, as well as a candlelit worship service. The final registration deadline is April 15th, and the deadline for Leaders In Training (LITs) is March 1.** For more information visit the NALC website (thenalc.org) and click on Upcoming Events

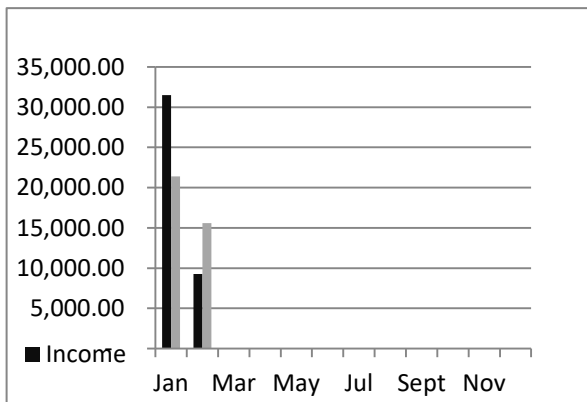
Please Notice This



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 – 2024 Income vs Expenses
General Fund chart without Designated Giving funds.

Church Council Minutes ~ February 27, 2024
Trish Hood

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt (President), Kyle Newman (Vice-President), Trish Hood (Secretary), Archie Abrameit (Treasurer), M'Liss Moore (Financial Secretary), Kathy Dunn (Finance), Beverly Bodden (Parish Life), Rachel Nessel (Parish Ed), Marv Sager (Property), Brenda Gohmert (Worship).

CALL TO ORDER: Glenn called the meeting to order.

OPENING DEVOTION: Marv led the devotion on Ephesians 1:17 “Open the eyes of my heart” based on a story of a blind young man named Christopher who sang a song with this title.

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

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

PASTOR REPORT: Thank you to all who took your time to complete the Pastor’s review form generated by council. I appreciate your input and will be working to improve. Regarding your specific comments in some areas, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss your concerns in private in order for me to address specific observations and opinions. Feel free to contact me by phone, email, or in person.

I performed an Affirmation of Wedding Vows service for George and Dianna Soliz on Friday in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on February 23, 2024.

I am continuing to work with Johnna of her journey to the ministry and we are currently discussing the courses she should take in the fall in conjunction with the recommendations from the NALC.

Pastor John

DISCUSSION: Pastor informed council of NALC Zoom meetings on March 4, 11, 18, and 26 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00.

OLD BUSINESS: Johnna’s suggestion about youth games. It was decided to call this “Playday for Youth”. Johnna and Property team members, and Glenn should meet together to go over some guidelines for this, moving forward. It was decided to set the Annual Evaluation for Pastor to be done in August which is the anniversary of his employment.

FINANCE TEAM: Finance Team had no report. Kathy Dunn was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee by text messaging council, and she was approved to take the job.

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM: Mission/ Evangelism did not meet in February. Next meeting Wednesday, March 20, 6pm in the Parish Hall.

PARISH LIFE TEAM: Parish Life sent out 5 Get Well cards this month and one Sympathy card. Sincerely, Bev Bodden

PARISH ED: Parish Ed did not meet this month. Thank you! Rachel Nessel

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT:
Meeting Date: FEBRUARY 11TH
Members Present: Richard Bettge, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Mitchell Jank, Kyle Newman, John Boor, and Marv Sager

Items Complete: Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Parish Hall commodes repaired by Glenn; Water line laid for tree planting in accord with Council approval; Church property restriction sign installed; Sanctuary dimmable LED lighting installed; Onsite meeting with tombstone repair entity; Contractor estimates acquired for sanctuary entrance ceiling repair and awning bird netting installation

Renovation Progress: Work to mitigate construction errors is still awaiting contractor availability and potential approval of contractor proposal related to mitigation of bird issue.

Ongoing Discussion Items:
Tree Plan – Planting of 4 trees along fence line between garage and picnic tables adjacent to old stone church scheduled for Saturday, February 24th.

Cemetery Headstone Repair – Cemetery committee awaiting bid from Texas Gravestone Care LLC

Thoughts On Review Of St John Constitution - Team members were asked to review and convey any suggestions to Glenn or Marv

Baseball request - Potential for inclusion of additional youth activities/games should mitigate concerns regarding liability insurance policy exclusions.

Texas Gravestone Care, LLC – Cemetery Committee awaiting bids, following onsite meeting on February 2nd, during which representative photographed, measured, and made notes on each tombstone requiring repair.

Cemetery Policy Statements – Updated copies hand carried to applicable funeral homes. Also, discussions will be held with funeral homes regarding potential for inclusion of related fees due St John in charges to their clients for services rendered, as opposed to St John collecting directly from same.

Pasture Lease Renewal – Team consensus was to seek agreement with Daren Otto, providing grazing privileges for a specific period in exchange for rebuilding the county road right-of-way fence from the school to the creek.

Property Use Policy Review – Team consensus is to continue current fee schedules for facility use, along with policy wording additions/changes specific to differing types of events, including non-fee requirements for community youth organizations and general election polling events, per attached draft.

Old Stone Church:

Committee held meeting on January 24th at 9:00 am. Next meeting scheduled for April 24th.

Items for Council Approval: --Suggested Property Use Policy wording addition.

Next Scheduled Meeting: 03/10/24

DISCUSSION: Pastor made a motion to recommend to the congregation that we accept the cemetery work proposal as presented. Marv seconded. Motion carried.

WORSHIP TEAM:

Worship Team did not meet in February. Next meeting is Monday, March 4 at 7.

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:

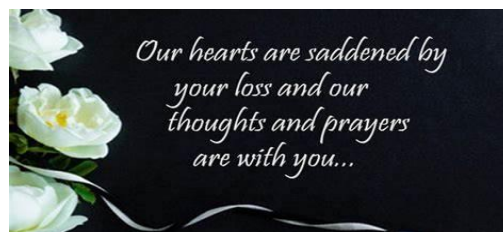
- A. In-ground vases, ornaments, figurines, statues, pictures, glass or other breakable containers, trellises, shepherd hooks, loose flowers, solar lights, or any commemorative articles of non-degradable materials are not permitted and will be removed and discarded without notice.
- B. All vases shall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

PERSONAL NOTES



We want to send our deepest sympathy to the Family of Joy Hoy, who passed away March 19, 2024. We especially send our condolences to Jason Hoy and his children for the loss of their wife and mother, as well as Evelyn Diebel and the rest of Joy's family. May they find peace and comfort in you, O Lord.

Thank You

We just wanted to say thank you to St. John's for the beautiful anniversary card and to the many people who wished us congratulations on our 50th wedding anniversary. Each kind word was much appreciated. We also want to say thank you for the use of the Old Stone Church as a place to have our Affirmation of Vows. We feel blessed to be a part of this congregation.

~Dianna & George Soliz

St. John wants to wish
Pastor John & Brenda Boor
a very happy anniversary on
April 5th, 2024.

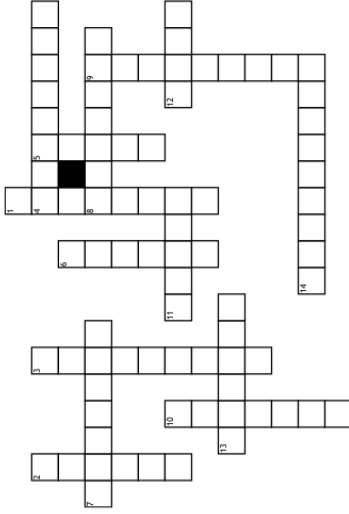
May your marriage and ministry
continue to grow in
Christ Our Lord!!!



Spring Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

4. What may you need to carry in the month of April?
7. These start to shoot out of the ground in Spring
8. What happens in April to bring May flowers?
11. What color your lawn turns in Spring?
12. What finally starts to melt away in April?
13. What you call sitting on a blanket on the grass eating food



14. What flower is one of the first of Spring?

DOWN

1. We have more of this in the sky in Spring.
2. Which flower do the Dutch grow with pride?
3. These enthusiasts spent more time outside in their backyard doing this?
5. What do the flowers do in the Spring?
6. What you decorate your lawn with?
9. What do you feel fall on your head in April?
10. After a shower, what is something colorful you might see in the sky?

Three Crosses

Three crosses on a lonely hill,
A thief on either side,
And, in between, the Son of God...
How wide the gulf, how wide!

Yet one thief spanned it with the words,
"Oh Lord, remember me";
The other scoffed and turned aside
To lost eternity.

Forsaken is the hilltop now,
And all the crosses gone,
But in believing hearts of men
The center cross lives on.
And still, as when these sentinels
First met earth's wondering view,
The presence of the Lord divides.
Upon which side are you?

~By Helen Franzee Bower~

The Three Crosses

Redemption
Rejection



As one looks understandingly he sees one man dying in sin, another dying for sin, and another dying to sin. The two thieves had sin in them. Christ has sin on Him- Thus you have a dying Saviour, a dying saint and a dying sinner. Or, let us put it this way: Those three crosses speak of three outstanding things facing everyone who is brought into contact with the truth of the Gospel. The Cross upon which Jesus is died is the Cross of Reception. The Cross upon one thief died, believing the message of our dying Christ may be called the Cross of Reception. The cross upon which the other thief died, even as he lived, may be called the Cross of Rejection.

So There were Three Crosses On Calvary's hill

The Cross of Redemption,
The Cross of Reception,
The Cross of Rejection.

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Pilgrim Tract

12 Disciples Word Scramble



1. PETRE _____
2. WARND E _____
3. AEJMS _____
4. HONJ _____
5. IHPIL _____
6. ABMWOTELHOR _____
7. ATEMWTH _____
8. TOSHAM _____
9. DJS AU _____
10. JASME _____
11. MSOIN _____
12. AJSUD SCOIIRTA _____

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

April 7

Greeters - Dianna & George Soliz
Reader - Neal Moritz

April 14

Greeters - Cathie & Dickie Bettge
Reader - Dickie Bettge

April 21

Greeters - Margie & John Swannack
Reader - Kathy Dunn

April 28

Greeters - Marv & Norrean Sager
Reader - Dwight Jander

April Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

April Altar Guild

Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

April Nursing Home Visitor

Carol Ann Sagebiel

LOOKING AHEAD...

May 5

Greeters - Trish Hood
Reader - Trish Hood

May Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

May Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

May Nursing Home Visitor

Virginia Abrameit

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:

- 4 - Trish Hood
- 6 - Letha Blain
Sara Blain
- 7 - Britton Blain
Pastor John
- 13 - Brooke Wendel
J Burns Cowley
Ray Boyer
- 14 - Levi Moritz
- 19 - Karon Copeland
- 21 - Jacob Dreier
M'Liss Moore
- 22 - Pam Ficklen
- 23 - Trandon Leist
- 26 - Emily Iselt



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

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 6 - Pastor John & Brenda Boor
- 9 - Ty & Emily Iselt
- 14 - Aaron & Sydney Schaefer
- 29 - Trevor & Kathleen Bodden
- 30 - Keaton & Marsha Wendel



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Mission of the Month:
Huntsville Hospitality House



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: St. John Meyersville for changes & updates.</i></p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>*meet at the parsonage</p> <p>Second Sunday of Easter 7</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday, Pastor John!!!!</i></p> 		<p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>1:30 PM Quilters*</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p><i>Happy Anniversary, Pastor John & Brenda !!! Wishing you many more happy years together!!!</i></p>	<p>Church Workday 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p>Third Sunday of Easter 14</p> <p>8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship-Church Under the Trees/Grave Decoration/Potluck</p> <p><i>Parish EMtg. After Church</i></p>	15	16	17	18	19	20
		<p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>1:30 PM Quilters * 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</p>	
<p>Fourth Sunday of Easter 21</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	22	23	24	25	26	27
	<p>Earth Day</p> <p>6:00-7:00 PM 4-H Meeting</p>	<p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>1:30 PM Quilters *</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</p>	
<p>Fifth Sunday of Easter 28</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p>	29	30				
		<p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>				 <p>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: *Please see the weekly Bulletins</p>

