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March 2024 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
1764 Meyersville Road
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Office Hours: see weekly bulletin
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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:
Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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(Pr. John's Cell: 361-243-0373)
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
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Greetings,

What have you given up for Lent? Anything? Some people give up something for lent, not with the purpose of earning merits or favor or pity from God, but to serve as a reminder that we are in a different season, a time devoted to reflection on our mortality, and to turn our attention to Christ's suffering and passion for us and in our stead.

If we give up something after six weeks of Lent, when Easter is here, the giving up stops. And we wonder whether we accomplished anything or not.

This "giving up" exercise is a good exercise. We can learn and grow from it. But, too often, it's focus is on us, and our outside behavior. On what we do and what we don't do.

The prophet Joel turns us another way. He has a different focus. "Rend your hearts and not your garments" he instructs. Joel is not focused on the outside, on what we do. He is focused in the inside, on who we are. He knows that the root of the problem is in us. In fact, the problem is not just in us, the problem is us. Giving up for Lent draws attention to our sins. And well it should. But the fundamental problem is not our sins, but our sin. Even were we able to give up all our sins, not just of deed, but of words and thought too, we would still be left in our sin.

King David writes in Psalm 51, "*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*" (verse 5) The problem is sin. Sin which makes us dead in soul, and which one day will bring us to our grave. Everybody is a sinner. And sin leads to death. A very clever man might escape taxes, but no one escapes death. What shall we do to rid ourselves of our sin? Where shall we turn?

We can try to quit sinning. Quit this, give up that, whittling sins down bit by bit. But it does not rid us of sin. It does not work. We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners. We can stop sinning on the outside all we can. Yet sin itself remains in our hearts. So what shall we do? Where shall we turn?

Joel tells us. Turn to God. Turn to God and live. Why? Because He is gracious and merciful. And in His great mercy, He has sent Jesus Christ, His Son, to die for us and instead of us, thereby to free us from sin. What do we say Sunday after Sunday? "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Ps 51:10).

By the blood of Christ and His redeeming love, He creates a new heart in us. He knows our weariness. He knows we are tired of giving up. So, give up giving up. Turn to God. Believe His promise of grace in Christ Jesus. And live.

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.

"March, when days
are getting long,
Let thy growing
hours be strong to
set right some
wintry wrong."

Caroline
May

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WELCOME
March

Look for the
GOODNESS in everyone
whom you meet today
and every day forward.

Open Your Heart

and become someone
who gives a gift of peace,
joy or hope.. And watch
the ripple effect of
MIRACLES & BLESSINGS
unfold in your life.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2024

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child	0												0
Adult	0												0
Total Baptisms	0												0
Confirmations	0												0
Weddings													0
Members	0												0
Non-Members	0												0
Funerals													
Members	0												0
Non-Members	1												1
Counseling Sessions	2												2
Transfer Out	0												0
Transfer In	0												0
New Members													
Adults	3												3
Children	1												1
Home Visits	2												2
Hospital Visits													
Members	0												0
Non-Members	0												0
Private Communion													
Members	2												2
Non-Members	14												14
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME													
Release of Membership													
Restore to Membership													

*Happy
Easter*

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS
CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor 361- 243-0373
 Council President-Glenn Ruschhaupt 361-275-2059
 Vice President – Kyle Newman 361-220-1310
 Secretary – Trish Hood 361-212-7322
 Treasurer – Archie Abrameit 512-922-0975
 Financial Secretary – M’Liss Moore 361-564-4467

Parish Education – Rachel Nessel 361-571-9228
 Mission/Evangelism – Cathie Bettge 361-550-7274
 Property Team – Marvin Sager 361-243-1166
 Finance Team – Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322
 Parish Life Team - Beverly Bodden 361-570-3393
 Worship Team - Brenda Gohmert 361-649-1606



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 Melissa 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 April 2024 Church Bell is Friday, March 22, 2024 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnlutheran@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, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy F. Diebel, Steve Cusack, Debbie Webb, Pat Hays, Joy Hoy, Johnny Paul Jank, Virginia Abrameit, Seth Wendel, Bea Bagwell, Charlie Baros, Cindy (Randy) Wendel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Robert Moeller, Nick Picard, Ryler James Jacob

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.

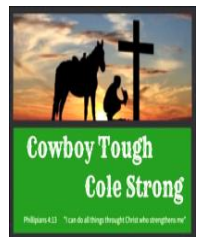


+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole+

Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough



Cole Strong: 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 think we know to do is pay if 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 January –March Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.

Mission of the Month of March

CAMAL HOUSE

CAMAL (Cuero Area Ministerial Alliance) House is an outreach of the Cuero Area Ministerial Alliance. The CAMAL HOUSE is staffed entirely by volunteers and has been in service to the community for over 30 years. Maintained by donations from the Cuero Community, it is able to provide for over 420 needy families within Cuero and is located at 209 W. Main St. in Cuero.

NALC Warehouse –

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

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.



On March 3rd, 2024, please make plans to stay after church for a congregational meeting to discuss & vote on an estimate for repairing & refurbishing the awning over the entrance to the sanctuary.

ATTENTION ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

The biannual meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7 PM, in the Sanctuary. PLEASE at least one member from each team is asked to attend for questions, reminders, and/or changes in procedures.

Thank you, Carol Ann!

Church Scholarship Applications



Scholarship application packets are available in the Narthex. A completed application must be **received** in the Church Office **no later than March 15, 2024**. Please be sure to check your possible eligibility, as it has been updated as of December, 2023.

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.

Texas Region Ladies Gathering

On April 20th, 2024,

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Three Rivers will host the Texas Region Ladies Gathering.

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

Bingo Date May 9, 2024

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.

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." **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

HAPPY easter



Join us **Sunday, March 31**
for Easter Worship!!

7:30 am - Sunrise Service
led by youth followed by
pancake breakfast

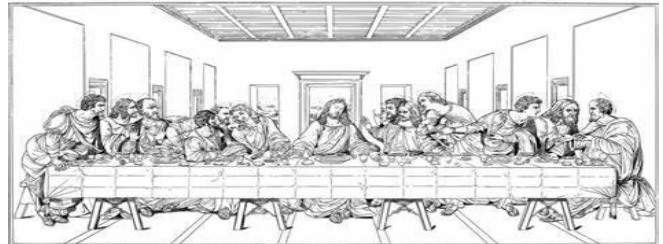
9 am - Resurrection Egg
Hunt*, Jesus' Tomb Skit,
Crafts, Photo booth

10:15 am - Worship
Service

*Easter Egg Hunt for children 3rd grade and younger.
Make sure to bring an Easter basket!

All are welcome!

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SAVE THE DATE

March 28th is Maundy Thursday. This Holy Week the normal Maundy Thursday service will be the revival of the production of the Living Last Supper. This is a moving reenactment of the thoughts and feelings of the disciples at the moment that Jesus revealed that "one of you will betray me." The words of each disciple will be a fitting way for each person in the pews to ask of themselves, "Is it I Lord" that betrayed you. Please plan on attending this special service.

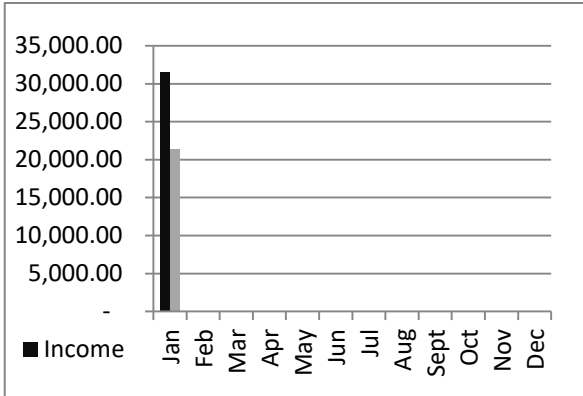
Easter
Blessings

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 ~ January 23, 2024

Trish Hood

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt (President), Kyle Newman (Vice-President), Trish Hood (Secretary), M'Liss Moore (Financial Secretary), Cathie Bettge (Mission and Evangelism), 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: Brenda presented a devotion based on Proverbs 3:5-12, We should always trust God. He knows what decision is best for us.

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

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

PASTOR REPORT: I will be receiving Jolene Wieland, LaRae Wieland Kelley, David Kelley, and Jessie Kelley as new members this coming Sunday. We will also install council in the service this week, 1-28-2024. Ash Wednesday is February 14th, and we will be doing

weekly Lenten Services on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. At the Pastor's Retreat last week, I talked to Jeff Morlock regarding Johnna's track to the ministry, and I have had a conversation with her regarding the conversation with Jeff. She is considering the options we have moving forward, and will be making a decision in the near future.

God's Blessings, Pastor John

OLD BUSINESS:

Johnna's suggestion about baseball: discussed again, no decision yet.

Pastor's Evaluation Forms: Mitchell has gone over them and condensed them into one.

M'Liss made a motion, and Marv seconded to accept the scholarship application as presented to council. Motion carried.

FINANCE TEAM:

Finance Team did not meet this month.

MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM:

Mission Evangelism Team Report

January 17, 2024

Members Present: Obert Sagebiel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Linda Ruschhaupt, Pam Haun, Cathie Bettge-team leader
Old Business: discussed updating the St. John Membership Directory for 2024 (new members, active members, and removing deceased member names)

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection: string mops, and straw brooms

Mission of Month: February – Warriors Weekend

Service Project List: reviewed sign-up sheet

New Business: discussed the Mission Feast/Reformation Sunday service, and the consensus was to keep it set together as it is now.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: March 20, 2024

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. An email was sent to parents of confirmands asking them if they were interested in having their child attend Camp Lone Star this summer. To date, no responses. Thank you! Rachel Nessel

DISCUSSION: Council discussed Camp Lone Star, and Brenda made a motion to reserve 5 spots at Camp Lone Star, for June 2-7 at a cost of \$696 per spot, in case someone decides to go, if not, the money can be refunded to us. Beverly seconded, motion carried.

PROPERTY TEAM REPORT:

Meeting Date: JANUARY 14th

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

Items Complete: Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Council approval of recommended tree plan; Organ tuned and sticking pedal repaired; Meeting with potential contractor for repairs on sanctuary entrance, steeple, and elevator awning; Property insurance acquired

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

Ongoing Discussion Items:

Tree Plan – Planting of 4 trees along fence line between garage and tables adjacent to old stone church likely to occur around mid- March, following installation of water line.

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

New Business: Baseball request and related details applicable to Property Team responsibilities –

Discussion to be continued at next meeting. General consensus of concerns relate to ages of participants, specific location of activity, liability insurance ramifications, security of facilities, and option/enforcement of applicable governing rules.

Cemetery policy suggestions – Team consensus was to present information sheet emphasizing that St John’s cemetery is a private, not a public cemetery, along with burial rules, etc., to applicable funeral homes. **Specific memorial tree planting request** – Team discussed

member request to plant a memorial tree at a location outside of Council approved tree location plan. Team consensus is to deny requests to plant trees at locations which deviate from the Council approved plan. **Property restrictions sign** – As a result of several recent go cart traffic occurrences on the parking lot, Team consensus is to post a sign at the driveway entrance, banning go carts, roller skates, skateboards, bicycles, and unauthorized use

ATVs on church property. **Cold weather plumbing preparations** – Decision was made to cut water off, drain pipes, and turn on heat lamps in the pump house

Old StoneChurch: Next committee meeting scheduled for January 24th at 9:00 am

Items for Council Approval: None

Next Scheduled Meeting: 2/11/24

WORSHIP TEAM:

The Worship Team met on Tuesday, January 9. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer. We then went into Old Business, which the only item was the Last Supper Reenactment, and since Johnny was not present, we could not really get any confirmed answers, but will discuss

again. The reenactment will take place on Maundy Thursday, March 28th.

New Business: The youth will do a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday and will get more details after Parish Ed meets. We gave out Church Yearly Calendars and discussed Mission Feast falling on Reformation Sunday and I will get with Cathie and see if Mission Team is still planning to have it then or can be moved to another Sunday.

We also discussed two items that were in the suggestion box and one was to have electric candles on the altar instead of the oil ones, and after discussion, it was decided to stay with the oil ones. The other item was to move the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service to 7PM instead of 10PM. After discussion, it was decided that we would send out a survey in October to get the feedback from the congregation and then discuss at our meeting after that. With no further business, we selected songs through March 10.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting March 5.

NEW BUSINESS: M’Liss made a motion to change from Mitchell Jank to Kyle Newman for Finance at TDECU, Wells Fargo, and Cuero National Bank. Marv seconded. Motion carried.

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.

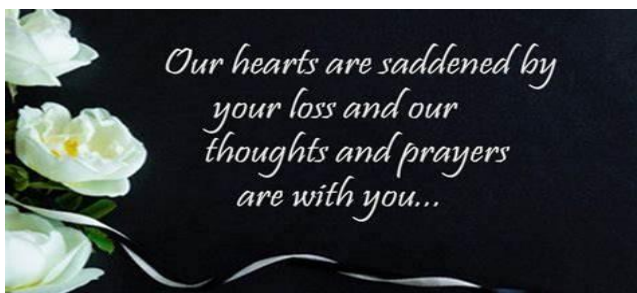
In order to accomplish this at a sustainable cost, all users must abide by the following rules concerning decorations:

- 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 Beatrice D. Jahnsen, who passed away January 31, 2024. We especially send our condolences to Brenda Gohmert and family on the loss of her mother. May her family find peace and comfort in you, O Lord.

We want to send our deepest sympathy to the Family of Joy Meadows, who passed away in January. We especially send our condolences to Dickie and Cathie Bettge, as this was Dickie's sister. May her family find peace and comfort in you, O Lord.

We want to send our deepest sympathy to the Family of Deborah Baros, who passed away February 11, 2024. May her family find peace and comfort in you, O Lord.

We want to send our deepest sympathy to the Family of Curtis Weise, who passed away February 16, 2024. May his family find peace and comfort in you, O Lord.

Just a Friendly Reminder

Don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead on Saturday night, March 9, 2024 before you retire for the night or you will be late for Sunday School and/or Church



Thank you

I'd like to thank the congregation for their prayers before and after my knee replacement. For the cards/texts and food received, I'm most appreciative. I'm doing good and continue my healing journey with therapy.

~Virginia Abrameit~

THANK YOU for all your prayers!
Marlene Fromme received good news.
She is CANCER FREE.

PRAISE BE TO GOD who does wondrous things!
From the Fromme, Wendel, & Garrett Families

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent illness. They were much appreciated.

~Seth Wendel~

Welcome New Members!

We give a warm welcome to our new members,
**Jolene Wieland, David & LaRae Kelley and
Jessie Jo Kelley.**



We are very happy & blessed to have you become members here at St. John!
We look forward to learning and working with you in spreading the word of our Lord.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Dianna & George Soliz on Friday, February 23, 2024. They celebrated by Affirming their Vows in the Old Stone Church with Pastor John Boor officiating.

Congratulations!

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

March 3

Greeters - Kathy Dunn
Reader - Kathy Dunn

March 10

Greeters - Trish Hood
Reader - Trish Hood

March 17

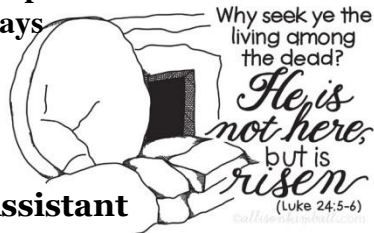
Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Dwight Jander

March 24

Greeters - The Hays Family
Reader - Cathie Bettge

March 31

Greeters - Youth Group
Reader - Wanda Hays



March Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

March Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

March Nursing Home Visitor

Dianna Soliz

LOOKING AHEAD...

April 7

Greeters - Dianna & George Soliz
Reader - Neal Moritz

April Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

April Altar Guild

Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

April Nursing Home Visitor

Carol Ann Sagebiel

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 - Crystal Eichhorn
- 3 - Kathy Dunn
Hudson Zengerle
- 6 - Dee Moeller
- 8 - Michele Motley
- 11 - Tammy Blain
Kyler Leist
- 14 - Gary Moeller
- 17 - Henry Lee Rangnow
- 19 - Kendall Helms
- 20 - Cason Jander
- 25 - Marvin Sager
Melanie Light
- 27 - Dustin Nessel
- 28 - Timothy Blake Schaefer
- 29 - Leon Dohman



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

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 2 - Fred & Rose Mueller
- 6 - Sandy & Vicki Motley
- 7 - Kenneth & Betty Diebel
- 24 - Christian & Kaley Coker



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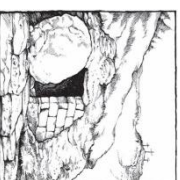


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Mission of the Month:
Camal House

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeysersville.org/ or our Facebook page: St. John Meysersville for changes & updates.</i></p> <p>Third Sunday in Lent 3</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>Monday</p> <p>Office Hours: *Please see the weekly Bulletins</p> 	<p>*meet at the parsonage</p>				
<p>Fourth Sunday in Lent 10</p> <p>8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> <p><i>Daylight Savings Time</i></p> 	<p>4</p> <p>7 PM Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7AM-7PM Joint Primary Election</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:30 PM Quilters* 7 PM Lenten Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>
<p>Fifth Sunday in Lent 17</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>6:30-7:30 PM 4-H Meeting 7 PM Finance Team</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Bi-Annual Altar Guild Mtg. in the Sanctuary</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30PM Women's Bible Study* 1:30 PM Quilters * 7 PM Lenten Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:30 PM Parish Ed</p>
<p>Palm Sunday 24</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1:30 PM Quilters * 6 PM Mission/ Evangelism Mtg. 7 PM Lenten Service</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>22</p> <p>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>Easter Sunday 31</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p>  	<p>25</p> <p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9 AM Old Stone Church 1:30 PM Quilters * 7 PM Lenten Service</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Last Supper Reenactment</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>Blessings To All On This Good Friday</p>  <p>We Are Saved Not By What We Do But By What Christ Has Done For Us It Is Finished</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>He who lives to be my King Does died to be my Saviour!</p>

Joint Primary Election in Parish Hall